#### **Introduction and Opening Prayers**

**All:** **Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  **Amen**

**Hymn:** Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:

the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:

when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

change and decay in all around I see:

O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;

what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;

ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness,

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**The Scriptural Reading:** 1 Peter 1. 3-9

**The Eulogy**  - including a Tribute by Letitia

**Hymn:** Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love.

where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek*

*so much to be consoled as to console,*

*to be understood, as to understand,*

*to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek ...*

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn:** O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,*

*How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Then sings...*

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in;

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin: *Then sings...*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art! *Then sings ...*

**The Commendation:** *(please remain standing)*

**All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**