# Order of Service

**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:** Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Give me joy in my heart, I pray,

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Keep me praising till the break of day

*Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King of kings;*

*Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King.*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

Give me peace in my heart, I pray;

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

Keep me loving till the break of day: S*ing Hosanna…*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,

Give me love in my heart, I pray;

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,

Keep me serving till the break of day: *Sing Hosanna …*

**The Scriptural Reading** John 14. 1-6

**The Eulogy**

**A Poem:** ‘Roses grow in heaven’

**Hymn:** I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;

at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;*

*I am the Lord of the dance, said he,*

*and I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,*

*and I’ll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,

but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

they came with me and the Dance went on: *Dance, then…*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;

the holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,

and they left me there on a cross to die. *Dance, then…*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;

it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I’d gone;

but I am the Dance and I still go on. *Dance, then…*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;

I am the life that will never, never die;

I’ll live in your if you’ll live in me:

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he: *Dance, then…*

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

## After the final section:

**God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**Commendation and Farewell**

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.