#### Order of Service

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

**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:** **I watch the sunrise** lighting the sky,

casting its shadow near;

and on this morning, bright though it be,

I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me,*

*following all my ways.*

*May I be always close to you,*

*following all your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds

warming the earth below;

and at the mid-day life seems to say:

"I feel your brightness near me."

*But you are always close to me ...*

I watch the sunset fading away

lighting the clouds with sleep;

and as the evening closes its eyes

I feel your presence near me.

But you are always close to me ...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,

waiting till morning comes.

The air is silent, earth is at rest -

only your peace is near me.

*But you are always close to me ...*

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

**The Eulogy**

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

*After “Lord, in your mercy”, please respond by saying: “****Hear our prayer”***

**Hymn:** The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,

the darkness falls at thy behest;

to thee our morning hymns ascended,

thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank that thy Church unsleeping,

while earth rolls onward into light,

through all the world her watch is keeping,

and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island

the dawn leads on another day,

the voice of prayer is never silent,

nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking -

our brethren 'neath the western sky,

and hour by hour fresh lips are making -

thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,

like earth's proud empires, pass away;

thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,

till all thy creatures own thy sway.

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

**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.**

Closing music:  *You raise me up* sung by Westlife