

A Prayer Service In Remembrance

**For the lives of all who perished
in Nova Scotia April 18-19, 2020**



**and to commend them
to God's eternal care and keeping**

April 26, 2020 – 4 pm

**St. Paul's Anglican Church – Recorded Service
at Nanaimo, BC**

Prayer Service in Remembrance

*Based on the Order in the
Anglican Church of Canada Book of Alternative Services*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

Welcome (The Ven. Clara Plamondon, Rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church)

(Candles lit as a symbol of those who lost their lives, the prayers we offer for those who grieve and for the people of the Province of Nova Scotia)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray: God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death and by rising again, restored life.

May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

All: Hear us, Lord.

We pray that nothing good in their lives will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to them will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which they were great will continue to mean much to us now that they are gone.

All: Hear us, Lord.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by this death, that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others.

All: Hear us, Lord.

We ask this in the name of the risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Commendation

Into the darkness and warmth of the earth
We lay you down
Into the sadness and smiles of our memories
We lay you down
Into the cycle of living and dying and rising again
We lay you down
May you rest in peace, in fulfilment, in loving
May you run straight home into God's embrace.

Into the freedom of wind and sunshine
We let you go
Into the dance of the stars and the planets
We let you go
Into the wind's breath and the hands of the star maker
We let you go
We love you, we miss you, we want you to be happy
Go safely, go dancing, go running home.

By: Ruth Burgess (Taken from The Book of a Thousand Prayers, compiled and copywrited by Angela Aswin, 1996. Published by Marshall Pickering, Great Britain)

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May their souls,
and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Blessing

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are
the everlasting arms.

All: Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation.