



FirstN MiddleN (MaidenN) LastN

birth

baptism

***, 2007

death

Gathering

GREETING AND PRAYER

- ☞ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**
- ☞ When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.
- ☞ **For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**
- ☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, you anointed, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all your people. Keep our sister/brother, FirstN, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints and, at the last, raise her/him up to share with all your faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen**

Memorial

Those gathered are invited to share their memories of FirstN.

Word

READING

The LORD is my shepherd

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 forever.

READING *A grain of wheat dying in the earth* John 12.23-26

Jesus said, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."

PRAYERS

Committal

COMMENDATION

- ☞ Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, FirstN MiddleN. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her/him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
- ☞ In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit the body of our sister/brother FirstN to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. May the Lord receive her/him into his peace and raise her/him up on the last day.

The Lord bless her/him and keep her/him.

The Lord's face shine on her/him with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon her/him with favor and give her/him ☩ peace.

☞ Amen

☞ Rest eternal grant her/him, O Lord;

☞ and let light perpetual shine upon her/him.

LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Sending

BENEDICTION

☞ The God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

☞ Amen

or

☞ May the peace of God, which far surpasses all our human understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

☞ Amen

DISMISSAL

☞ Let us go in peace.

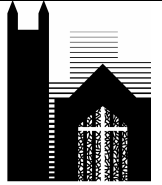
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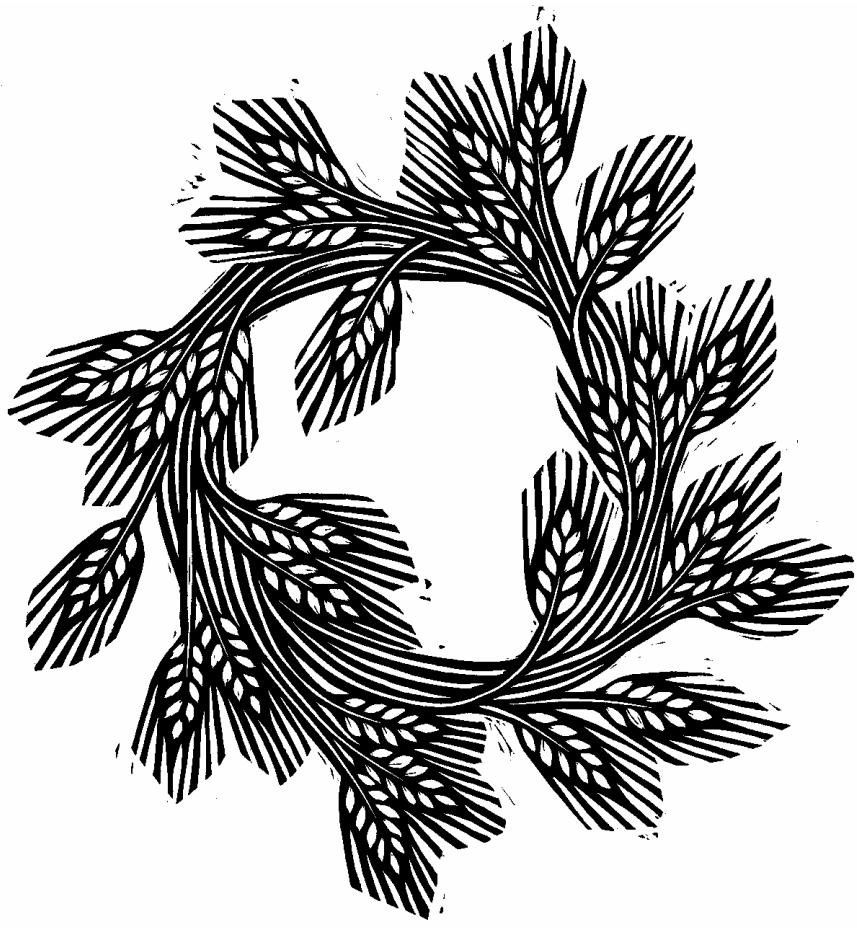
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PRAYERS

- Ⓐ Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.” Each petition will end “In your mercy...” Please respond “Hear our prayer.”

silence

- Ⓐ Jesus, fullness of compassion, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for *First* and dry the tears of those who weep, especially ...
and their families. In your mercy,
Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**
- Ⓐ Jesus, firstborn of the new creation, you raised the dead; give to our *sister/brother* life eternal. In your mercy,
Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**
- Ⓐ Jesus, wellspring of life, you washed our *sister/brother* in baptism and anointed *her/him* with the Holy Spirit; give *her/him* communion with all your saints. In your mercy,
Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**
- Ⓐ Jesus, bread of life, you nourished *First* at your table on earth; welcome *her/him* at your table in the realm of heaven. In your mercy,
Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

Other intercessions are invited

- Ⓐ Jesus, giver of every good and precious gift. We give you thanks for a life well lived
In your mercy,
Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**
- Ⓐ Almighty God of all grace, who raised our Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ from the dead: We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from you love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Ⓒ **Amen**