

Beloved in Christ,

If this booklet is in your hand you are in the midst of a terrible sorrow, because you have lost someone most dear to you. Please know that, while we cannot share your grief, we do share your sorrow and a bit of your loss. We pray that God's everlasting arms will envelop you and that Christ's love will accompany you in these difficult days ahead.

The purpose of this message is to provide you comfort and to share with you information you will need in this difficult time of transition. We trust these words will clarify questions you might have and provide God's words in the midst of all the confusion.

- *Words of Holy Scripture*
- *Prayers from our tradition that have spoken to Anglicans throughout the centuries*
- *Information about our Pastoral Care team.*
- *An explanation of how we accommodate after service receptions*
- *A list of fees and other appropriate information to have a service at St. John's or the Chapel of the Transfiguration.*

Before the service, someone from the parish will meet with you about the funeral. The Book of Common Prayer is always used and a member of the clergy staff of St. John's always presides, but there are a variety of options within that framework. Our primary goal is to manifest the love of Jesus Christ that surrounds you.

The staff of this parish will be with you every step of the way. Please call upon any of us at any time throughout this ordeal.

God's peace,



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Funeral/Memorial Service Fees

For a non-member, the following inclusive fees apply:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
St. John's Church	\$1,500
St. John's Chapel	\$1,000
Chapel of the Transfiguration	\$1,500

These fees include:

- use of the worship area selected
- the honorarium to the officiating clergy
- services of our organist
- services of the sexton

The use of Hansen Hall and Kitchen for receptions is available at the usual fee schedule.

There is no discount for using a musician or organist who is not the parish's musician. An outside musician must be approved by the parish's organist.

Graveside services do not include any of the above items, with the exception of the honorarium. The fee for graveside is \$300.

Religious rites are celebrated according to the *Book of Common Prayer*, except in those cases in which *The Episcopal Church in Jackson Hole* provides on-going hospitality to a worshipping community of another tradition.

Officiating clergy are members of the staff of *the Episcopal Church in Jackson Hole*. Episcopal and ELCA clergy may officiate with permission. Clergy from other traditions may assist. Worshipping communities of other traditions that receive on-going hospitality from this parish are exempt from this requirement.

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Funeral/Memorial Service Meal Options
St. John's Episcopal Church

During this difficult time, we would like to assist your family in planning hospitality for the funeral or memorial service here at St. John's. We have developed the following options for you to choose from. You can decide what is best for your family and call us at the church so that we can set things up for you with the help of our members. If you have something else in mind, we will do our best to accommodate you.

- † **Option 1:** Service only; no additional arrangements needed.
- † **Option 2:** Desserts, coffee, beverages provided and served by volunteers.
- † **Option 3:** Church volunteers provide a meal for the immediate family.
- † **Option 4:** Church makes arrangements with a caterer for the number you request. (The caterer will bill you directly.) Volunteers from the church help serve the meal.

Please call Joni Weed at 733-2603 extension 102 with your decision. Thank you, and may you find comfort in the days to come.

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Pastoral Care Team

The **Pastoral Care Team** is a group of individuals from St. John's Parish who have committed themselves to *be companions in Christ for people who are struggling with significant changes in their lives.*

The members of this team have undergone months of training on the dynamics of grief and loss; confusion and disorientation; anger and recrimination. They have learned to listen and encourage their care receivers to come face to face with the dark times in lives. They have practiced what to say, and even more importantly sometimes, what not to say. They have learned to pray with you and for you and to be your companion for the next part of your journey home. If, in your quest for wholeness, professional help becomes warranted, the care giver will refer you to a member of the church's professional staff for further conversation or referral to the appropriate health care provider.

Within a few weeks a member of the Pastoral Care Team will call and invite you for a cup of tea or a conversation in the park or simply to share how you are faring. I urge you to take an hour or so to remember your beloved and invest in your healing. Everything shared is completely confidential.

In the darkness, you are not alone. It would be our honor and our privilege to accompany you through this valley of tears.

See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children - - and so, in fact, we are. This is why the world does not know us: it has not known God. My dear friends, we are now God's children, but it is not yet clear what we shall become. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall become like him, because we shall see him as he really is.

1 John 3:1 & 2

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Prayers

God is with us
God's love unites us
God's purpose steadies us
God's Spirit comforts us.

We commend our Loved One to God
As she journeys beyond our sight,
God of all consolation,
In your unending love and mercy you turn
The darkness of death
into the dawn of new life.

God our creator
We thank you that you have made each of us
in your own image,
and given us gifts and talents
with which to serve you.
We thank you for our Loved One,
the years we shared with her
the good we saw in her,
the love we received from her
Now give us strength and courage
To her in your care
Confident in your promise of eternal life.

Blessing:

Go forth into the world in peace
Be strong and of good courage
Hold fast to that which in good
Love and serve God with singleness of heart
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit
And the peace of God
Be always with you.
Amen.

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O Heavenly Father, you have given us a sure faith and a lively hope: Help us to live as those who trust in your fatherly care, in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to everlasting life. Confirm this faith and hope in us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days: that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our fathers, having the assurance of a good conscience; in the communion of the holy Catholic Church; in the confidence of a sure faith; in the comfort of a certain hope; in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant N.; and we pray that as you have brought him (her) to your nearer presence,(s) he may continue in your joyful service; so that (s)he with your servants everywhere may share your eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, whose love extends to realms we cannot reach: We commend to your care those who have departed from us but not from you. Grant to them the unending joys of your glorious kingdom of light and peace, in the blessed company of all your faithful people in every time and place; and grant to us, who mourn the dead, the grace to abide in your will with our spirits strengthened and our faith renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We commend to your merciful care,
O heavenly Father,
your faithful servants now departed (or, your faithful
servant N.).

You redeemed them through Christ; grant them
pardon and peace.

You created them to praise you for ever;
summon them to everlasting life.

You bring your kingdom to its glorious consummation;
grant that they may continually work the good
purposes of your loving will; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, you hold in your hands both the living
and the dead: We remember before you all those who
have laid down their lives in the service of our country.
Grant them your mercy and the light of your presence;
and, that their death may not have been in vain,
increase in us the will to work unceasingly for justice
and peace among men and nations; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning
and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence
shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us
to your presence, where we may be still and know that
you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O most loving Father, you will us to give thanks for all
things, to dread nothing but losing you, and to trust
you since you care for us: Save us from faithless fears
and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this
mortal life may hide from us that immortal love which
you have shown us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life. Amen.



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Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his

Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; *

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of

mine enemies; *

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days

of my life, *

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

Psalm 42

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *

so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, *

while all day long they say to me,

“Where now is your God?”

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *

how I went with the multitude and led them into the
house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *

among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *

and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; *

for I will yet give thanks to him,

who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; *

therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,

and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
“Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
oppresses me?”
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, “Where now is your God?”
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; *
from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the LORD, *
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD himself is thy keeper; *
the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *
neither the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 104

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the valleys; *
they flow between the mountains.
- 11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests *
and sing among the branches.
- 13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve mankind;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, *
and wine to gladden our hearts,

- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.
- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 24 Man goes forth to his work *
and to his labor until the evening.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, *
and the wicked be no more.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel

John 5:24-27

Jesus said to the people, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

John 11:21-27

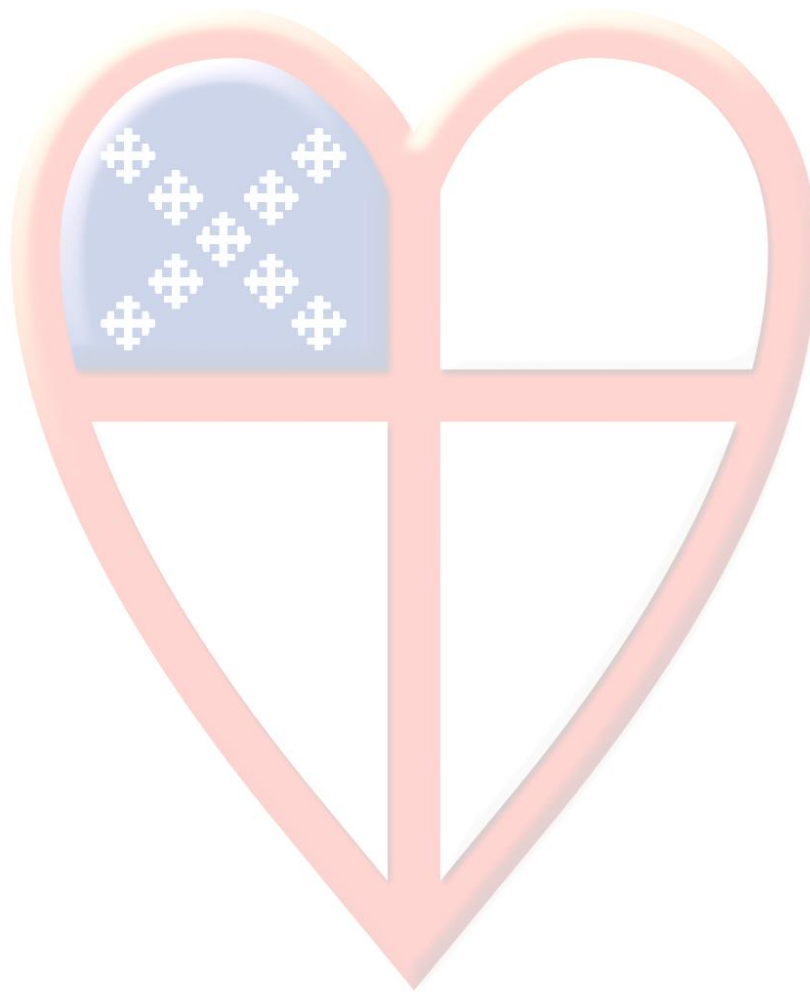
Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

John 14: 1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also, and you know

the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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