

## Litany of Remembrance

*L:* Let us now remember with joy and thanksgiving the lives of our loved ones who have recently died:

*[Family and friends are welcome to stand for the reading of a loved one's name and the tolling of the bell which follows.]*

We remember in our prayers before God these of our church membership:

<b>Wilson Christman</b>	<b>November 5, 2017</b>
<b>Dorothy Miller</b>	<b>December 26, 2017</b>
<b>Raymond Overdorf</b>	<b>February 26, 2018</b>

We remember in our prayers before God these family and friends:

<b>Merle Donald Bainbridge</b>	<b>Son of Alberta and Merle Bainbridge</b>
<b>Marcha Botje</b>	<b>Mother of Marina Ketterman</b>
<b>Richard Brucker</b>	<b>Friend</b>
<b>Terry Fabian</b>	<b>Friend</b>
<b>Frederick Hanson</b>	<b>Father of Robin Swartzentruber</b>
<b>Damien Petaccio</b>	<b>Friend</b>
<b>Ginny Prevost</b>	<b>Friend of Robin Swartzentruber</b>
<b>Gillie Suarez</b>	<b>Friend of Diana Prat</b>
<b>John R. Viola</b>	<b>Father of Vicki Keil</b>
<b>Theresa Wisinski</b>	<b>Mother of Cathy Wright</b>

*L:* In remembering these persons we are gathered into a common bond of hope, memory, and love which makes us aware of the fabric of God's creation and the great cloud of witnesses which surrounds us. In a spirit of humility and trust we turn to the Lord, reaffirming our faith: A voice says, "Cry!"

***P:* And I said, "What shall I cry?"**

*L:* All people are grass.

***P:* All beauty is like the flower in the field.**

*L:* The grass withers,

***P:* The flower fades,**

*L:* But the word of our God will stand forever.

Let us pray:

**P: Lord, bless the love and the joy  
we invested in these persons  
whose memories we celebrate here.  
Accept us as your gathered people in sorrow and gratitude.  
Help us in the midst of our loneliness  
to bind up the pieces of the past  
into a stronger faith for the future.  
Lead us gently but surely toward new beginnings  
which can awaken us into new life.  
Keep us ever close to the knowledge that nothing,  
neither death nor life,  
nor things present,  
nor things to come,  
nor height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

†Hymn

“For All the Saints”

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**For all the saints who’ve shown your love  
In how they live and where they move,  
For mindful women, caring men  
Accept our gratitude again.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Praise, honor and thanksgiving to the One who invites us to this table of grace.

**We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving and praise.**

We gather surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

**We rejoice with all of those who have received their reward.**

God of our beginning and ending,  
we are grateful indeed for your love.

You have called us from our birth to know you  
and to be your people,  
just like you called so many of  
your daughters and sons before us.

You journeyed with them through this life  
and welcomed into peaceful rest saying,  
“Well done, my good and faithful servant.  
Enter into the joy of the Lord.”

Now we are surrounded by all our sisters and brothers  
who continually encourage and urge us forward, always forward.

And so with all of these saints and all of heaven  
we sing this eternal song:

*(Sung)*

**For all the saints, who’ve loved your name  
whose faith increased, the Savior’s name  
who sang your song, and shared your word  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

Holy and good are you, Great God  
and Holy is the One you sent to be with us, Jesus the Christ.  
Jesus, who grew up listening to the stories of his ancestors.  
Jesus who embodied the words of the ancient prophets  
like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Miriam and Deborah  
that reminded us “they that wait upon the Lord,  
shall renew their strength like the Eagle.  
They shall run and not grow weary.”

That same Jesus is here with us now  
as we gather around this table  
along with our remembered sisters and brothers:

*(Sung)*

**For all the saints, who named your will,  
and showed the kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.**

Pour out your Spirit here among us.  
Pour out your Spirit on these ordinary gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them to be your body and your blood  
so that we can be your body in the world.

**Gather us as one family with all the Saints you have called  
into your presence. We are because You are!**

Send us out to be a table for the world  
so that all may eat and be satisfied.  
In the name of the one who taught us to pray this prayer...  
(The Lord’s Prayer)

*(Sung)*

**Bless all whose will, or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs, has hallowed ours.**