United Benefice of Bedale Memorial Service

WELCOME

We are together this evening to remember before God family and friends who have departed this life. To give thanks for their life and times and to mark our love for them and their love for us.

Before God this evening, in words and music, in silence and in actions we acknowledge that these feelings continue and we look to a time and age when we will be reconciled.

In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father we welcome you:

Grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



HYMN READING ADDRESS PRAYERS

Give those who gather this evening, grace to seek you. In our sadness, hear us.

In the stillness, may we find your consolation. **In our sadness, hear us.**

As may remember those who have gone before us. **In our sadness, hear us.**

That we may be inspired by their memory. In our sadness, hear us.

That we may follow the good examples they set. **In our sadness, hear us.**

May they rest in peace, may we seek that peace. In our sadness, hear us.

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, and O Lord Christ, rest your weary ones: bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones and all for your loves sake. **Amen**

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



HYMNS

During these hymns candle are lit as the names to be remembered are read out

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love the following loved ones before you.

Acknowledge, we pray, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen**.

HYMN

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give

you peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you and each person you love now and always.



Amen.