

*A Service for Remembrance
and Celebration*

[Date]

[Time]



Introductions and Ingathering

All Family

Imagine this as the virtual equivalent to the time a family spends together before entering the sanctuary or the service room. The Zoom meeting's "hosts" will unmute everyone, and we will all take turns introducing ourselves, including our relationship to [Name], as well as letting everyone know where we are calling in from.

Musical Interlude

"Adagio in G," by Albioni

During this brief piece of music, we ask that you set aside food and drink and take a few moments to settle yourselves into a comfortable spot. You may wish to keep tissues nearby. Know that everyone may feel awkward being silent while online and listening to music together, but allow yourself to settle into this moment and into whatever feelings may arise.

Opening Words

Prayer

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and

a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a
time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones
together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time
to cast away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence,
and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time
for peace.

Second Reading Isaiah 43:1-4

But now thus says the Lord, do not fear, for I have
redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and
through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; for I am
the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I
love you.

Musical Offering

Memories and Reflections

[Names of speakers]

A Moment of Silence

Slide Show in Honor of [Name]

Closing Words

Postlude

“Clair de Lune,” by Claude Debussy

During the postlude, we invite everyone to find coffee, tea,
and a bite to eat if you so choose, as if we were together at
a reception following the service. Please refrain from eating
or drinking until we are all back together and can say a
prayer prior to breaking bread together.

“Reception”: A Time for Sharing

We will open with a brief prayer over our light
refreshments. During this time, we are all invited to share
memories and stories about the photos. We ask that you
mute yourself if you aren’t speaking, so that we can all hear
each other more easily. If you think of something you’d like
to share, raise your hand and unmute yourself when the
previous person has finished.

Connections and Conversation

If you would like to stay online longer for conversation
with family, the Zoom meeting space will remain open for
this purpose. When saying goodbye, virtual hugs or other
expressions are always a nice way to close the call.