

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Palo Alto, California**



*In Loving Memory and Celebration*

*of the life of*

*[Name]*

*[Birth Date] – [Death Date]*

*[Service Date and Time]*

**Prelude [TBD]**

**Opening Hymn: [TBD]**

## **Opening Anthem**

*(All stand for the anthem.)*

*Celebrant* I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors

## **Collects**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*[Choose two options typically. Most often used are options 3 & 4]*

**[OPTION 1]:** O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant *[Name]*, and grant *[him/her]* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**[OPTION 2]** O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant *[Name]*, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**[OPTION 3]** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our *[brother/sister]* *[Name]*. We thank you for giving *[him/her]* to us, *[his/her]* family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**[OPTION 4]** Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with *[Name]*'s family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(please be seated)*

*[One to Three readings, plus a psalm or hymn is typically used. If only one reading is used it is a Gospel selection. If two or more are used they are from the New Testament Epistles or the Old Testament (Hebrew Testament) or other sources.]*

**The first reading from *[TBD]***

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Possible Psalm *[TBD]***

*(read together in unison)*

**The second reading from *[TBD]***

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.



**Possible Hymn or Psalm *[TBD]***

*Reader*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. *[TBD]*  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel according to St. *[TBD]***

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily**

*[Possible Reflections here from designated family or friends]*

## Prayers of the People

*(please stand)*

- Leader* For our *[brother/sister] [Name]*, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."  
Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for *[Name]*, and dry the tears of those who weep.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* You raised the dead to life; give to our *[brother/sister]* eternal life.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our *[brother/sister]* to the joys of heaven.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**

### [OPTIONAL]

- Leader* Our *[brother/sister]* was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give *[him/her]* fellowship with all your saints.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* *[He/She]* was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant *[him/her]* a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our *[brother/sister]*; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

**[OPTION]:** Father of all, we pray to you for *[Name]*, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May *[his/her]* soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

## Commendation

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
*People* **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *[Name]* Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *[him/her]* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Rest eternal grant to *[him/her]*, O Lord,  
*People* **And let light perpetual shine upon *[him/her]*.**

*Celebrant* May *[his/her]* soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*The “passing of the peace,” based on ancient rites of the early church, allows the community to gracefully greet one another (“The peace of Christ be with you”). Feel free to share your name with greeters you may not know.*

**+All people are welcome at the Table of Thanksgiving +**



# The Great Thanksgiving

Hymn

*[TBD]*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*(The people remain standing.)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



*Celebrant and People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God. In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

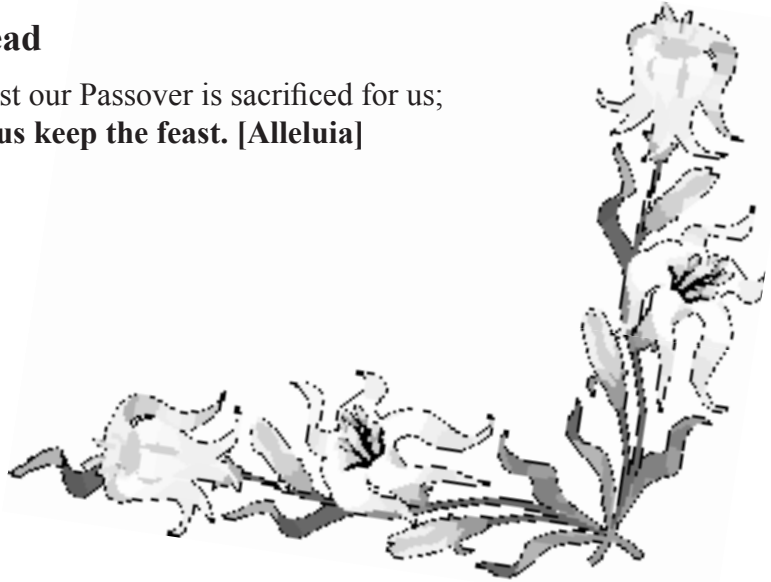
**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* [Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia]



**+All people are welcome at the Lord's table +**

*+All who seek Christ are invited to receive the blessed bread and wine administered at stations in front of the altar.+*

**Communion Hymn**

**[TBD]**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.***

## **Blessing**

**Hymn**

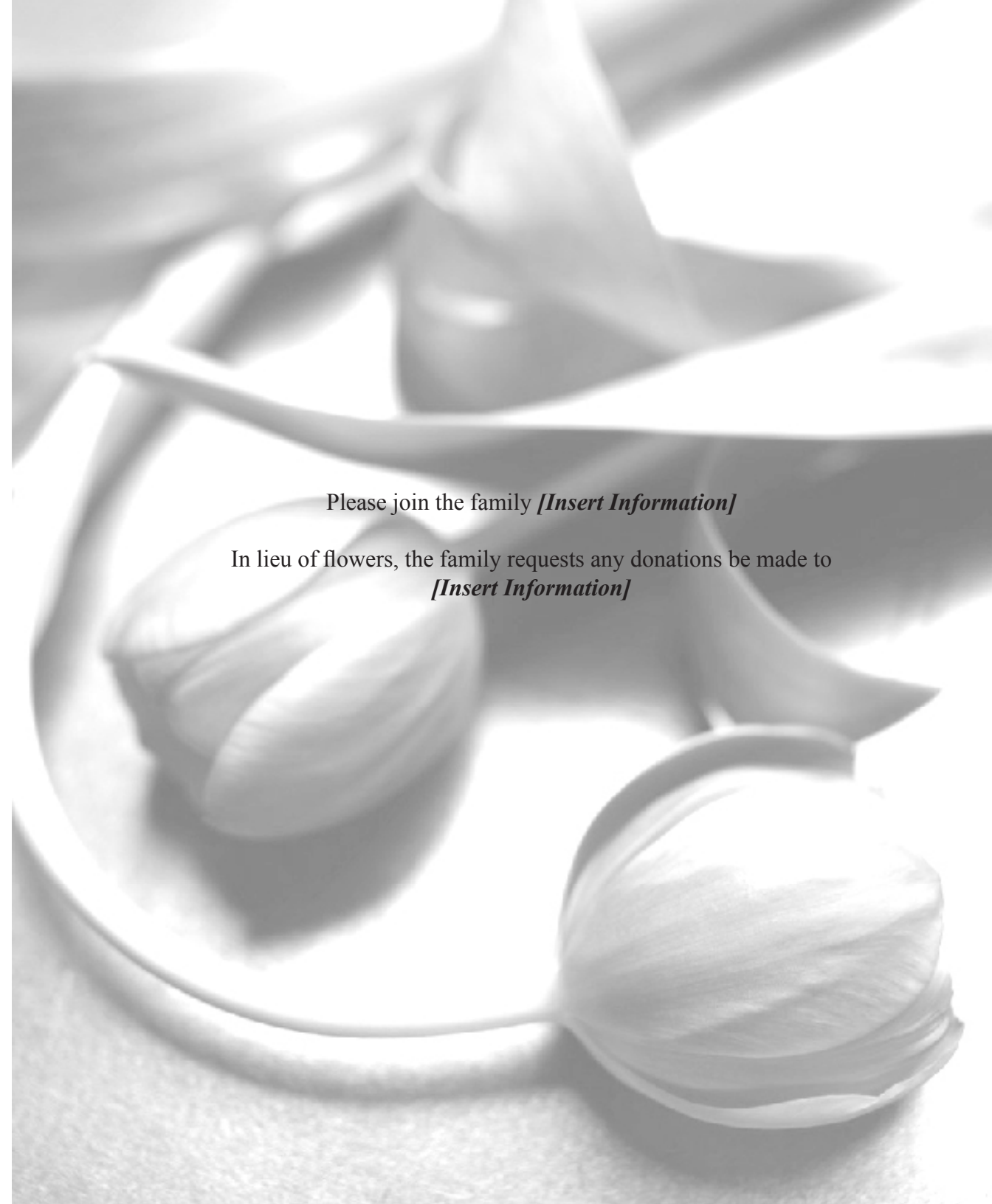
***[TBD]***

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of God's Love.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude [TBD]**





Please join the family *[Insert Information]*

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to  
*[Insert Information]*



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Clergy  
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