

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 B

(The people stand or kneel.)

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Bede, St. Clare, St. Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.

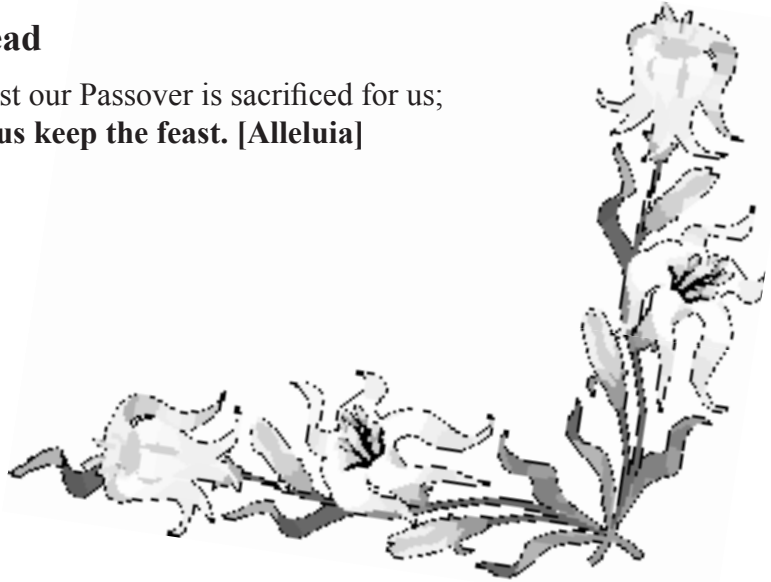
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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

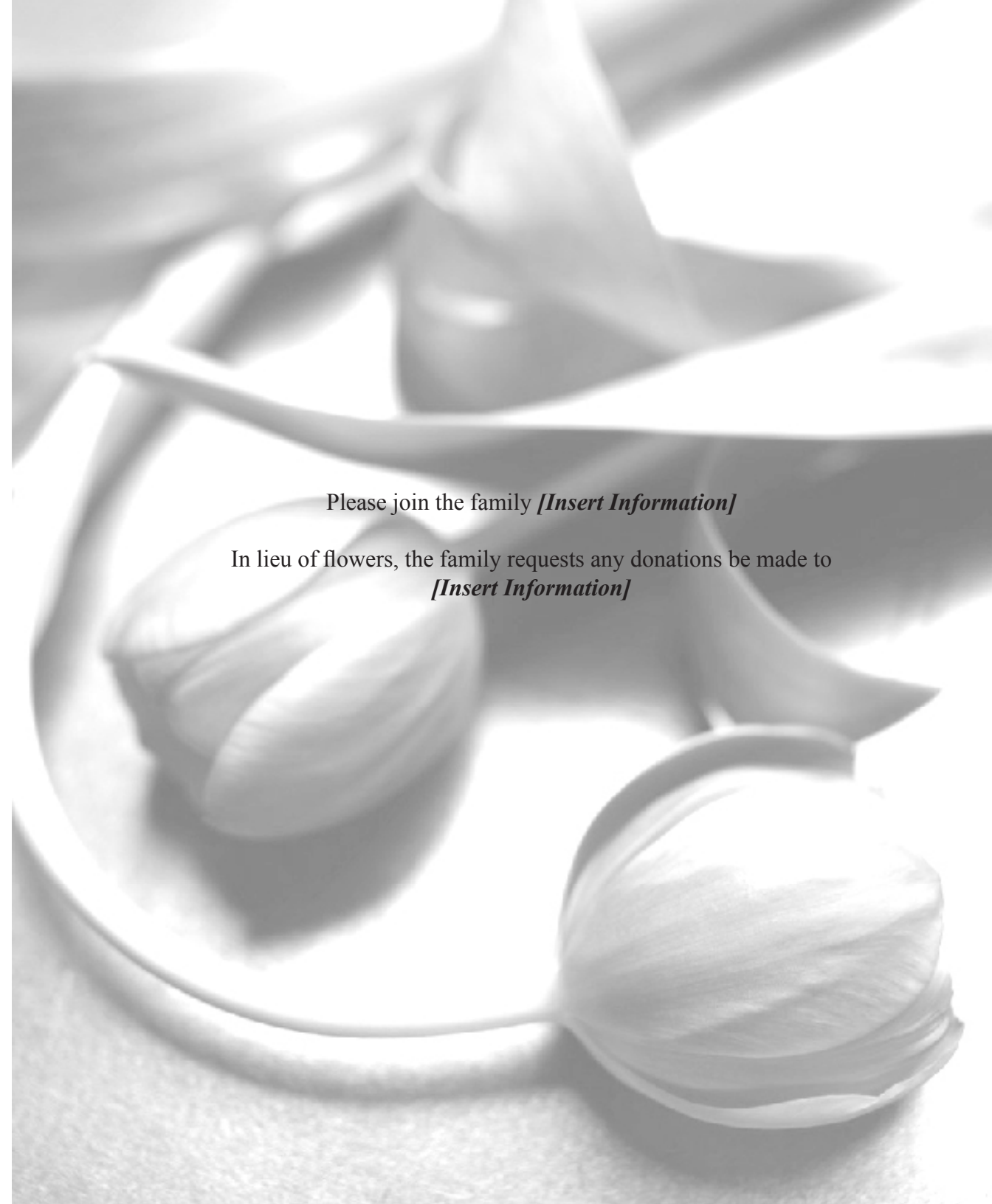
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Dismissal

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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