

VIGIL SERVICE

WELCOME

INTRODUCTORY RITE (*Stand*)

L: My brothers and sisters,
Though we walk in darkness and sorrow,
God is with us and gives us the comfort we seek.
In the presence of God
we gather to pray for our sister/brother _____
that God will give her eternal rest and peace.

(Pause for silent prayer)

L: Almighty God, your love never fails
and you turn the shadow of death into a new dawn.
May we receive your word with believing hearts.
May the promises of Scripture give us hope
and lift us from darkness into the light and peace
of your Son Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All: Amen.

READING FROM THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS (*Sit*)

A Reading from *The Second Life of St. Francis*
by Thomas of Celano.

RESPONSE

The Canticle of Brother Sun by St. Francis of Assisi

GOSPEL (*Stand*)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (4:35-41)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(Silent prayer and reflection)

INTERCESSIONS

L: Jesus promised to be with all who call upon his name.
Trusting in his promise we say:
All: Be with us, Lord.

L: Sure and certain hope of those who call on your name:
All: Be with us, Lord.

L: Faithful friend in times of sorrow and doubt:
All: Be with us, Lord.

L: Voice that speaks of peace to troubled hearts:
All: Be with us, Lord.

L: Beacon of light in moments of darkness:
All: Be with us, Lord.

L: Gentle rest for your pilgrim people:
All: Be with us, Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

L: Into your hands, Lord,
we humbly entrust our sister (brother)_____
In this life, you embraced him/her with your tender love;
deliver him/her now from every evil
and bid him/her enter eternal rest.

All: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DECEASED (*Sit*)

CONCLUDING RITE AND BLESSING (*Stand*)

L: Blessed are those who have died in the Lord:
let them rest from their labors
for their good deeds go with them.
Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

L: May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

L: May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus
bless and console us
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Praise be to you,

my Lord,

through

Sister Death

