



RITUAL AND REMEMBRANCE

Easter Journey of Remembrance

Barlanark Greyfriars Church – Rev David Locke

This quiet remembrance service is for anyone who feels the loss of a loved one; a chance, to remember, reflect and share the pain we feel; for we are not alone.

And with glimpses of Easter, we may see anew how God feels and shares our feelings and gives us new hope, starting with the empty tomb.

Our service allows us to journey through our feelings... the pain caused by the loss of a loved one, the pain of ill health, the pain of a broken heart or whatever causes pain in your life.

The service offers quiet time with music, bible passages, a time of reflecting, a time of remembrance and a time of sharing our feelings, our worries, our hurts with God.

It is hoped that this service will bring some hope and comfort to anyone who is facing hurt and loss at this time, in the privacy of our own thoughts... and in the safety of our loving God.

Throughout the service 4 candles are lit to represent the pain of remembering, the loneliness of remembering, finding new strength in tears in remembering and the comfort and hope in journeying forward in remembering.

All are welcome.

Easter Journey of Remembrance – Service

Call to Worship: This Time is for Us

If you come in certainty or confusion, in anger or in anguish

This time is for us

If you come in silent suffering or hidden sorrow;

Out of your pain or because you promised.

This time is for us

If you come for your own or another's need;

For a private wound, or the wounds of the world.

This time is for us

if you come and you are not sure why

to be here is enough

This time is for us

So with sorrow and memories; grief and remembrance

We have come to find a time and a space to be still,

To find strength. To know we are not alone on our journey.

This time is for us

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Candle 1 – Pain of loss in remembering

Reading: Psalm 23 – Journeying through the dark valley

Hymn: 'The Lords my Shepherd' by Stuart Townend

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Candle 2 – Loneliness of loss in remembering

Reading: John 11 v 17-36 – Jesus wept

Song: 'Everybody Hurts' by REM – Everybody Hurts, Hold on, You are not alone

While listening and reflecting upon the song 'Everybody Hurts' the congregation is given paper and a pen and asked to print the name of their loved one or friend whom they wish to remember. This can then be put into a plate which is passed around. These names can then be used in the Remembrance prayers later in the service.

Reading: Psalm 42 – Struggling with God

Candle 3 – finding new strength through tears in remembering

Hymn: 'As the Deer pants for the Water' - Words and music by Martin Nystrom
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Lighting a candle

The congregation is invited to light a candle of remembrance

Prayers of remembrance

Candle 4 – comfort and hope in journeying forward in remembrance

Reading: Luke 24 v 13-32 – Emerging hope after Easter?

Planting seeds

The congregation is invited to plant a seed to remember the hope of new life and growth.

Hymn: 'In the bulb there is a flower' (sang to tune 'What a friend we have in Jesus')

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Poem: We Remember them

When we are weary and we need strength

When we are lost and sick at heart

We remember

When we have joy we ache to share

When we have decisions that are hard to make

When we have achievements that are based on theirs

We remember

At the blowing of the wind, in the chill of winter

At the opening of buds in the rebirth of spring

We remember

at sunrise and sunset

We remember

As long as we live, they will live

For they are now part of us as we remember

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Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Blessing