Acts of Remembrance that have been used in memorial services

Orders of service

# 1

Welcome

Hymn: Morning has broken

Lighting of candle of remembrance

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

Reading: Farewell my friends, by Rabindranath Tagore

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Hymn: Names remembered

Address

Reading out of names

Responsive Prayer

Poem: ‘You can shed tears, or…’

Prayer

Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness,

Blessing

## 2

Introduction and welcome

“Golden memories” Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham

The Rightness of grieving

I know you are sad (Larry Chengges)

“Après un Reve” Gabriel Fauré

My grief is like a heavy stone (Averil Stedeford)

“Vilanelle” Francis Poulenc

Beginning to move forward

When cherished ties are broken (Anon)

I have to believe that you exist somewhere (Ann Thorp)

“The Humming Chorus” Puccini, ‘Madame Butterfly’

Its good to share and to remember

When I am gone, fear not to say my name (Anon)

Ecclesiastes, chapter 3

“Time after time” Cyndi Lauper and Robert Hyman, sung by Eva Cassidy,

When its’ our time (Tom Gordon)

Looking to the future

How long does a person live (Brian Patten)

“Logan water” Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham

## 3

A short Prayer

Kahlil Gibran: The Prophet (extract): We would ask now of death.

Poem: ‘Sharing’ (Brenda Lismer)

Music: ‘Autumn Leaves’ by Eva Cassidy

Reading: from ‘All in the End is Harvest’ (Agnes Whitaker)

Act of Remembrance

Poem: Embracing Hope (Joyce Rupp)

Reading: Food for thought!

Music ‘You raise me Up’

Poem: ‘The blessing of autumn’ (Kate Mcllhagga)

Go forth in love and peace…

## 4

Welcome and Introduction

Reading from Lal Ded (adopted)

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded;

Reading: Rumi: translated from the Persian

The choir sings Psalm 23 from the Rutter’s Requiem

Reading (from the writings of Sadhu Sundar Singh)

Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you

Address

Lighting of the Candles

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Hope

Hymn: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,

Blessing

## 5

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind.

Prayer

Reading: John 14:1-6 & 27

Reflection

Act of Remembrance: The lighting of candles and the reading of names.

Reading: from Bonhoeffer’s “Letters and Papers from Prison”.

Prayer

Hymn: The King of love my shepherd is

Blessing

## 6

Welcome and Reading (Marcel Proust)

Introductory Act of remembrance and lighting of candles

Mark 15:33-34

Luke 24:1-6a

Silence

Reading (Judy Tatalbaum)

Reflection

Silence

Act of remembrance – lighting of candles and prayers

A prayer for all who mourn

A prayer for the hospice

Blessing

## 7

Welcome:

Lighting of the candle

Poem: ‘Afterglow’

Hymn: It came upon the midnight clear

Story: ‘Water bugs and Dragonflies’

Act of Remembrance and Roll of Remembrance

Prayer

Time for reflection with music and pictures

Poem: ‘Snowdrops’

Address

Hymn: Lovingly known and always remembered

Poem: Will you remember me?

Prayers

Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem

Blessing

## 8

Prayer

Hymn: Morning has broken

A prayer of confession

Poem: ‘What Cancer Cannot Do’

Address

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful,

The Commemoration

An item of music or song

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: For the fruits of all creation

Final prayer and blessing

## 9

Welcome

Hymn: We come with thanks to celebrate

Poem: ‘Sometimes I need strength’ (Tom Gordon)

Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Poem: ‘Sorting through’

Act of Remembrance

Quiet moment with music

Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35, 37-38, 42-44

Reflection

Hymn: Be thou my vision

Poem: ‘If I should go before the rest of you’ ( Joyce Grenfell)