

Memorial Service 2019

Chaplain: Worthy Master, may I have the Grange at ease.

Each year we take time to remember our brothers and sisters who have finished their work and now rest from their labors.

Please join me in prayer. Heavenly Father, we know that death is not an ending—it is the beginning of a new and wonderful life “where all wounds are healed and all pain is taken away”. Lord, bless the families and friends that are left behind and lift up the “souls who are weary with sorrow, and strengthen them according to your word”. We thank you, Lord, for taking our brothers and sisters into your service where they have received their eternal reward through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

It is worth remembering, the time of greatest difficulty is often the time of greatest gain of wisdom and inner strength. Whatever the challenges and difficulties there is an inner strength to call upon.

Pray to God and you will find
He will bring you peace of mind.
Offer God your heartfelt prayer
And your trouble He will share.
He'll guide your steps, see you through,
And show you what you ought to do.

Seek the Lord and his strength. “The Lord is my strength and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life—of whom shall I be afraid.” “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

Secretary: reads memorial names

Graces, Friends, or Family: place flowers

Chaplain: Saint Mark tells us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Isaiah says “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you...” and “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wing like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.” And in the gospel of John: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, be gracious to us; be our strength every morning and our salvation in time of distress. We know we can do all things through him who strengthens us, and that you will help us and uphold us with your righteous hand. Lord we ask for your blessings on those who are unable to be with us and grant them your strength. We pray that you be by our side and in our hearts. May the grace of our Lord and Savior be with us now and forever. Amen.

Thank you brothers and sisters this concludes our memorial service.