

Holding the  
Memory  
of our  
Loved Ones



## Candle of Thanksgiving

*We light the candle of thanksgiving in memory of our deceased love ones.*

*Pause*



We give thanks for our loved ones  
who have gone before us into the light of eternity.  
We recall the gift that they were to us  
and the treasured memories we shared.

*Pause for a moment to hold the memory of our loved ones*

### *A Reading from the Book of Wisdom: Wisdom 3:1-5*

Our departed loved ones are in the hands of God.  
No torment can ever touch them.  
When they died, our hearts were full of sorrow.  
Their leaving us was sad and painful.  
But now they are at peace with God.  
For our departed brothers and sisters, life has changed not ended.  
Our loved ones now enjoy the peace of God's presence.  
They are gently held in God's embrace.  
Their happiness is complete. Their peace will last forever.

**The Word of the Lord**

## *Enfolded in the light of Eternity*

Try not to think of me as gone away,  
I am now dwelling in an eternal place  
back home where I belong.

Think of me as resting,  
from all life's pain and struggle  
in everlasting peace.

Think of me reunited with my loved ones  
cherished forever  
in the circle of their love.

Think of me as living on  
in the shelter of your heart  
with my presence beside you  
we are never apart.

Think of me enfolded in the radiance of light  
and resting in God's loving sight.



**Song:** Jealous of the Angels by Donna Taggart – you tube

## *Risen Lord Stay Us Hope*

You who live in doubt and despair,  
may God's light empower you.

*Risen Lord stay with us.*

You who are troubled in mind and spirit,  
may God's peace overshadow you.

*Risen Lord stay with us.*

You who are in pain and distress,  
especially during this time of pandemic,  
may God's loving care uplift you.

*Risen Lord stay with us.*

You who care for the terminally ill,  
may God's empowering presence sustain you.

*Risen Lord stay with us.*

You who are grieving the  
loss of a loved one  
may God's comforting Spirit uphold you.

*Risen Lord stay with us.*

*We pause to pray for a moment of reflection*

## *Blessing*

Almighty God,  
support us in our struggles,  
befriend us in our loneliness,  
confirm us in our uncertainty,  
love us in our frailty,  
shelter us with your near presence  
today and always. Amen.

