Order of Service

**Opening Remarks & Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

**Special Music:** (insert song title & singer)

**Eulogy:** (Insert name of persons)

**Special Music:** (insert song title & singer)

**Prayer of Consolation:**

**1st Reading:**

**Psalm Reading** (Choose a Psalm)

**2nd Reading** (Choose a Reading from New Testament )

**Gradual Hymn** (Choose a hymn to be sung before the gospel reading)

***Gospel Reading*** *(a reading from Matthew/Mark/ Luke or John )*

***Words of Comfort***

***The Apostles Creed***

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,*

*the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*.

***Prayers of the People***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: May all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People: Hear us, Lord.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

 *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**The Commendation:**

All:*Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*“You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant, John. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him/her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

**The Song of Simeon**

**Dismissal:**

Celebrant: The eternal God is our dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

People: Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation.

**Closing Hymn & Recessional:**

**The Committal:** Please join us at the Gravesite