

Blessing of Graves

Allum Lane Cemetery

First Sunday of November at 2:00 pm



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BOREHAMWOOD

Opening Hymn

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me
following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
following all your ways, Lord*

I watch the sunlight shine through the
clouds,
warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day life seems to say:

“I feel your brightness near me.”
For you are always...

I watch the sunset fading away,
lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes
I feel your presence near me.
For you are always...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest - only
your peace is near me.
Yes, you are always...

Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25 v 6-9)

On this mountain, the Lord Sabaoth will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord Yahweh will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; The Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green.
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again ,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill.

For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for ever more

Gospel: John 14 (1-4)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Prayers of the Faithful

Our Father

The Remembrance

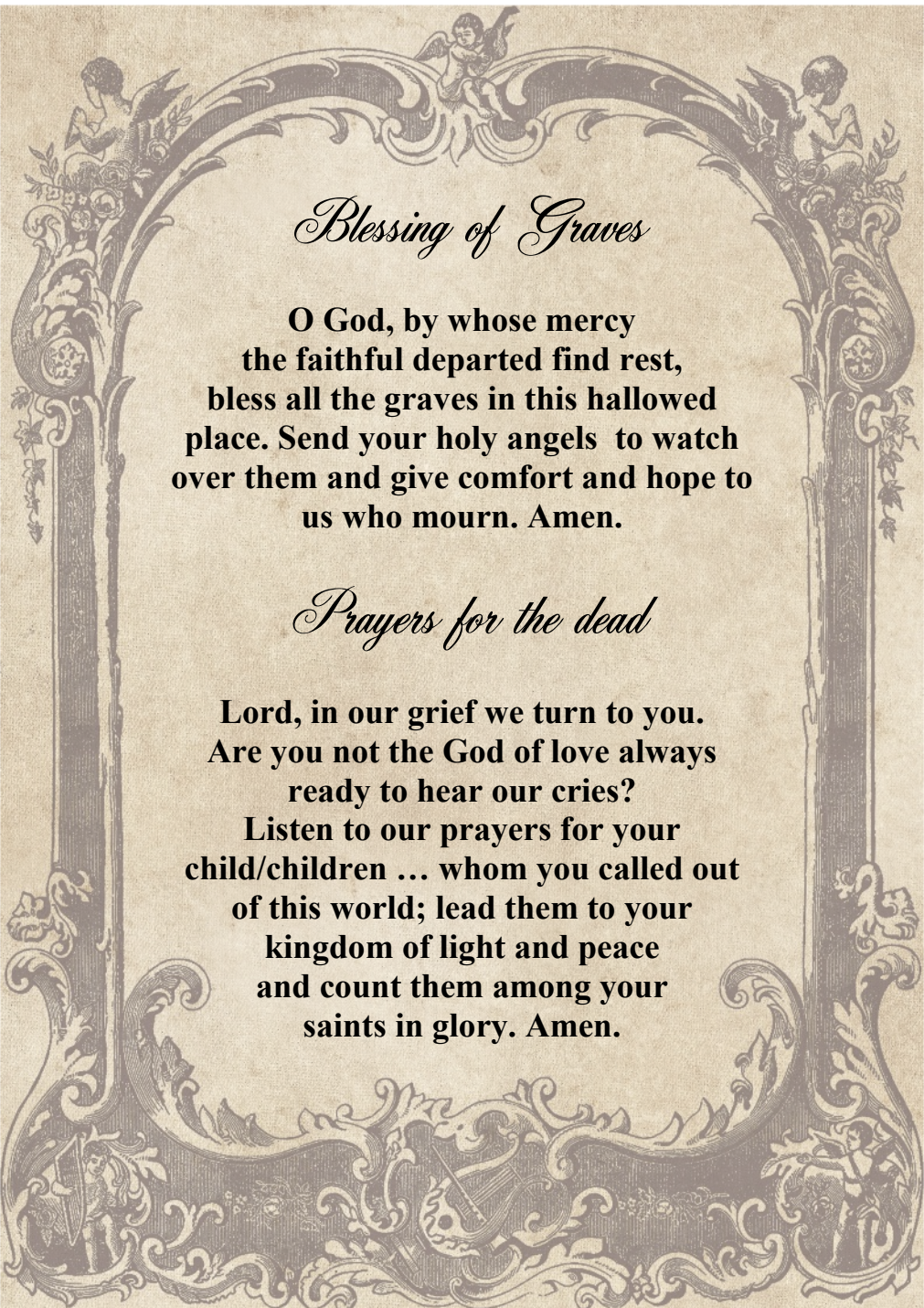
Closing Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.



Blessing of Graves

**O God, by whose mercy
the faithful departed find rest,
bless all the graves in this hallowed
place. Send your holy angels to watch
over them and give comfort and hope to
us who mourn. Amen.**

Prayers for the dead

**Lord, in our grief we turn to you.
Are you not the God of love always
ready to hear our cries?
Listen to our prayers for your
child/children ... whom you called out
of this world; lead them to your
kingdom of light and peace
and count them among your
saints in glory. Amen.**