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First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Shout for joy, you heavens; earth, exult! Mountains, break into joyful forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her baby at the breast, feel no pity for the child she has borne? Even if these were to forget, I shall not forget you. Look, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. I have called you by your name, have given you a title though you do not know me.

The word of the Lord.

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Psalm 24

Response: This day you will be with me in paradise.

Lord, make your ways known to me,
teach me your paths.

Set me in the way of your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God who saves me.

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Psalm 24

Response: This day you will be with me in paradise.

All day long I hope in you
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your kindness, Lord,
you love, which you showed long ago.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
but rather, with your love remember me

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Gospel Reading John Chapter 15 Verses 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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We pray for all those we remember today. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord hear us.

We pray for the lonely, the weak and the sick that they can find hope and courage from your spirit.

Lord hear us.

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We pray for all who help those who are grieving, may be blessed with strength and gentleness.

Lord hear us.

We pray for ourselves that we may touch the lives of others and be a message of hope in times of sadness and confusion.

Lord hear us.

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Let us pray:

Lord God, May we be strengthened in our loss, may we be encouraged in the darkness of death and live our lives in service of you as we hope to share in the risen life of Christ. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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