

Memorial Service, from PGM Joan Smith

Worthy Patron: Let us pause to pay tribute to our sisters and brothers who have been called by the Master to their eternal home above.

Worthy Matron: Think of the beginning of life likened to that of the rainbow. When we first see the rays they are small and faint. As the minutes pass, it stretches across the sky brighter and longer and the end cannot be seen. Our life, like the rainbow, is created and ended by God.

(Read name(s) and death date and Conductress places flower(s) on the altar)

Adah: the virtue of Fidelity is exemplified in the station of Adah. Our sisters and brothers have been faithful to their convictions of right and duty and have preceded us to that land of eternal Spring. The sixth Beatitude is appropriate to Adah. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

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Ruth: Constancy was a virtue of Ruth in her devotion to Naomi. Our sisters and brothers have been constant and followed Him who would never turn aside from His appointed path. The third Beatitude is appropriate to Ruth. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

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Esther: Loyalty is a virtue that sometimes requires great courage. As Esther displayed her love and loyalty for her people, our sisters and brothers have been loyal to all of us. The seventh Beatitude is appropriate to Esther. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

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Martha: Faith is the foundation of our hope and the basis of our belief. Our sisters and brothers had faith and believed that Jesus was the resurrection and the life and that they shall rise again. The second Beatitude is appropriate to Martha. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

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Electa: Love is the virtue that is greatest of all. Electa reminds us of the love she had for her Savior. It is with love we remember our sisters and brothers tonight. It is His love that has made it possible to look forward to greeting them again. The eighth Beatitude is appropriate for Electa. "Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."

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Chaplain: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the memories of our sisters and brothers who are no longer with us and now abide with you. We remember the happy times we shared with them. We thank you too for the love and dedication that they had for our Order. Help us to live this life with faith, hope and love and lead us at last to join our sisters and brothers at Thy feet. Amen