

A Litany for All Soul's Day

We gather up our prayers and thanksgiving for all members of our parish who have departed this life and are in the nearer presence of God, saying:

We give thanks in glad remembrance.

For all who lit our lives with joy.
For those who have touched us with tenderness.
For those whose loss fills us with longing.
Holy God, within and among us.

We give thanks in glad remembrance

We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves
Looking with acceptance on all that we are.
And cherishing us without condition or restraint
Holy God, within and among us.

We give thanks in glad remembrance

We celebrate those who have stood alongside us,
Holding us in the depths of despair
Where words of joy fall silent.
Holy God, within and among us.

We give thanks in glad remembrance

We celebrate those who have given us encouragement
Providing us with wisdom to make right decisions,
Where we needed a mentor to move us forward on life's journey.
Holy God, within and among us.

We give thanks in glad remembrance

We celebrate those who were there for us.
Who became a listening presence in our time of need.
When we yearned for the support of others in our lives.
Holy God, within and among us.

We give thanks in glad remembrance

We celebrate those who have traveled before us,
Showing us their persistent courage and tenderness.
How to live in love, and die in faith and hope.
Holy God, within and among us.

We give thanks in glad remembrance.

O God, let your soothing spirit move among us this evening. Let burdens be lifted, let hearts be lightened and may those who grieve find peace and know that they are blessed by you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Today, we welcome Reverend Jolene Peters as our Homilist.
Below is her biography:*

My name is Reverend Jolene Peters. I have been an ordained priest in the diocese of Eastern NL since 2013. I have served in the parishes of Labrador West and St. John the Evangelist, Topsail. In 2020 I decided to make a change and began studies with the Canadian College of Funeral Service and have been employed with Barrett's Funeral home since September, 2020.

My vocation allows me to walk with families in their most difficult moments and to be a small part of their loved one's final journey and for me there is no greater privilege.

In my personal life I love spending time with my family and friends, my furry companion Jack and I spend as much time as I can writing as that has always been one of my biggest passions.