**Concerning The Memorial Service for a Departed Daughter**

The Memorial Service for a Departed Daughter honors a Daughter’s faithful devotion to The Order and provides an opportunity for her sisters to remember her and mourn her passing.

The Service can be used at chapter meetings. In this case the Presider is the clergy of the Parish or the chaplain of the chapter. The Leader is typically the president of the chapter. In the absence of the clergy or chaplain, the president of the chapter may preside and appoint a member of The Order to be the Leader.

The Service can also be used at Diocesan and Provincial Assemblies. In this case the Presider is the chaplain of the Diocesan Assembly or Province and the Leader is typically the president. In the absence of the clergy or chaplain, the president of the Diocesan Assembly or Province may preside and appoint a member of The Order to be the Leader.

When used at an Assembly typically more than one Daughter is being remembered. Therefore remove the space for the individual Daughter’s name and change “sister” to “sisters”. At the moment of silence all of the Daughter’s names can be read. During this time often a candle is lit or a flower is placed on a cross in honor of that Daughter. In the case of a Provincial Assembly, some form of a memorial service is often held on behalf of all the Daughters from each Diocesan Assembly who passed away over the past year.

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**The Memorial Service for a Departed Daughter**

**Presider:** Almighty God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, we ask for your comfort and peace as we gather to remember and honor our dear sister, ___, who has gone on to greater glory.

**Leader:** Father of all mercies, giver of all comfort, ___’s life was knit together with ours as we worked to fulfill your will on earth through prayer, service and evangelism. Thank you for the time we shared with her as sisters in the Order of the Daughters of the King®. Bestow your gracious mercy and strength on all who mourn her passing. Let us cast every care on you that we may know the consolation of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Presider:** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe, even though they die, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die (John 11:25-26 NRSV).

**Leader:** God of love, our sister ___, worked faithfully for the extension of your kingdom. Together with Daughters who have gone before, may she enter into the land of light and joy, and the fellowship of all the saints.

**Leader:** Jesus, Lamb of God,
**All:** Have mercy on us.
**Leader:** Jesus, bearer of our sins,
**All:** Have mercy on us.
**Leader:** Jesus, redeemer of the world,
**All:** Give us your peace.
**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.
**All:** Christ, have mercy.
**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.

*Let us observe a moment of silence for our dear sister ___.*
**PRESIDER:** Into your hands O merciful Savior, we commend your servant ___. Acknowledge we pray a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of those who have gone on before her into everlasting light. *Amen.*

**LEADER:** Dear Heavenly Father, we bless you for all those who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially your Daughter ___, who daily prayed for others and served cheerfully in fulfillment of her vows. May her faith and example inspire other women and girls to greater and more faithful service for you. Grant the light of your presence and the glory of the life beyond, to be her great and everlasting reward. *Amen.*

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