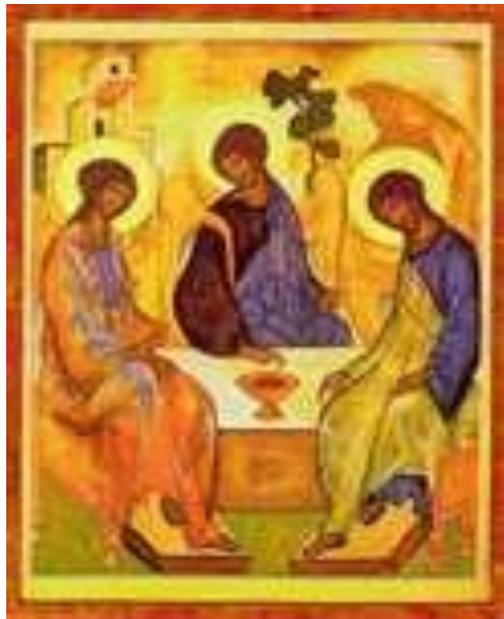


Prayer Service in Memory of



(Date)

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come to you in this time of tragedy in our school community. Be with us during this challenging time. May we feel your healing presence with us over the coming days and be strengthened by it. May our lives be filled with hope and faith in your love for us. **Amen**

Reading

A reading from Isaiah 43

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you. O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel. Do not fear, for I have saved you. I have called you by your name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you and through the rivers and they will not overwhelm you. For I am the Lord your God, your Saviour.

This is the word of the Lord

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Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, Comfort the family of _____
today. Give _____

strength and courage to face the very difficult days ahead.
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we ask your comfort too on the extended family.
Give them strength and courage as they shoulder some of
this terrible burden. May they feel the consolation of your
love. In your mercy, hear our prayer.



Loving God, We pray for the soul of _____.
May he rest in peace and may he be close with you today in
the shelter of your loving arms. In your mercy, hear our
prayer.

Moment of Silence

In your heart now ask God for help today. Ask Him to
strengthen us all with His guiding arm.

Reflection

Beannacht for Josie

On the day when
the weight deadens
on your shoulders
and you stumble,
may the clay dance
to balance you .

And when your eyes
freeze behind
the gray window
and the ghost of loss
gets in to you,
may a flock of colours,
indigo, red, green
and azure blue
come to awaken in you
a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
in the curach of thought
and a stain of ocean



blackens beneath you,
may there come across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight
to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
may be clarity of light be yours,
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
wind work these words
of love around you,
an invisible cloak
to mind your life.

John O Donohue

Closing Prayer

We come to you today in our distress. Let us gain comfort from your words in the reading today when you tell us that you have called us by our names and that we are yours. We may be feeling inadequate and overwhelmed as we gather here so we ask you for the strength to say and do the right thing and to experience the peace of your spirit in our hearts and minds. Be with us Lord. **Amen**

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