

Service of Commemoration and Dedication of Deceased Unborn Children

“Let the children come to me and do not hinder them: for of such belongs the Kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14)

Opening Sentences: ACNA BCP p.249 (1979 BCP p.491)

Songs of Praise: Great & Marvelous
Holy & Anointed One
All In All

Prayer: O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust our children to your never failing care and love and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons: Isaiah 25: 6-9
I Corinthians 15: 12-29
Psalm 103
Matthew 19: 13-15

Homily:

Dedication of the Unborn Children to God. Roses representing the children will be placed in a vase in front of the communion table.

The Apostles Creed:

Litany of Prayers: ACNA BCP 253-255 (Below the 1979 BCP p.497-498 prayers amended for unborn children)

For our children, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.” Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress, draw near to us who mourn for our children, and dry the tears of those who weep. **Hear us, Lord**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. **Hear us, Lord**

You raised the dead to life; give to our children eternal life. **Hear us, Lord**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our children to the joys of heaven. **Hear us, Lord**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our children; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Confession of Sin: ACNA BCP p.130 (1979 BCP p.352)

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Offertory Hymn: God Will Make A Way

The Holy Communion:

Communion Hymns: He Is Our Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Blessing

Closing Hymn: It Is Well With My Soul

Dismissal:

The roses were provided by _____. Please take a rose(s) home in remembrance of your child or children. You may wish to bury it or scatter its petals to the wind in proxy for your child's remains.