

Call to Worship – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Liturgy of Remembrance
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In our Church tradition, the month of November is a time for remembering those who have died. We remember our family members and friends. We remember those we read about in the papers and hear about on the news, whose timeless deaths, whose tragic deaths touch our hearts. We hold them in our prayer today. And in a special way at all our Liturgies this weekend we remember our parishioners who died this past year. During the prayer of the faithful their names will be read as their family members bring forth a flower in their memory.

Throughout the ages, people have struggled with the question of life after death. In the Gospel, we see the Sadducees who did not believe in an afterlife, attempt to trap Jesus on this question. Jesus' response is clear: The dead can no longer die. For all are alive with God, in God, for forever.

As we gather together as a community of faith, one in our belief, one in our hope, let us hold in our hearts all who have died with the hope of rising again...May they know the peace and joy of life in the Risen Christ...And may we who remember them be strengthened in our faith and renewed in our hope.