

Substitute Service Associate Script excerpt for Joys & Sorrows when service is in Sanctuary 9/25/15

Joys and Sorrows – Service Associate and/or Presenter

This is the time set aside in our service for sharing significant personal milestones in our lives. If you have a joy or sorrow that you would like to remember, the usher will come to you with a microphone. Alternatively, you may give a copy of your written remembrance to the usher. You will find a yellow card in the rear pocket of the hymnal, or the ushers can provide one.

You may also request that we light one of these candles to remember your joy or sorrow. Please also consider sharing your sorrow with our Pastoral Care Associate: On duty today is _____ (one on duty for summer Sundays) OR On duty today are _____ and _____, who will please stand now.

Are there significant joys or sorrows that people would like to share this morning?

The usher will manage the microphone for spoken Joys and Sorrows. Wait on the stage until that is finished. Service Associate or Presenter should read any cards passed up by the usher, if the card is checked indicating that the congregant wishes it to be read aloud in the service.

We would like to share the following written joys and sorrows with the congregation. *Service Associate or Presenter will read any cards.*

When all this is done, read the following:

As I light one more candle on behalf of those Joys and Sorrows that are left unspoken, let us hold all that we've heard and felt in our hearts.

Light a candle (or relight if all already lit) -- then either be seated in the front row, or if you have a further role in the service (per earlier discussion with Presenter), be seated on the stage. The Presenter may wish to have you extinguish the Chalice, but that can be carried out either from the stage or from the front row.