

# ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SIGHTHILL

## A SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED



### A Time for Every Season

There is a time for every season

A time for every purpose under heaven

A time to watch

A time to pray

A time to wait

A time to weep

A time to hope

A time to rage

Then there is that time; a time when we  
will no more watch or wait or weep or rage  
or pray impatiently or hope in a distant  
future.

There will be a time, when God will keep an  
appointment with the earth and with all  
people. And in God's time we will hold our  
Maker's hand

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## Lighting a candle

Individual, family and friends are now invited to light a candle. Then, (if you are happy and able) say the following



### Individual

I lit a candle to bring light into my darkness: into the darkness of sorrow; into the darkness of loss; into the darkness of feeling out of step with the rest of the world.

I lit a candle that allows me to speak of where I am and where I have been and of a future yet unknown. I lit a candle to bring light.

I lit a candle to speak of love: love known; love lost; love missed forever; and, as the flickering flame reminds me of the fragility of love, I remember too the tenacity of love that lasts beyond death, beyond life itself. I lit a candle of love.

I lit a candle whose light stretches into the future, with its promise of peace drawing me forward into the promise of healing and wholeness. In the light of this candle I dare to hope that darkness will not overwhelm the

light and the love that came down at Christmas.  
I lit a candle for the future.

### **Praying with family of friend/s**



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## Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLOqpJCQ0RY>

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

**Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Lord unto me**

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

**Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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Lord unto me

CCLI Song # 18723, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, Hope Publishing

### Final Blessing

I will not fail you or forsake you  
says the LORD (Joshua 1:5)

Almighty God, may your peace of God  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep guard me/us, so that I/we may  
be found secure in Christ at the  
last.

And may the blessing of God, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit be with me/us  
today and for evermore,  
Amen.

