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Theme: “Lord, Have Mercy”

OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader : Almighty God, when you created us for the fullness of divine life, death was not in your plan. Death came as the sad consequence of our disobedience to your love and your Holy Will. We implore your mercy on behalf of **N**... who has left this world. Father, forgive him/her and mercifully grant him/her the eternal joy and peace of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 12:13-21

Leader : A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’

Jesus answered him, ‘My friend, who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then, he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard

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against avarice of any kind, for life does not consist of possessions, even when someone has more than he needs.'

Then, He told them a parable, 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." He told himself; "I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" so it is when someone stores up treasure for himself instead of becoming rich in the sight of God.' (PAUSE)

REFLECTION:

Leader : This world is not our eternal home; we are meant for the eternal kingdom of Heaven. Our vocation on earth is to live lives that are always pleasing to the Father. Let us reflect for a moment on the departure of our brother/sister **N**..... This too will happen to us sooner or

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later. Have we not more often placed our interests in material things than that of spiritual? What have we done about our life of faith, our family life and personal prayer life? How much time and interest do we give to God? Realising our failures, let us now seek God and implore his mercy! Pardon us, O Lord, for all our faults! **(PAUSE)**

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

(Refer to the appropriate day of the week)

INTERCESSIONS

Response : Lord, Have Mercy.

- That through the humble prayers of this community of believers, may **N...**receive your mercy and eternal peace. We pray to the Lord.
- For whatever sorrow or pain or negligence the relatives and friends of **N...** might have caused him/her during his/her life time, we ask for forgiveness. We pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

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Leader : Lord God, you are abounding in love and tender mercy. Accept these humble prayers of your people on behalf of **N.....** who has left this world. Purify him/her of all stain of sins and welcome him/her into the glorious communion of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**

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