**Act of Remembrance**

This act of remembrance is appropriate for an interfaith memorial observance. It may also be used on All Saints’ Day, along with other prayers and readings from the Scriptures.

*Ring a handbell three times, slowly.*

*Then, after a brief silence, read:*

No person is an island, 
entire of itself. 
Each is a piece of the continent, 
a part of the main.

With thanksgiving, we remember ...

_Slowly and contemplatively read the names of those who have died._

_After each person’s name is read, someone lights a candle; then ring the bell once. 
Be sure not to rush, and to allow time for silent reflection._

_After all the names are read and candles are lighted, continue reading:*

Each person’s death diminishes me, 
for I am involved in humankind. 
Therefore, ask not 
for whom the bell tolls; 
it tolls for you.

*Ring the handbell three more times, slowly.*

Then after a brief silence, the reading concludes:

Death: be not proud, though some have called you mighty and dreadful, yet you are not so, 
for those whom you think you can overthrow 
die not, poor death — nor yet can you kill me.

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, 
and death shall be no more; death, you will die.

Readings adapted from “For Whom the Bell Tolls “ and “Death Be Not Proud” by John Donne, 1572-1631.