

*All stand while one or more of the following anthems are sung or said. A hymn, psalm, or some other suitable anthem may be sung instead.*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

*Or else this anthem*

In the midst of life we are in death;  
from whom can we seek help?  
From you alone, O Lord,  
who by our sins are justly angered.

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.*

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not your ears to our prayers,  
but spare us, O Lord.

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.*

O worthy and eternal Judge,  
do not let the pains of death  
turn us away from you at our last hour.

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.*

*When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of their gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased the bereaved.*

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one of the following Collects*

*At the Burial of an Adult*

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant *N.*, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*or this*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant *N.*, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*or this*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother (sister) *N.* We thank you for giving *him* to us, *his* family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before: through Jesus Christ our Lord

kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant may add the following prayer*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with *NN.* in *their* grief. Surround *them* with your love, that *they* may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

*One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*From the Old Testament*

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#) (He will swallow up death for ever)

[Isaiah 61:1-3](#) (To comfort those who mourn)

[Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33](#) (The Lord is good to those who wait)

[Wisdom 3:1-5, 9](#) (The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)

[Job 19:21-27a](#) (I know that my Redeemer lives)

*A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 42-1-7 46 90-1-12 121 130 139-1-11*

[1 John 2:1-2](#) (We shall be like him)

[Revelation 7:9-17](#) (God will wipe away every tear)

[Revelation 21:2-7](#) (Behold, I make all things new)

*A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 23, 27, 106:1-5, 116.*

### *The Gospel*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[John 5:24-27](#) (He who believes has everlasting life)

[John 6:37-40](#) (All that the Father gives me will come to me)

[John 10:11-16](#) (I am the good shepherd)

[John 11:21-27](#) (I am the resurrection and the life)

[John 14:1-6](#) (In my Father's house are many rooms)

*At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Here there may be a homily by the Celebrant, or a member of the family, or a friend.*

### *Celebrant and People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*If there is not to be a Communion, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the serv. continues with the Prayers of the People, or with one or more suitable prayers (see pages 503-505).*

*When there is a Communion, the following form of the Prayers of the People is or else the form on page 465 or 480.*

weep.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother (sister) eternal life.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother (sister) to the joys of heaven.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Our brother (sister) was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give *him* fellowship with all your saints.

*Hear us, Lord.*

*He* was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant *him* a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother (sister); let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes with one of the following or some other prayer*

the way; and where you live and reign with the Father at the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

*or this*

Father of all, we pray to you for N., and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. I pray that light perpetual shine upon them. May *his* soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

*When there is no Communion, the service continues with the Commendation, or with the Committal.*

## **At the Eucharist.**

*The service continues with the Peace and the Offertory.*

### *Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead*

*In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through

## The Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

*This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
*where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we  
return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down  
to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your  
servant *N*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of  
your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your  
own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the  
glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

*As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems  
sung or said*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by  
and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light  
those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, havi  
taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who belie  
his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inheri  
kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming  
the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city  
Jerusalem.

*or one of these Canticles,*

The Song of Zechariah, *Benedictus*  
The Song of Simeon, *Nunc dimittis*  
Christ our Passover, *Pascha nostrum*

I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
will also give new life to our mortal bodies  
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty  
God our *brother N.*, and we commit *his* body to the ground;\*  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless  
*him* and keep *him*, the Lord make his face to shine upon *him*  
and be gracious to *him*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon  
*him* and give *him* peace. *Amen.*

\*Or the deep, or the elements, or its resting place.

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

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*Other prayers may be added.*

*Then may be said*

Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord;  
*And let light perpetual shine upon him.*

May *his* soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*or with the following*

glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Consecration of a Grave

*If the grave is in a place that has not previously been set apart for Christian burial, the Priest may use the following prayer, either before the service of Committal or at some other convenient time*

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that *he* whose body is (is to be) buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Additional Prayers

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect concord with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine on them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, grant in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

pronounce: “Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.” Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*