

THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

The Minister, meeting the Body at the entrance of the Church or Churchyard, and going before it, either into the Church, or towards the Grave, shall say one or more of the following Sentences:

I AM the resurrection, and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. St. John xi. 25, 26.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the LORD. 1 Tim. vi. 7; Job i. 21.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. St. John v. 24.

The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment. St. John v. 25, 29.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. i. 10.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. i. 12.

After they are come into the Church, shall be said one or more of the following Selections from the Psalms. The Gloria Patri shall be said at the end of the whole Portion or Selection from the Psalter.

From Psalm xxxix

LORD, let me know mine end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lords what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences; and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears:

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

From Psalm xc

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

From Psalm xxvii

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the LORD'S leisure; be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FOR THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

Psalm xxiii

THE LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm ciii. 13-18

LIKE as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall follow the Lesson, taken out of the fifteenth Chapter of the first Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. But the Minister, at his discretion, may select any other suitable portion of Scripture.

1 Cor. xv. 20-26, 34-58

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou foolish one, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the LORD from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the LORD.

Or this:

From Romans viii

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our LORD.

Or this, which may be used also for the Burial of a child:

From St. Matt. v, St. John xiv, 1 Thes. iv, Rev. vii

BLESSED are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the LORD, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the LORD shall not precede them which are asleep. For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and

the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air: and so shall we ever be with the LORD. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

THEY shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

FOR THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

2 Samuel xii. 16-23

DAVID therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

Here may be sung a Hymn; and, at the discretion of the Minister, may be said the APOSTLES' CREED:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our LORD; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church -- the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. Let us pray, -- saying:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, 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.

Here may the Minister say any one of the following Prayers, or any other, extemporaneous or otherwise.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of thy Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

MOST merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take unto thyself the soul of this thy servant; Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with thy blessed saints in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR THOSE BEREAVED

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Support of the weary, who dost not wittingly grieve or afflict the children of men; Look down in tender love and pity, we beseech thee, upon thy bereaved servants, whose joy is turned into mourning; So that, while they mourn, they may not murmur, or faint under thy chastening hand; but, remembering all thy mercies, thy promises, and thy love in Christ, may resign

themselves meekly into thy hands, to be taught and comforted by thee, who bringest life out of death, and who canst turn their grief into eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, we beseech thee to comfort these thy servants in their present sorrow; And as thou didst send the Holy Spirit to be the Comforter of thy people, strengthen them by the manifestation of his gracious indwelling; that they may be enabled to contemplate the joy of that better home, where thou art ever seen and worshipped as the Light and Satisfaction of thine elect: who dwellest with the Father, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD, our God, who art the disposer of human events, in whom we live and move and have our being; We beseech thee to grant us that sense of thy presence, which will enable us to see that thy wisdom and love are involved in this dispensation of thy Providence. May we remember that thou art all wise and canst not make a mistake; that thou art also all love and canst not be cruel to any of thy children. Help us to believe that all things are working together for our good, and that what we know not now, we shall hereafter fully know and understand. Sanctify to us this ordering of thy Providence. Comfort and uphold thy servants in this hour of their sorrow. Impart to them thy sufficient and sustaining grace, distilling in every wounded heart the solace of thy Holy Spirit; And, when thy summons shall come to us, vouchsafe, LORD, that, having trusted in the atoning work of thine only-begotten Son, our Saviour, we may be received into thy presence, where there is fulness of joy for evermore; through the same our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER FOR GRACE

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for thy wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy favor, and the lights of the world in their several generations; Most humbly beseeching thee to grant us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments; that in the Resurrection we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear his voice saying: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

FOR THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son did take little children into his arms and bless them; Give us grace, we beseech thee, to entrust this dear child to thy never-failing care and love,

and bring us all to thy heavenly kingdom; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, who dost grant to children an abundant entrance into thy kingdom; Grant us grace so to conform our lives to their innocency and perfect faith, that at length, united with them, we may stand in thy presence in fulness of joy; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

BLESSED God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that, casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

The Service at the Church or in the Home may be closed with the following Grace which, however, shall be omitted, if for weighty reason the entire Service be said in one place.

2 Cor. xiii. 14

THE, grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Minister, preceding the Body to the Grave, may repeat one or more of the Opening Sentences.

When they come to the Grave, while the Body is made ready to be laid into the earth, shall be sung or said,

MAN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O LORD, who for our sins art justly displeas'd?

Yet, O LORD God most holy, O LORD most mighty, holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, LORD, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, LORD most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal suffer us not, at our last hours for any pains of death, to lose our confidence in thee.

Or this:

JESUS said. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. Father, I win that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory. Ye now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. St. John vi. 37, xvii. 24, xvi. 22.

IF the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Rom. viii. 11.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the Body, the Minister shall say,

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our beloved brother (or, this beloved child), we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; awaiting the Resurrection at the appearing of our LORD Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Then may be said or sung,

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the LORD from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours. Rev. xiv. 13.

Or, in the case of a child, the Minister may say,

THE LORD Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. St. Mark x. 14.

Here, at the discretion of the Minister, may be said the LORD'S PRAYER:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, 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.

Here may the Minister say one or both of the following Prayers, or any other, extemporaneous or otherwise.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the LORD, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; That, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the day of Resurrection, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Hebrews xiii. 20, 21

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

When this Service is used at Sea, for the words, "commit his body to the ground," &c., substitute, commit his body to the deep, &c.

NOTE. -- This Order being appropriate for use only for those who depart in Christ, it is provided, that in other cases the Minister may, at his discretion, use such parts thereof as may be fitting.