

Funeral Mass

Please stand and face the entrance of the church.

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And with your spirit.

The priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water saying:

In the waters of baptism, _____ died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

May _____ now share with Christ eternal glory.

The pall is placed on the coffin as the priest says:

In baptism, _____ was clothed with Christ. May s/he know Christ's victory over sin and death.

Please join in singing _____

Opening prayer:

Let us pray:

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord:

as our faith in your Son,

raised from the dead, is deepened,

may our hope of resurrection for your departed servant, _____

also find new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

your Son, who lies and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Readings

Homily

General intercessions:

**Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead
and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church.
Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus,
we join our prayers to his:**

**Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls,
hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
and the voices of your people,
whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.
Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ
and grant them a place in the kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The liturgy of the eucharist is celebrated in the usual manner.

Prayers in Roman Missal

Prayer after communion (in Roman Missal)

Invitation to prayer:

**Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister/brother, _____
May our farewell express our affection for her/him;
may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.
One day we shall joyfully greet her/him again when the love of Christ,
which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.**

SILENCE

The coffin is now incensed

Then the song of Farewell is sung.

Prayer of commendation:

**Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our sister/brother, _____ in the sure and certain hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ, s/he will rise with him on the last
day.**

**We give you thanks for the blessings
which you bestowed upon _____ in this life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.**

**Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ and are with you
and with our sister/brother for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen**

In peace let us take our sister/brother to her/his place of rest.

RITE OF COMMITTAL

The life which _____received from her/his parents is not destroyed by death. God has taken her/him into eternal life.

As we commit her/his body to the earth, let us comfort each other in our sorrow with the assurance of our faith, that one day we will be reunited with _____.

We read in sacred scripture:

**Come you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

**Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb,
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you
and so made the grave a sign of hope
that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.**

**Grant that our sister/brother may sleep here in peace
until you awaken her/him to glory,
for you are the resurrection and the life.
Then s/he will see you face to face
and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God,
for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen**

COMMITTAL

**In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our sister/brother _____.
and we commit her/his body to the its resting place
for we are dust and unto dust we shall return.**

**The Lord bless her/him and keep her/him,
the Lord make his face to shine upon her/him and be gracious to her/him,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon her/him and give her/him peace.**

INTERCESSIONS:

Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

Lord, draw near to us who mourn for ____, and dry the tears of those who weep, Lord have mercy. *LORD HAVE MERCY*

Lord, you wept at the grave of Lazarus; comfort us in our sorrow, Lord, have mercy. *LORD HAVE MERCY*

You raised the dead to life; give ____ eternal life, Lord, have mercy. *LORD HAVE MERCY*

_____ was nourished with your body and blood; Grant him/her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, have mercy. *LORD HAVE MERCY*

God of holiness, accept our prayers on behalf of your servant _____. We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen

Let us pray with confidence in the words our savior gave us.... Our Father....

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Lord God, whose days are without end,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever. Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

**Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful.
Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.
We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen**

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he/she rest in peace. Amen

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

**May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
bless and console us
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.