

# Funeral Service I

*\*The ceremonies or tributes of social or fraternal societies have no place within the service. Baptized Christians should be buried from the Church.*

Pr: We begin in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

\_\_ Amen. Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. We pray:

All mighty God, with You live the souls of all those people now dead, believing in the Lord Jesus. They now have true peace and happiness. We give You great thanks for Your loving kindness to (NAME) now resting from his/her work. We ask You to give all of us that perfect happiness both in body and soul when we join him/her in Your everlasting kingdom in heaven. We pray to You in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**OR**

O Lord all mighty and merciful God; through death You call us out-of this sinful world, that we will not continue sinning and become lost, but that we will receive life and glory forever. We ask that you fill our hearts with a true knowledge of Your mercy, that we will look-forward with happiness to our death, and enter Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**OR**

O all mighty everlasting God and Father, we thank You because You let Your only Son, Jesus Christ, die for us. Through Jesus' resurrection You give us a strong hope of eternal life. We ask You to let Your word give us comfort and support, and finally, let us go to everlasting rest through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 23

4 Easter A

Psalm 90	Third Last Sunday A
Psalm 130	Kraus Psalm Book
I Thessalonians 4:13-14	24 Pentecost A
I John 3:1-2	4 Easter B
Revelation 22:12-14	7 Easter C
Mark 10:13-16	20 Pentecost B
John 10:27-30	4 Easter C
John 14:1-6	5 Easter A

The Hymn

The Sermon

<i>*Optional: The Obituary may now be read.</i>
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Pr: We pray: O God the Father in heaven, show mercy on us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, show mercy on us. O God the Holy Spirit, show mercy on us and give us Your peace. Amen.

*USE THE FOLLOWING AT THE DEATH OF A CHILD.*

O Lord, all mighty heavenly Father, You give all comfort, and You tell us to feel sympathy for people in trouble. We ask You, with Your Holy Spirit comfort the parent/s of (NAME) now grieving and sad because of the death of their loving child. Give the family a strong faith and a strong hope in the resurrection waiting for the day that all believers will meet in heavenly happiness and glory. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*USE THE FOLLOWING AT THE DEATH OF AN ADULT*

All mighty God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You that You led (NAME) to Jesus the Savior and kept him/her in the true faith and

gave to him/her a blessed death in Jesus. We ask You, by Your Holy Spirit help us to know and feel sorrow for our sins and strengthen our faith in Christ that in all things we become more as Your dear Son, Jesus, and always praise You with a new life; and cheerfully wait for that happy and glorious coming of our wonderful God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus lives and reigns with You, Father, and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. Amen.

**OR**

We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that you took (NAME) out-of this world full of sadness. O dear Savior, we say with the Old Testament man named Job: *"The Lord gives and the Lord takes, we praise the name of the Lord."* And we say with the people during the time of Jesus: *"God does all things good."* Help us to comfort ourselves with the hope in the resurrection to everlasting life. Send Your Holy Spirit to us to help us remember that our life will quickly vanish. Help us to continually prepare to follow You, that in our last hour through death we will enter Your kingdom with much happiness. O Jesus, You and the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign forever, our one God. Amen.

Cn: Our Father in heaven. Holy is Your name. Your kingdom come; Your wish happen on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily blessing; and forgive our sins as we forgive people sinning against us. And lead us not into temptation; but save us from Satan's power. Because the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.

Pr: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face smile at you and show mercy to you; the Lord attend to you and give you peace. \_\_ Amen.

<i>*AT THE GRAVE SIDE</i>
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Pr: A man is born and quickly has much trouble. As a flower grows and dies, same happens to people. As a shadow appears and disappears, same happens with people. While we live, death is near us. Where can we find help for our life? Only from You, Lord, and You are not happy with our sins. O Lord God most holy, O Lord God most mighty, O holy and most kind Savior, don't throw us into the fire of eternal suffering. In the Bible we read about the resurrection of the body; *"The body is buried and becomes dust; it will rise again perfect. It is buried in shame and it will rise again perfect. It is buried in shame and it will rise again in glory. It is buried in weakness; it will rise again in power. There is an earthly body; there is a heavenly body. This body that will become dust must put-on perfection; this body now dead must put-on life everlasting. This body now becoming dust will put-on perfection. This body now dead will put-on eternal life."* then the words written in the Bible will come true, *"Life will win the victory over death. O, death where is your punishment? O grave where is your victory? Sin brings the punishment of death; sin gets strength from the Law. But give thanks to God; because He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Because all mighty God was pleased according to His wise ruling to take-out of this world (NAME'S) soul, we therefore place this body in the ground. But we hope that he/she will rise again and receive everlasting life through our Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our earthly bodies to become as His glorious body, because He has the power to overcome all things Himself.

*"I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write, blessed are the people that die in the Lord from now to the future; yes the Spirit says, they rest, their work is finished, now their good works follow them.'"*

*"I know my redeemer lives, and on the last day He will stand upon the earth. And although worms destroy this my body, yet in my body I will see God; I myself will see Him with my eyes."*

We pray . . .

All mighty God, through Your Son's death, You overcame sin and death and through His resurrection brought forgiveness and gave us everlasting life, so-that we will be saved from the devil's power, and that our dead bodies will rise again fro the dead and enter everlasting life in Your kingdom because Your Son rose again. Help us so-that with our whole heart we strongly believe this; and at last with all Your saints rise again and enter everlasting joy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**OR**

All mighty and eternal God, through Your Son, You promised us forgiveness from sin and deliverance from everlasting death. We pray, give us strength through the Holy Spirit so-that our trust in Your mercy increases daily. Help us keep the blessed hope we will not die, but sleep in our grave, and at the last day rise again and enter eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

<i>*Optional: The Lord's Prayer</i>
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Pr: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. \_\_ Amen.

## Funeral Service II

*\*This service may be used as a Memorial Service*

Pr: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit \_\_.

Cn: Amen.

Pr: Praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all mercies; God of all encouragement. He gives us comfort during all our sadness. Now we can give comfort to other sad people, because God Himself gives us that comfort.

Cn: We thank God.

Pr: The Lord stay with you.

Cn: And also with you, pastor.

Pr: We pray . . .

O God of mercy and glory, we remember today (NAME) . We thank You for letting us know (NAME) while living on earth. With Your large mercy and love support us during our sadness and grief. Help us to understand that death is the gate to life forever in heaven. Help us to continue our life on earth trusting You until we again join believers now dead. We pray through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**OR**

All powerful God, You give all mercy and encouragement. Show Your mercy to the family and friends here in sorrow and grief. Let us give all our sorrow to You and know Your love through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**OR**

All powerful God, people dying with faith in You always live with You full-of blessing and happiness. We thank You for the mercies You gave to Your past believers now dead and living in heaven. Help us to arrive at our home in heaven and enjoy Your eternal glory. We pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord.

**OR**

*(AT THE DEATH OF A CHILD)*

O Lord, all mighty heavenly Father, You give all comfort, and You tell us to feel sympathy for people in trouble. We ask You, with Your Holy Spirit comfort the parent/s of (NAME) now grieving and sad because of the death of their loving child. Give the family a strong faith and a strong hope in the resurrection waiting for the day that all believers will meet in heavenly happiness and glory. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cn: Amen.

Pr: The reading of the First Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14	24 Pentecost A
1 John 3:1-2	4 Easter B
Revelation 22:12-14	7 Easter C

Pr: Psalm:

Psalm 23	4 Easter A
Psalm 90	Third Last Sunday A
Psalm 130	Kraus Psalm Book

Cn: Alleluia! Jesus Christ, first born from death! To Jesus give honor and praise always. Alleluia!



Pr: The reading of the Second Lesson:

Mark 10:13:16

20 Pentecost B

John 10:27-30

4 Easter C

John 14:1-6

5 Easter A

Pr: The Sermon

Cn: The Hymn

Pr: God made us His people in our Baptism. We live in trust and hope, announcing our faith together.

All: I believe in God the Father, All mighty, God made heaven and earth.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Jesus received life from the Holy Spirit; born from the Virgin Mother; suffered under Pontius Pilate; crucified, dead and buried. Jesus descended into Hell. The third day Jesus arose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, and reigns with God the Father, All mighty. From heaven Jesus will come to judge the living and dead people.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; His one holy church on earth and in heaven; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life eternal in heaven. Amen.

Pr: We pray . . .

All powerful God, You join all Your people in the one holy church of Jesus Christ. You give all Your church in heaven and on earth Your love and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cn: Attend our prayer.

Pr: Help us here on earth to grow in our faith. Let Your Holy Spirit lead us in a life that is truly holy. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cn: Attend our prayer.

Pr: Give Your believing people forgiveness and peace. Then we will be clean from sin to serve You with a holy life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cn: Attend our prayer.

Pr: Give all grieving people a strong trust in Your love and care. We give all sadness to You and receive comfort from Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cn: Attend our prayer.

Pr: Give courage and faith to the family and friends. Give us strength for future days with the hope and happiness for life eternal with people we love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cn: Attend our prayer.

Pr: We ask You to help us in things we cannot understand. Help us believe and trust in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection from death with all God's people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cn: Attend our prayer.

Pr: God full of mercy, You sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to us. Jesus showed clearly the meaning of life now and life eternal. We thank You because in His death Jesus destroyed death's power; and in His resurrection Jesus opened heaven's kingdom for all believers. Help us to know for sure that because Jesus lives we also will live, and that now life, not death, not things here, not future things, nothing above or below, or any other thing — all these things can't separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cn: Amen!

*\*Optional: If the Lord's Supper is celebrated, the service continues with the "Create in me" or an appropriate hymn. If there is no Lord's Supper, the service continues with the following.*

Cn: Our Father in heaven. Holy is Your name. Your kingdom come; Your wish happen on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily blessing; and forgive our sins as we forgive people sinning against us. And lead us not into temptation, but save us from Satan's power. Because the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.

Pr: O Father full-of mercy into Your care we give Your servant, (NAME). O Savior, accept (NAME), Your sheep bought with Your blood on the cross. O Holy Spirit, welcome (NAME) into the happy rest of eternal peace with God's people in heaven.

Depart in peace. \_\_

Cn: In Jesus' name. Amen.

*\*AT THE GRAVE SIDE*

Pr: Lord, You know the secrets in our hearts. Don't shut-Your-eyes to our prayer, but save us, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior. You are our good judge, don't let the pain of death take-away our faith in You. In my pain I called the Lord and He, answering, freed me. Truly better to trust God than to trust people. Truly better to trust God than to trust the government. Someone pushed me and I almost fell but the Lord helped me. We should with joy and victory because *"the Lord does wonderful things."* I will not die but live. I will tell everyone the things the Lord does. *"I know my redeemer lives, and on the last day He will stand*

*upon the earth. And although worms destroy this my body, yet in my body I will see God; I myself will see Him with my eyes."*

We pray . . .

All mighty God, with the death and burial of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and made all the believing people's graves holy. Keep (NAME) with all Your holy people in heaven and on the last day allow (NAME'S) body to become alive and share with all Your faithful people in never ending joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons:

John 12:23-26

5 Lent B

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 8 Epiphany C

Philippians 3:20-21

10 Pentecost A

<i>*Now earth may be cast on the coffin.</i>
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Pr: We now give (NAME'S) body to the ground. But we know that (NAME) will rise again and receive everlasting life through our Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our earthly bodies to become as His glorious body, because He has the power to overcome all things Himself.

May the God the Father — He made this body; may God the Son — He, through blood, saved this body; may God the Holy Spirit — He, through baptism, made this body holy; keep this humble body until the day of resurrection of all people. \_\_ Amen.

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven. Holy is Your name. Your kingdom come; Your wish happen on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily blessing; and forgive our sins as we forgive people sinning against us. And lead us not into temptation; but save us from Satan's power. Because the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.

Our God by the death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death. By Jesus' laying in the tomb He made all believing people's graves holy. By Jesus' Easter resurrection You informed us about eternal life. Now all dead believers remain in peace and hope. Accept our thanks for Your victory against death and the grave. Keep us in eternal fellowship with all believers on earth waiting for Your coming and with all people in heaven living wit Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Accept the blessing from the Lord:

Our God full-of peace, He arose from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, He is the wonderful shepherd, make you perfect in all your work through the blood of Jesus doing His wish; through Jesus Christ, to Him we give glory forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is arisen. Christ is risen that is true. Alleluia! Let us leave with peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. \_\_ Amen.