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BURIAL SERVICE

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THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

The Priest meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Graveyard, and going before it towards the Grave shall say,

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

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shalt stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not another

Job xix. 25 to 27

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

I Tim. vi. 7. Job I. 21

After they are come to the Grave, shall be read the Psalm following,

Priest: 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 : seeing
that is past 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 three-score 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

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath : for even thereafter
as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure

So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our heart
unto wisdom

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto thy
servants

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice
and be glad all the days of our life

Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us :
and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity

Shew thy servants thy work : and their children thy glory

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us :
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou
our handywork

Psalm 90

All: **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,

Priest: A reading from the fifteenth chapter of the first epistle of
blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

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 will have delivered
up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have
put down all rule, and all authority, and all power. For he must
reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last
enemy that shall be destroyed is death

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? And with what kind of body do they come?

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance be 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

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

Behold, I shew 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?

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord

When they come to the Grave, while the Corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Priest shall say,

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 succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O 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 ear to our prayer; 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 hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the Body by some standing by, the Priest shall say,

Priest: Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear brother here departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes; dust to dust; in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us

All: **Christ, have mercy upon us**

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us

All: **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen**

Priest: Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that 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 that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our brother out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching thee, that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that 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.

All: **Amen**

The Collect

Priest: 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 them that sleep in him: We meekly 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, as our hope is this our brother doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that 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

All: **Amen**

The Grace

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore

All: **Amen**