

Graveside Service

When they come to the grave, while the casket is made ready to be laid into the earth, is sung or said:

Man, that is born of a woman, has but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He comes up, and is cut down, like a flower; he flees as it were a shadow, and never continues in one place.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for aid and assistance, but of You, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

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

You, Lord, know the secrets of our hearts; shut not Your merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, You most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from You.

Committal

Earth may be cast upon the casket by some standing by, the Priest shall say:

Unto Almighty God we commend the soul of our *brother* departed, and we commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, at Whose 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 His own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

The Priest may say:

May the Angels lead you into Paradise; and the Martyrs receive you at your coming and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of Angels receive you, and may you, with Lazarus once poor, have everlasting rest. *Amen.*

Remember the word of our Lord Jesus Christ: Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be strengthened. *Amen.*

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. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up His countenance upon You and give you peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

This Office is only appropriate for the faithful departed in Christ, provided that in any other case the Minister may, at his discretion, use such part of this Office, or such devotions taken from other parts of this Book, as may be fitting.

At the Burial of the Dead at Sea

The same office is used, but with the following Committal:
Unto Almighty God we commend the soul of our *brother* departed, and we commit his body to the deep; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at Whose coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the sea shall give up her dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like His glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.