

We have entrusted our *brother/sister N* to God's mercy,
and we now commit *his/her* body to be cremated:
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,
who will transform our frail bodies
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,
who died, was buried, and rose again for us.
To him be glory for ever.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

May God give you
His comfort and his peace,
His light and his joy,
In this world and the next;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Gathering

One or more sentences of Scripture may be used.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11.25,26*

General

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33.27*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed. *Lamentations 3.22,23*

For Church Members

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38,39*

We believe that Jesus died and rose again; and so it will be for those who died as Christians; God will bring them to life with Jesus. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Comfort one another with these words. *1 Thessalonians 4.14,18*

Introduction

The minister introduces the service in these or other suitable words

We have come here today
to remember before God our *brother/sister* N;
to give thanks for *his/her* life;
to commend *him/her* to God
to commit *his/her* body to be *buried/cremated*,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

The minister may say one of these prayers

God of all consolation,
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Look with compassion on your children in their loss;
give to troubled hearts the light of hope
and strengthen in us the gift of faith,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

A brief tribute may be made

Final words in Church

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and
the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

The Committal

The minister says

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great goodness.
As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place will know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever toward those that fear him
and his righteousness upon their children's children.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

A hymn may be sung.

Commendation

The minister stands by the coffin and says

Let us commend *N* to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept

Go forth from this world:
In the love of God the Father who created you,
In the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,
In the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.
May the heavenly host sustain you
And the company of heaven enfold you.
In communion with all the faithful,
May you dwell today in peace
Amen

Readings and Sermon

This or another psalm or hymn is used

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

² He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

³ He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me
your rod and your staff comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil and my
cup will be full.

⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the
days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

An obituary may be read

A reading from the New Testament is used.

John 14.1-6

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how
can we know the way?" Jesus said,
"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me."

A sermon is preached

A hymn may be sung.

Prayers

¶ *Thanksgiving for the life of the departed*
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Merciful Father and Lord of all life,
we praise you that we are made in your image
and reflect your truth and light.
We thank you for the life of your child N,
for the love *he/she* received from you
and showed among us.
Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise
to all your servants, living and departed,
that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ.
And we ask that in due time
we may share with our *brother/sister* that clearer vision,
when we shall see your face in the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ *Prayer for those who mourn*
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Almighty God,
Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort:
deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn,
that, casting all their care on you,
they may know the consolation of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ *Prayer for readiness to live in the light of eternity*
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Grant us, Lord, the wisdom and the grace to use aright the time that
is left to us here on earth. Lead us to repent of our sins, the evil we
have done and the good we have not done; and strengthen us to
follow the steps of your Son, in the way that leads to the fullness of
eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**