

Worship at Home – Funeral Service

A SIMPLE SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE AT A FUNERAL

THE GATHERING

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

We join with those in.....
in remembering before God our brother/sister N;
to give thanks for his/her life;
to commend him/her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;
to commit his/her body to be buried/cremated,
and to comfort one another in grief.

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.

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Silence as you remember the person who has died

Prayers of Penitence

As children of a loving heavenly Father,
let us ask his forgiveness,
for he is gentle and full of compassion.

Silence

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

The Collect

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the Old or New Testament may be read

This or another psalm or hymn is used

1. The Lord is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He shall refresh my soul *
and guide me in the paths of righteousness 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, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
6. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23

PRAYERS

God of mercy, Lord of life,
you have made us in your image
to reflect your truth and light:
we give you thanks for *N*,
for the grace and mercy *he/she* received from you,
for all that was good in *his/her* life,
for the memories we treasure today.
[*Especially we thank you ...*]

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.
You promised eternal life to those who believe.
Remember for good this your servant *N*
as we also remember *him/her*.
Bring all who rest in Christ
into the fullness of your kingdom
where sins have been forgiven
and death is no more.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief
and life out of death.

Look in mercy on [... *and*] all who mourn.

Give them patient faith in times of darkness.

Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

You are tender towards your children
and your mercy is over all your works.

Heal the memories of hurt and failure.

Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright

the time that is left to us here on earth,

to turn to Christ and follow in his steps

in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

God of mercy,

entrusting into your hands all that you have made

and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,

we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Commendation and Farewell

With those in (*wherever the funeral is happening, and where other relatives are*)
we commend *N* to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.

Confident of his victory

and claiming his promises,

we entrust *N* to your mercy

in the name of Jesus our Lord,

who died and is alive

and reigns with you,

now and for ever.

Amen.

N, you shared life with us: God give eternal life to you.

You gave your love to us: God give his deep love to you.

You gave your time to us: God give his eternity to you.

You gave your light to us: God give everlasting light to you.

Go upon your journey to love, light and life eternal

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ending

May God give us
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
Amen.