

FUNERAL RITES

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With the People's Parts of the Rites
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to this time of testing and pain
as we pray for **N.** and for those who love him/her,
through Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen.**

B

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just,
by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son
we have been redeemed,
look mercifully on your departed servant **N.**,
that, just as he (she) professed
the mystery of our resurrection,
so he (she) may merit to receive
the joys of eternal happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The celebration continues with the Liturgy of the Word.
Other readings, Psalms, and Gospel readings may be
used.

First Reading

A reader proclaims the First Reading.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the
Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

Brothers and sisters: We know that if our earthly
dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have
a building from God, a dwelling not made with
hands, eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous, although we know
that while we are at home in the body we are away



THE FUNERAL MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

If the rite of reception of the body takes place at the beginning of the funeral Mass, the Introductory Rites are those given here and the usual Introductory Rites for Mass, including the Penitential Act, are omitted. If the rite of reception of the body has already taken place, the Mass begins in the usual way (*Order . . .*, no. 136).

Greeting

STAND

The Priest goes to the door of the church and using one of the following greetings, or in similar words, greets those present.

- A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
- B** Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** The grace and peace of God our Father, who
raised Jesus from the dead, be always with
you.
- D** May the Father of mercies, the God of all con-
solation, be with you.

The people respond:

R). And with your spirit.

May he/she rest in peace.

R/. Amen.

May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R/. Amen.

A A minister who is a Priest or Deacon says:

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R/. Amen.

B A lay minister invokes God's blessing and signs himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross, saying:

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord
Jesus Christ
bless and console us
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

The minister then concludes:

Go in the peace of Christ.

R/. Thanks be to God.

A song may conclude the rite, pp. 74-80. Where it is the custom, some sign or gesture of leave-taking may be made.



ROSARY MEDITATIONS

If the Rosary is prayed on the days before burial, each mystery may be introduced by a short meditation.

Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead.
By faith we know that Jesus, risen from the dead, dies no more. One day we shall rise with him.
2. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.
Jesus entered in glory as one of us. He has prepared a place for us and shall return to bring us with him.
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.
Jesus sends his Spirit to transform our mortal bodies into glory.
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.
Mary, raised into heaven, has gone before us. Now she waits for us there and by her prayers helps us.
5. The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.
Let us see in Mary, the Queen of Heaven, the glory that awaits us.