

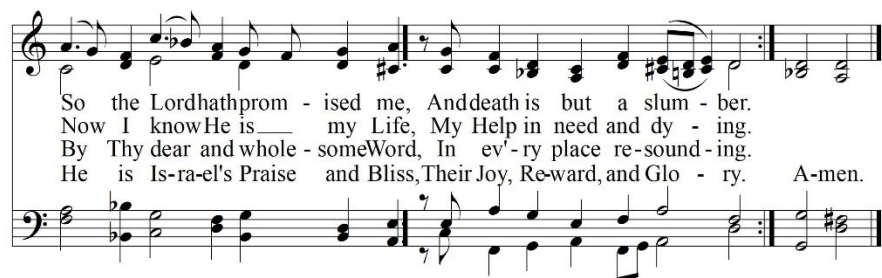
### A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

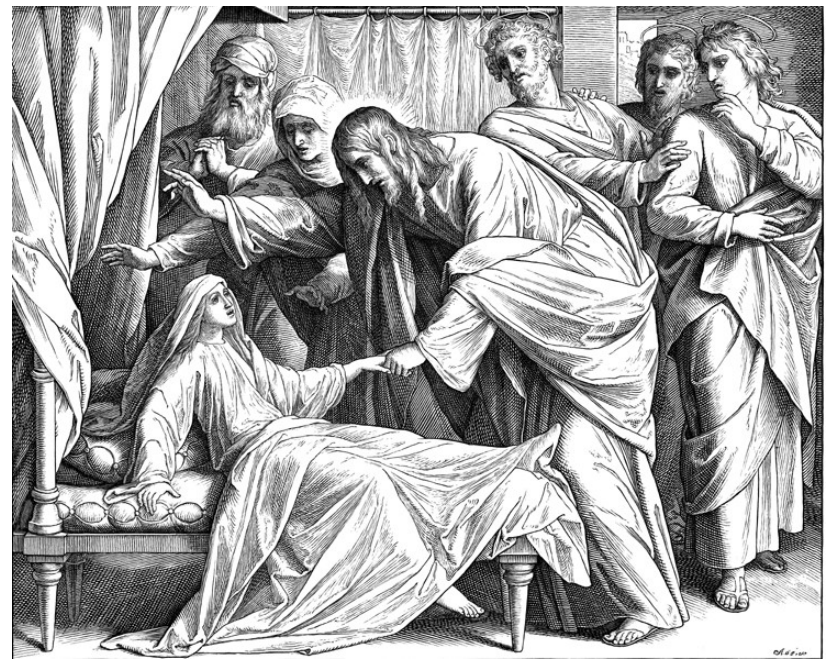
### A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### In Peace and Joy I Now Depart



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*“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand.” St. John 10:27-29*

## The Burial of the Dead

### At the Church

**The Prelude**      *“Herzlich lieb hab’ ich dich, o Herr”*      James Engel

**The Ringing of the Bell**

*Stand*

**The Processional Hymn** *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*      TLH 429

**The Salutation**

**The Collect(s)**

**The Scripture Reading(s)**      St. John 5:24

St. John 10:27-29

*Sit*

**The Hymn**      *“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*      TLH 609

**The Sermon**      *I Give Unto Them Eternal Life*

**The Hymn**      *“In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust”*      Δ      ASBH 55

*Stand*

**The Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**The Recessional Hymn**      *“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”*      TLH 656

**The Postlude**      *“Den store hvide Flok”*      David Schack

### At the Grave

**The Sentences**

**The Hymn**      *“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”*      ASBH 65

**The Exhortation**

**The Committal**

**The Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

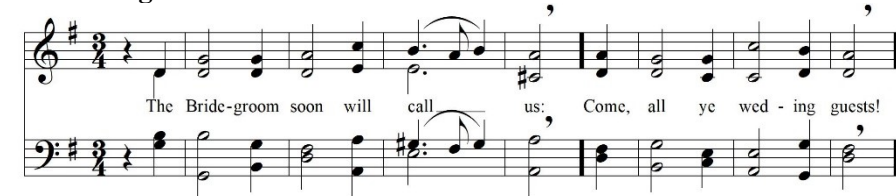
**The Hymn**      *“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”*      ASBH 77

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.*

*TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal*

Δ—Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

### The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



2. There shall we see delighted  
Our dear Redeemer’s face,  
Who leads our souls benighted  
To glory by His grace.  
The patriarchs shall meet us,  
The prophets’ holy band,  
Apostles, martyrs, greet us  
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us  
As brothers, sisters dear;  
Love ever will be shown us  
When we with them appear.  
We all shall come before Him  
Who for us man became,  
As Lord and God adore Him,  
And ever bless His name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,  
Will give us crowns of gold  
And, to His bosom pressing,  
Impart a bliss untold,  
Will welcome with embraces  
Of never-ending love,  
And deck us with His graces  
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never  
Be silent music’s voice;  
With hearts and lips forever  
We shall in God rejoice.  
The angels shall adore Him,  
All saints shall sing His praise  
And bring with joy before Him  
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious  
Will God the feast prepare  
And, ever kind and gracious  
Bid us its riches share.  
There bliss that knows no measure  
From springs of love shall flow,  
And never-changing pleasure  
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil  
Forever make us free,  
From sin, and from the devil,  
From all adversity,  
From sickness, pain, and sadness,  
From troubles, cares, and fears,  
And grant us heav’nly gladness  
And wipe away our tears. Amen.

## The Rite of the Burial of the Dead.

At the Church.

*The service may begin with a Hymn.*

*Then may the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.

*The Congregation shall sing or say:*

And with thy spirit.

*The Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

1.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who 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 happiness: we give Thee hearty thanks for Thy loving-kindness to all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech Thee that we with all those who 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. Amen.

2.

O Lord, almighty and merciful God, who through death callest us out of this wicked world, that we may not perish through continued sinning, but attain life and glory everlasting, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with a deep sense of Thy mercy, that we may look forward with rejoicing to our departure, and willingly obey the summons to enter into Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

3.

O almighty, everlasting God and Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast given Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ into death for us, and through His triumphant resurrection hast given us assurance of eternal life, and we beseech Thee, comfort and raise us up with this assurance, and at last let us come unto eternal rest with Thee through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4.

O Thou ever-blessed Mediator, who wast dead, but livest forever, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, and who hast knit all Thy saints in one communion unto life eternal, in that mystical body of which Thou art the glorious and ever-living Head: grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints who have gone before us, in the faith and fellowship of Thy holy Church, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for all that love Thee, from the foundation of the world. Amen.

5.

O holy and ever-blessed Spirit, who art one with the Father and the Son, and who dwellest in all Thy saints to comfort and quicken them: do Thou, we beseech Thee, comfort us in the prospect of death with the hope of the resurrection of the just, and abide in us, that we may ever walk in Thy truth, and in the end be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6.

O holy and adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of our bodies and souls, we humbly confess our sins, and acknowledge them as the cause of our misery and death, and that on account of our sins Thou art justly displeased. Yet, through infinite mercy in Jesus Christ, we implore Thee, blot out our transgressions, wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. O Lord God most holy, O Lord God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Amen.

7.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee. But keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant, and let us rest together in Thy presence from our labors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

*Then shall a Scripture-lesson be read.*

*After the Lesson a Hymn may be sung, followed by the Sermon and another Hymn.*

*Then shall a Prayer be offered, ex corde, or as follows:*

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace.

Let us pray

#### At the Death of a Child

1.

O Lord, almighty, heavenly Father, who art a God of all comfort, and dost bid us mourn with the afflicted, we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst with Thy gracious Spirit comfort our *brother* and *sister*, who are mourning the loss of *their* beloved child. Enable *them* in steadfast faith and confident hope to look for the blessed day of our final redemption, when all who believe in Thee shall meet again in heavenly joy and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, who, in Thy wise and gracious providence, hast called out of this world the soul of this dear *child*, we thank Thee for Thy mercy in receiving *him* as Thine own in Holy Baptism and regenerating *him* unto the inheritance of Thine eternal kingdom. And we beseech Thee, send forth the consolations of Thy holy Word into the hearts that mourn over *his* early death. Give to the afflicted parents a meek submission to Thy fatherly chastenings, that with childlike faith they may praise Thine unsearchable ways. Thou hast cut down the flower in tender bud, help them also to see Thy gracious hand in what they suffer, and to realize that what has faded from them here still blooms immortal in the heavens, and that they shall behold their child again in the joy of everlasting life. Let Thy grace abound in them, comforting them in their bereavement, lest they sorrow beyond what is meet and right. Graciously overrule this dispensation to their spiritual good, that they may be drawn into still closer communion with Thee, and the better fitted for a devoted life and a glorious immortality. Grant unto us all, while we sojourn here on earth, the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in faith and in Thy fear, and finally appear in Thy presence with exceeding joy; for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### At the Death of an Adult.

1.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast called this our *brother* to the knowledge of Thy dear Son, kept *him* in the true faith, and granted *him* a blessed end; and we beseech Thee, help us by Thy Holy Spirit rightly to know and lament our sins, and to be so strengthened in our faith in Christ that in all things we may grow up into Him who is our Head, evermore praising Thee in newness of life, and cheerfully awaiting that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

2.

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the shadow of Thy sore judgments we come to Thee as our only Helper. Thou art the Lord, and beside Thee there is none other. Thou art a very present help in trouble. Thou hast entered this house with Thy chastenings, and hast here caused Thy sovereign power to be felt. Oh, be Thou nigh, in Thy tender compassion, with the comforts of the Holy Spirit. Bless these Thy sorrowing servants with the consolations of Thy grace, which alone can afford them help. Take them into Thy gracious keeping, and fill their bleeding hearts with the soothing balm of Thy love. Let there be light in the midst of this dark night of grief. Deliver us all, O God, from the bondage of our sins, that we may be free from the fear of death, and be ready at Thy call to depart hence and be at peace. Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, may we die unto the Lord. And so unite us to Christ Jesus, and work in us by the sanctifying influences of the Holy Ghost, that, whether living or dying, we may be the Lord's. Amen.

3.

O merciful God, heavenly Father, forasmuch as it hath pleased Thee to summon another member of our congregation out of this present life, and again to remind us that our life appeareth only for a little time: we beseech Thee, gird us with the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that, amidst the vanities of this world, we may fight a good fight and keep the faith, thus finishing the course of our pilgrimage on earth in all holy obedience, in constant watchfulness and prayer, lest death come upon us unawares and find us unprepared. Comfort us in the hour of death with the bitter sufferings and death of Thy Son, who was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification, that we



may depart this life at peace with Thee and receive the crown of righteousness; through Thy dear Son, our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

4.

Almighty, eternal God, Thy years are throughout all generations, we, however, shall perish in time; for all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flowers thereof falleth away. Make us to know our end and the measure of our days what it is, that we may know how frail we are, daily trim our lamps, and wait by faith for a blessed end. Suffer not the thoughts and the sting of death to make us afraid, but let us at all times look unto our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Keep us by Thy Spirit in faith and good conscience; for he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. At the removal of our loved ones who die in the Lord, enable us to understand that they are blessed from henceforth, and go to Thee, where there shall be neither sorrow nor crying, neither any more pain, and where Thou shalt wipe away all tears from their eyes. O Lord God, Thou beholdest all our affliction and pain, the poor commit themselves unto Thee, Thou art the Helper of the widows and the fatherless. Be pleased to appear with Thy strong comfort to all that are afflicted and distressed, and finally present them, together with the dead for whom they mourn, before Thy presence with exceeding joy. When our last hour shall come, let us, Thy servants, depart in peace. Preserve us from a sudden, evil death; let us, being full of faith and rich in the fruits of righteousness, commit our spirit into Thy hands, and thus finish our course, and lay hold on eternal life. Amen.

5.

O Lord God, who hast called this our departed *brother* hence in the noontide of *his* life and labors, we humble ourselves under Thy holy will, and reverence Thy ways, although Thy judgments are unsearchable and Thy ways past finding out. For Thou thinkest towards us thoughts of peace and not of evil, and all things work together for good to them that love Thee. We thank Thee that, of Thy fatherly love, Thou didst bestow upon this our *brother* Thy merciful guidance, Thy faithful protection, and Thy constant blessing in body and soul, even unto the end. We beseech Thee to comfort, with Thy holy Word, the

hearts of those who are bowed down by *his* death, and to strengthen them by the assurance that even through crosses and trials Thou wouldst bless them, and dost chasten Thy children, not to destroy them, but that they may live. Enable us all to lay to heart that our sojourning on earth is but for a little time, that we may diligently ponder, in this our day, the things which belong unto our peace. Sanctify us through Thy truth, and purify our hearts by faith, that we may not love the fleeting pleasures of this world, but, ordering our lives agreeably to Thy will, seek those things that are above, and at the last appear before Thy presence in peace and joy. Grant all this, we pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son. Amen.

6.

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast taken our *brother* away from distress, and brought *him* into eternal rest, O dear Savior, we say with Job: “The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord”; and with the people in the Gospel: “He hath done all things well.” Enable us to comfort ourselves with the consideration that we have not lost *him*, but only sent *him* before, nowise doubting that on the last day Thou wilt raise up with power and great glory the dead body here lying before us in weakness, and that we shall find one another again with Thee in eternal life. May it also please Thee to grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that at this burial we may call to mind how soon it is over with men, and be found in constant and never-failing Christian readiness to follow Thee, when the hour is at hand, through the dark valley of death into Thy kingdom with exceeding joy; O Thou, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

7.

(At the Death of a Husband and Father.)

Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands are all the children of men, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to live by faith in Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to do what our hands find to do, that, when He who is our life shall appear, we also may appear with Him in glory. To Thy fatherly goodness do we commend those whom Thou hast afflicted by this dispensation of Thy providence. Let the pains of their bereavement be softened by the hopeful assurances of Thy holy Word. Cause the fruits of this their sore chastening to be righteousness and peace. Let the removal of their beloved and cherished one serve to direct their

affections heavenward, that they may seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth. Be Thou a Father to the fatherless and a Helper to the widow. Remember to them Thy gracious covenant of old, and let not Thy mercy depart from them. Fulfil unto them Thy blessed promise that all things shall work together for good to them that love Thee. May they not sorrow as those who have no hope, but have abundant consolations for all their griefs, and a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory for all their sufferings in this life. These blessings, and all others which may be needful for us, and for all men, we humbly ask, in the name and for the sake of our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

8.

(At the Death of a Christian Wife and Mother.)

Eternal God, merciful Father, look graciously upon us, bowed down as we are with grief at the loss of a Christian sister, a beloved wife and mother, whom we are about to accompany (have accompanied) to her last earthly resting-place. Teach us, O Father, that Thy thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and Thy ways better than our ways, that we may submit ourselves with childlike resignation to Thy inscrutable, but fatherly counsel and dispensation, and amid all grief be able to say: "Thou doest all things well." Help us call to mind the manifold mercies which from her youth Thou hast bestowed upon our departed sister, in receiving her by Holy Baptism as Thine own dear child, comforting her with the forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus, guiding her feet into the paths of uprightness, enabling her by word and example to show forth Thy praises in her home and in the circle of her acquaintances, giving her in days of trial countless proofs of Thy mercy, and removing her at length from all earthly sorrow into the unending joy of heaven. Let us not mourn like those who have no hope, for blessed indeed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth. Enable us to comfort ourselves with the assurance that Thou wilt raise up with power and glory the body here sown in weakness, and that we shall behold her again with Thee in everlasting life. Comfort, especially, the hearts of those who are bowed down and sorely afflicted by this death, the husband and children of our beloved sister, with the consolations of Thy grace, which alone can afford them help. Take them into Thy gracious keeping, and fill their bleeding hearts with the soothing balm of Thy love. Let there be light in the midst of this dark night of their grief, and finally present them, together with the mother for whom they mourn, before Thy presence with exceeding joy. Teach

us all to apply our hearts unto wisdom; and when our last hour shall come, be with us in our final distress, that we may look with steadfast faith to Christ, the only Savior of our souls, and, being cleansed by His blood, may lay hold on eternal life. Amen.

9.

(At the Death of an Aged Person.)

O Lord, almighty God and Father, who of old didst declare: "Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear: even I will carry, and will deliver you": we thank Thee that, according to Thy promise, Thou hast, for so many years, shown our deceased *brother* innumerable proofs of Thy faithfulness and mercy. We thank Thee that Thou hast granted *him* ample time for reflection upon Thy merciful kindness to the fallen children of men, and hast given *him* to drink of that well of water which springeth up into everlasting life. And we thank Thee that now Thou hast, of Thy mercy, delivered *him* from all the labor and sorrow of this present life, and received *him* into the rest and peace of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant unto us all, we beseech Thee, that we may make ready for the unknown hour and for a blessed departure from this world. Enable us to employ well our allotted time, and to work while it is day, ere the night cometh when no man can work. And, at the last, do Thou in love deliver our souls from despair, and let us fall asleep in peace, and obtain the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

10.

(At the Sudden Death of a Christian.)

O eternal God, the Lord of life and death, who by a sudden death hast summoned out of time into eternity our Christian *brother*, whom we are about to commit to the grave, and by *his* unexpected departure hast grievously afflicted those to whom *he* was near and dear: we beseech Thee, comfort with Thine abundant consolations the hearts of those that mourn, and take them into Thy fatherly care. Enable them to bear this sore dispensation with meek submission to Thy holy will, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Grant us grace also, that we may be ready, either to continue in life, or to depart hence, even as Thou hast appointed for us, and cheerfully to bear whatsoever burden Thou mayest be pleased to put upon us. Verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Surely, every man walketh in a vain show. Teach us to watch and pray, and keep us by

Thy Spirit, that we may not be ensnared by the vanities of this time, but finish well our course, and pass from death to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Then may the Minister say:*

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Then may another Hymn be sung.*

*At the Grave.*

*The Minister, walking before those that bear the body, and approaching the grave, may say:*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall 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 19:25-27.)

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (1 Tim. 6:7.)

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job 1:21.)

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so also them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. (1 Thess. 4:13, 14.)

I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. (Rev. 14:13.)

*When the casket is lowered into the grave, a Hymn may be sung, and then the Minister shall say:*

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor 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 Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

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

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in dishonor; 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. There is a natural body, there is a spiritual body. 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? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:42-44, 53-57.)

*Then, while earth shall be cast upon the casket, the Minister shall say:*

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our departed *brother*, we therefore commit his body to the ground (to God's acre); earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

May God the Father, who has created this body;

May God the Son, who by His blood has redeemed this body together with the soul;

May God the Holy Ghost, who by Baptism has sanctified this body to be His temple, —

Keep these remains unto the day of resurrection of all flesh. Amen.

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*Then may the Minister say one of the following Prayers:*

Let us pray.

1.

O everlasting God and Father, who art not a God of the dead, but of the living, and unto whom live all that dwell in dust and rest in the chamber of death; we entreat Thee of Thy fatherly goodness, let not the thoughts and the sting of death make us afraid, neither let us be troubled, but graciously keep us in Thy Son in true faith and good conscience, to the end that we may lead a Christian life, prepare for a blessed departure, and, finally, fall asleep and rest in peace and joy, until Thou dost open our graves, and, by the sound of the trumpet, call us forth again to life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Almighty God, who by the death of Thy Son hast overcome sin and death, and by His resurrection hast restored innocence and everlasting life, to the end that we should be delivered from the dominion of the devil, and that by the power of the same resurrection our mortal bodies should be raised up from the dead unto eternal life in Thy kingdom: grant that with our whole heart we may confidently believe this, and finally, with all Thy saints, be partakers of the joyful resurrection of the just; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

3.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sin and deliverance from everlasting death: strengthen us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that our trust in Thy grace in Christ Jesus may daily increase, and that with sure confidence we may hold fast the blessed hope that we shall not die, but only sleep, and at the last day be raised up unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

4.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wilt come again in majesty to judge the quick and the dead, and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either

to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation: we beseech Thee to be gracious unto us, and to raise us from death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee, and, having been found acceptable in Thy sight, may, on the last day, be raised up to life everlasting and inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. To Thee be glory and praise, world without end. Amen.

5.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in Thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for Thy servants departed the voyage of this troublous life, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who are still to continue our course amidst earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles, may evermore be protected by Thy mercy, and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6.

Almighty God, who by the death of Thy Son Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of Thy saints, and by His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel, so that all who die in Him abide in joy as to their souls, and in hope as to their bodies: receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us, who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven, in union with Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

*Then may follow the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.*

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

*Then may a Hymn be sung.*