



A Service
in Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the life of

ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Please stand.

The Opening Sentences

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord. and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The Collect for the Departed

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Francs and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen..

Psalm 23

(said together)

The Lord is my sheperd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

For his Name'sake.

Yea, I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me ;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Please stand.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:28-29

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

The Homily

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

*as we forgive those
who trespass against us. Heaven.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Commendation

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, with your saints,
All: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Priest: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Frances. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

THE COMMITTAL

Then, while the casket is placed the Officiant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister, Frances and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

The people remain silent during the covering of the casket.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional prayers and silence during the covering of the casket.

Officiant: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

Officiant: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Service Participants

Celebrant

Homilist