

FUNERAL PRAYERS

ALL STAND at the entrance.

Sentences of Scripture may be read, or a hymn sung.

Dixi, custodiam. Psalm 39.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways : that I offend not in my tongue.

2. I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle : while the ungodly is in my sight.

3. I held my tongue, and spake nothing : I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

4. My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled : and at the last I spake with my tongue.

5. Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days : that I may be certified how long I have to live.

6. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long : and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

7. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

8. And now, Lord, what is my hope : truly my hope is even in thee.

9. Deliver me from all mine offences : and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

10. I became dumb, and opened not my mouth : for it was thy doing.

11. Take thy plague away from me : I am even consumed by means of thy heavy hand.

12. When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment : every man therefore is but vanity.

13. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling : hold not thy peace at my tears.

14. For I am a stranger with thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

15. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength : before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Dilexi, quoniam. Psalm 116.

I AM well pleased : that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer.

2. That he hath inclined his ear unto me : therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The snares of death compassed me round about : and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

4. I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous : yea, our God is merciful.

6. The Lord preserveth the simple : I was in misery, and he helped me.

7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8. And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

ALL SIT for the Lesson (and Address, if one is to be given).

ALL STAND for the Prayers.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen

The following Versicles and Responses are said.

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;

For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest;

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

We believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord;

In the land of the living.

O Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

(ALL REMAIN STANDING)

The COLLECT follows, to which all reply: Amen.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord;

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to prayer, and a period of silent prayer.

The coffin is sprinkled, in memory of the Baptism of the deceased.

It may be incensed to show reverence for what has been a temple of the Holy Spirit, a fact also symbolized by the rich pall covering the coffin and the candles surrounding it.

The prayer of commendation is said.

A hymn may be sung.