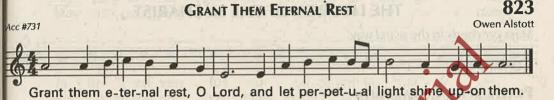
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

RITE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

The Priest greets the mourners at the entrance of the church. The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and, if customary, a large white cloth or pall is placed on the casket. The funeral procession then moves into the church accompanied by the following or another appropriate song.



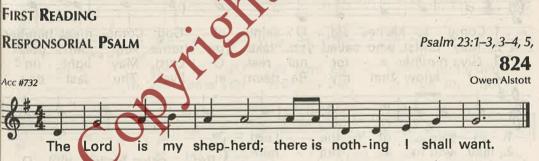
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If the introductory rites have not taken place at the church door, the liturgy begins in the usual manner with a song, the greeting, and penitential rite.

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Appropriate readings should be chosen from those provided in Part III of the Order of Christian Funerals.



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Other optional Responsorial Psalms may be used. See Part III of the Order of Christian Funerals.

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOMILY

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Mass proceeds in the usual way.

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ear the coffin. After a showith incept The ministers go to a place near the coffin. After a short prayer, the coffin may be sprinkled with holy water and honored with incense. Meanwhile, the following or another appropriate hymn (see Funeral section #672-683) may be sung.



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PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

After the concluding prayer, the following or another appropriate hymn is sung while the coffin is being taken away.



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