

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.

GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST

823

Owen Alstott

Acc #731



Grant them e-ter-nal rest, O Lord, and let per-pet-u-al light shine up-on them.

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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.

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5,

824

Owen Alstott

Acc #732



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

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

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL)

825

Acc #733

Christopher Walker

Cantor

Cantor/All repeat

(Invocation) Lord, have mer - cy.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Mass proceeds in the usual way.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL COMMENDATION

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.

826

Acc #734 / CP3 #364

SONG OF FAREWELL

OLD HUNDREDTH

1. Come to his/her aid, O saints of God; Come meet him/her,
2. May Christ, who called you, take you home, And an - gels
3. Give him/her e - ter - nal rest, O Lord. May light un -
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; The last day

1. an - gels of the Lord.
2. lead you to A - bra - ham.
3. end - ing shine on him/her.
4. I shall rise a - gain.

Re - ceive his/her soul, O

1-4. ho - ly ones; Pre - sent him/her now to God, Most High.

Text: LM; *Subvenite sancti Dei; Requiem aeternam; Credo quod Redemptor;*
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Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510–1561, alt.

PROCESSION TO THE PLAGE OF COMMITTAL

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

IN PARADISUM (May Angels Guide You)

827

Acc #735 / CP3 #371

Chant, Mode VII and Mode VIII

In pa - ra - dí - sum de - dú - cant te án - ge - li:
 May an - gels guide you and bring you in - to par - a - dise:

in tu - o ad - vén - tu su - scí - pi - ant te már - ty - res,
 and may all the mar - tyrs come forth to wel - come you home;

et per - dú - cant te in ci - vi - tá - tem san - ctam
 and may they lead you in - to the ho - ly cit - y,

Je - rú - sa - lem. Cho - rus an - ge - ló - rum te
 Je - ru - sa - lem. May the an - gel cho - rus sing

su - scí - pi - at, et cum Lá - za - ro quon - dam
 to wel - come you, and like Laz - a - rus, for - got -

páu - pe - re ae - tér - nam há - be - as ré - qui - em.
 ten and poor, you shall have ev - er - last - ing rest.

Text: *In paradisum* and *Chorus angelorum*; Latin, 11th cent.;
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