

Order for Burial

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A separate liturgical PDF prepared for clergy, catechists, servers, missions, and lay study. This text is arranged for practical use with clear rubrics, prayers, and responses in dignified Prayer Book English.

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The Order for Burial of the Dead

Rubic. Christian burial proclaimeth the resurrection of Christ, comforteth the living, and committeth the body to the earth in hope.

Minister. I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord.

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up and is cut down like a flower.

A Psalm, lesson, homily, and prayers may follow. The minister shall preach Christ and avoid exaggerated claims about the departed.

Minister. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit this body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, draw near to those who mourn. Give them faith in Christ, peace in sorrow, and hope of the resurrection. Amen.