

A Liturgy for Committal for Cremation

The souls of the righteous are in God's hands; no torment will touch them. They are at peace.

We meet together today in the conviction that death is not a calamity, but is an event that we can face without fear, or bitterness or guilt. Who is in the position to condemn: only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us and Christ prays for us. We believe that those who have died are at rest, and that the promise is true that no evil shall touch them.

We commend our sister/brother _____
to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.
Rest eternal grant unto him/her, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon him/her.

Micah 4:1-5

Peoples shall say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
...And we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
forever and ever.

In now committing the body of _____ for cremation we do so with deep reverence, for that body is the temple during life of a unique and beloved person. That body now returns to the earth from which it came purified and forever hallowed; but that spirit lives on.

Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

They shall never again feel hunger or thirst, the sun shall not beat on them (nor any scorching heat) because the Lamb who is at the heart of the throne will be their shepherd, and guide them to the springs of the water of life, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The peace of God has come to him/her.

Let us pray: Now Lord, give us all grace to turn back again to life's tasks with steady nerves, a calm heart and a courageous faith, that we may be truly worthy of those who have enriched our lives beyond measure.

Benediction: Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Thus you will experience the grace bestowed by the Lord Jesus, the love God offers, and the fellowships which the Holy Spirit creates. Amen