

Service for the Burial of the Dead,

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Introduction

I have not written this in opposition to the Church Service, or any other.

The chief object in writing this Burial Service, is the comfort and consolation of God's children, in their sorrow and bereavement, when called upon by Providence to part with their loved ones; that, by their perusing these pages, they might realize great support. I have, therefore, striven to be DEFINITE; and have carefully selected (by "rightly dividing the word of truth," 2. Tim. ii., 15) many precious promises of God, which have a direct reference to the Resurrection. Also, by request of Ministers of the Baptist Mission, and others, I have compiled this Service, with the hope that it may prove a blessing. This Service is intended for believers.

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To be read while the corpse is brought into the Church or Chapel; or in the Church or Chapel.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.—John xi., 25, 26.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord.—I. Tim. vi., 7. Job i., 21.

To be read in the Church or Chapel.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. For if through the offence of one, many be dead; much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. For if by one man's offence, death reigned by one, much more they which receive abundance of grace, and the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one Jesus Christ. Therefore, by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness, unto

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eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.
—Rom. v. 12, 15, 7, 18, 21.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.—Rom. vi. 23.

Man walketh in vanity, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall have them.—Ps. xxxix. 6.

As for man, his days are as grass, as a flower of the field. The wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting, to everlasting, upon them that fear Him. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.—Ps. ciii. 15-17.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Ps. xlvi. 1.

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Call upon Me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.—Ps. l. 15.

Let us pray.

Ⓐ **G**OD the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; whosoever truly believeth in Thee, shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Thou knowest the secrets of all hearts, for all things are open, and naked to Thee, with whom we have to do; therefore close not thine ears to our prayer, nor Thine eyes to our grief. We beseech Thee, to give us perfect resignation to Thy will in our bereavement; and make Thy strength complete in our weakness. Help us to say from our heart: It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good; not our will, but Thine be

done. Assist us by Thy continual grace to be humble, to kiss the rod that chastens us, to acknowledge Thy hand in all things, and to live the life of the righteous; that by Thy power we may overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, that our end may be everlasting peace. O God, our strength is weakness, our knowledge is as nothing, we know not what shall be on the morrow, for what is our life? It is even as a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Yet truly, Thou hast been our help and refuge, from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even the earth and the world were made; Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. A thousand years in Thy sight, are but as yesterday that is past, as a watch in the night. Behold Thou hast made

our days as it were a span long, our age is as nothing, full of uncertainty, change and misery; and every man living is altogether vanity. The days of our years are threescore and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is our strength labour and sorrow, it is soon cut off, and we pass away. When thou rebukest for sin, Thou makest man's beauty, and strength, to consume away as a shadow. Teach us to number our days, that we may fear Thee, and apply our hearts unto wisdom. And now Lord, what is our hope? Truly our hope is in Thee, and Thee only, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet

in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.—Job xix. 25-27.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept; for since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ, shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order, Christ the first-fruits, afterwards they that are Christ's at His coming. But some man will say, how are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come? That which thou sowest, is not quickened except it die. But God giveth it a body, as it hath pleased Him; and to every seed his own body. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour,

it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. The first man is of the earth earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For this corruptible, must put on incorruption, and this mortal, must put on immortality. So when this corruptible, shall have put on incorruption; and this mortal, shall have put on

immortality; then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. I. Cor. xv.

following is to be read at the grave.

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; he fleeth as it were a shadow; and never continueth in one stay. Therefore, what is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?—Heb. ii. 6.

What is man's life? It is like the early cloud, and the morning dew,

which passeth away, as the fleeting shade upon the dial.

He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust. For dust thou wert, and unto dust shalt thou return.—Ps. ciii. 14. Gen. iii. 19.

In the midst of life, we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee O Lord?

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy, to take unto Himself the soul of our dear ~~Brother~~ here departed; we therefore commit ~~his~~ ^{her} body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope, of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body that it may be like unto His glorious body; according to the mighty

working, whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write from henceforth, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.—Rev. xiv. 13.

THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE IS TO BE
READ OVER CHILDREN ONLY.

Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.—Luke xviii. 16.

The Righteous are taken from the evil to come, and shall be had, in everlasting remembrance. Them which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him.

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Therefore He saith, awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.—Eph. v. 14.

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they rise. Awake and sing ye that dwell in the dust, and the earth shall cast out the dead.—Is. xxvi. 19.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth, shall awake to everlasting life.—Dan. xii. 2.

Blessed and holy is he, that hath part in the first resurrection. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and the grave delivered up the dead which were in them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and also the book of life: and the dead

were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.—Rev. xx. 6, 13, 12.

But, I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not. For this we say unto you, by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord; shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout; with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.—1 Thess. iv. 13, 15-18.

Further, hear the comforting words of the Lord who saith, Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John xiv. 27. Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light.—2 Tim. i. 10. That mortality, might be swallowed up of life.—2 Cor. v. 4. The righteous, hath hope in his death.—Prov. xiv. 32. Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His saints.—Ps. cxvi. 15. I will ransom them from the power of the grave, I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues, O grave, I will be thy destruction.—Hos. xiii. 14. For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed, is death.—1 Cor. xv. 25, 26. He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all

faces; and the rebuke of His people shall be taken away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.—Is. xxv. 8. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in which, all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth.—John v. 25, 28, 29. When Christ, who is our life shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.—1 John iii. 2. And Jesus said unto them, Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I myself; handle Me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have. And when He had thus spoken, He showed them His hands and His feet.—Luke xxiv. 38-40. I am He that liveth,

and was dead: and behold I am alive for evermore; Amen: and have the keys of the grave, and of death.—Rev. i. 18. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.—Luke iii. 6. Because I live, ye shall live also.—John xiv. 19.

The righteous shall hear His voice: And they shall come from the the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.—Luke xiii. 29. For now we see through a glass darkly, but then, face to face: now I know in part, but then, shall I know even as also I am known.—1 Cor. xiii. 12. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain,

for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new; write, for these words are true and faithful.—Rev. xxi. 4, 5.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom do live in Paradise the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord; and to whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: we give Thee thanks for that it hath pleased Thee, to deliver this our dear *Brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee that it may please Thee of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thy believing children in Christ — the elect

--and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thine everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We meekly beseech Thee, O God our Heavenly Father, to raise us from the death of sin, unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Christ, as our hope is this our *Brother* doth; and that at the resurrection of the just, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight; and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce, to all that love and fear Thee, saying, Come ye blessed children of my Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: grant this we beseech Thee O merciful

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Father, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Mediator. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

