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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Christian Church was founded by Jesus Christ. It is the company of those who confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. It exists to worship God and do his work in the world. It does so best when all members faithfully play their part.

The Sacrament of Baptism is the means of entry into the Church. At **Confirmation** the Christian professes publicly Jesus as Lord. They receive the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer with the laying on of hands and undertake to play a full responsible part in the life of the Church.

Being a Christian is not easy. To help them to stand firm in the Faith Christians are strengthened and equipped to serve God through the sacrament of **Holy Communion**. This great central act of worship was established by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. There with his disciples, he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me". In the same way he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood". (St. Luke 22, v. 19-20)

At Holy Communion the faith of those who believe is strengthened. Christians take into their hearts and lives the presence of Christ, his love, and his peace. At the same time it strengthens the Christian's will to keep in touch with God, by talking with him in prayer. Prayer helps the Christian live close to God, and to those he loves.

Finally, **the Christian receives** help for living from the Bible. There they find out how God makes himself known to us in Jesus. They are shown how to live and how to serve God by helping other people.

So they who would walk with Christ

should be baptized and confirmed; support the Church loyally; receive Holy Communion regularly; say their prayers daily; read the Bible carefully and as they grow in understanding they will, with God's help, fight what is wrong; believe what is true; and do what is right.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

In prayer we turn to look at God, to talk with him and to listen. Be honest, for he knows what you are and what you feel. These prayers may help, but use your own words too; or simply rest in his presence. If you are weighed down with guilt, and wish to receive assurance of forgiveness and/or spiritual advice; or if you want answers to questions about Faith and Life seek out the Chaplain.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

Morning

Lord at the beginning of another day,
I offer my life to you;
give me strength to carry out my work and duty faithfully;
deepen my trust in you, and help me to build your kingdom,
today and always. Amen.
Lord, help me to be your servant;
remember me, when I forget you, as I go out into the
noise and activity of life. Amen.
Almighty God and Father, help us to be still in your presence, that we may
know ourselves to be your people, and you to be our God: through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

For God's gifts

O God grant to me those things
Which help me to live this day
With joy and generosity.

Give me a sense of proportion,
That I may see what is important
And what is not; that I may not be
Irritated by things which do not matter.

Give me a sense of humour,
That I may learn to laugh,
And especially to laugh at myself,
And not take myself too seriously.

Give me a sense of responsibility,
That I may look on each task that
Comes along as something which I am
Doing for the good of all and for you.
May I not rely on our own poor resources
But on the unlimited power of your love
Which you freely give me in your Holy Spirit.
I make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen

A Prayer of Repentance

O God, I have sinned in thought, word and deed,
I have not loved you as I should;
I have not loved my neighbour as you have commanded;
Father forgive me; in your mercy, forgive what I have been,
help me to change what I am,
direct what I should become,
and keep me safe in your love forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When in Doubt

Lord I have sometimes thought, what if you are not there at all?
Could it be true what many say, that you do not exist at all?
I suppose it could. And yet, at the risk of speaking into darkness,
I ask you to give me a tiny grain of faith.
Reach out to me so that I may find you as I seek you.
I make mine the prayer of the man in the Gospel;

'Lord I believe, help my unbelief'

Amen

When Afraid

Father in Heaven, I believe that you are close to me,
You know me better than I know myself.

I am afraid and anxious.

I do not know what the rest of this day or tomorrow will bring.

Help me to understand that nothing can happen to me

That will take me away from you.

Give me peace of mind and heart.

Keep me safe in your love.

Amen

Prayer for Friends

Father I pray for my friends.

Keep them safe in danger.

Watch over them in their work.

Let them know that you are close to them.

Give them your peace.

In the name of Jesus.

Amen

Death of a Colleague

Give eternal rest to my colleague, Lord,

And let perpetual light shine on him/her.

May he/she rest in peace.

May his/her soul and the souls of all our fallen colleagues

Rest in peace. Amen

Prayer for my Family

Father, I remember before you my family and loved ones at home.

I miss them and think about them often.

Calm their anxieties and worries.

Let them know your peace.

Watch over them and return me safely to them.

Amen

A Prayer of Sorrow

O my God

I am very sorry for having offended you,

And by the help of your grace,

I promise to try not to offend you again.

Amen

An Evening Prayer

Lord it is late and I am tired and far from home.

I am lonely and among strangers.

The day that is past was the usual mixture;

I am not proud of everything I did or said.

I have not always been aware of myself,

Of why I did the things I did

Or adopted certain attitudes.

Stay with me to calm me down

And see me safely asleep.

Bless me with a restful night.

Awaken me to a new day with a glad heart,

Putting behind me my yesterday,

And resolved to live the next at peace with you

And all your creation.

For I know your Holy Spirit is with me

And his power is sufficient for all good things
If I but let him work in me. Amen.

Before going to Sleep

I thank you Lord
That I have reached the end of this day safely.
I thank you for your loving hand of protection over me.
Give me rest.
Let me face the new day refreshed
And resolved to do all that is asked of me.
In the name of Jesus. Amen

When unable to Sleep

Father, I am restless and unable to sleep.
So much is going through my mind.
But I know that you are here with me,
That you never leave my side.
Calm my mind.
Take away the worry and restlessness.
Grant me some restful sleep,
Even for just a few hours.
When I rise, remind me of how close you are to me.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
Amen

A SERVICE FOR USE ON OPERATIONS

A CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant

We have come together in the presence of God, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear his word, to bring before him the needs of the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to seek his grace, that through his Son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

A Hymn may be sung (Page XX)

Officiant: Let us pray:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

OR

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him.
Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life; to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant::

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you/us* pardon and deliver *you/us* from all *your/our* sins, confirm and strengthen *you/us* in all goodness, and keep *you/us* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A LESSON

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that every-one who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour". (*John 3, v. 16-17*)

(a small selection of alternative lessons can be found at page XX.)

A hymn may be sung (page XX)

AN ADDRESS (optional)

The COLLECTS & PRAYERS

Almighty God, protect all who serve in the Forces of the Queen; strengthen us in danger and temptation; give us courage and loyalty, that we may remain true to the highest traditions of our profession; and keep us steady when faced with the perils of action in war; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, bless the world and give it your peace;
where there is hatred, give love;
where there is injury, give pardon;
where there is doubt, give faith;
where there is despair, give hope;
where there is darkness, give light;
where there is sadness, give joy;
and help me to bring these gifts of yours to others,
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for the day may be said with other prayers. A selection of suitable prayers can be found at page 14.

A Hymn may be sung (Page 23).

A Prayer of Dedication.

All:

**Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your
holy word.**

**May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve all in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

BIBLE READINGS

God's Gift

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that every-one who believes in him may not die

but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its Saviour". (*John 3, v. 16-17*)

God's Requirements

"What shall I bring to the Lord, the God of heaven, when I come to worship him? Shall I bring the best calves to burn as offerings to him? Will the Lord be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep or endless streams of olive-oil? Shall I offer him my first-born child to pay for my sins? No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God".

(Micah 6, v. 6-8)

or

"I will bring my people back to me. I will love them with all my heart; no longer am I angry with them.

I will be to the people of Israel like rain in a dry land.

They will blossom like flowers; they will be firmly rooted like the trees of Lebanon.

They will be alive with new growth, and beautiful like olive trees.

They will be fragrant like the cedars of Lebanon.

Once again they will live under my protection.

They will flourish like a garden and be fruitful like a vineyard.

They will be as famous as the wine of Lebanon.

The people of Israel will have nothing more to do with idols;

I will answer their prayers and take care of them;

Like an evergreen tree I will shelter them;

I am the source of all their blessings".

(Hosea 14, v. 4-8)

The Armour of God

"Finally, build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power. Put on all the armour that God gives you, so that you will be able to stand up against the Devil's evil tricks. For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age. So put on God's armour now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks; and after fighting to the end you will still hold your ground.

So stand ready, with truth as a belt tight round your waist, with righteousness as your breastplate, and as your shoes the readiness to announce the Good News of peace. At all times carry faith as a shield; for with it you will be able to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One. And accept salvation as a helmet, and the word of God as the sword which the Spirit gives you. Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people.

(Ephesians 6, v. 10-18)

The Roman Soldier

"When Jesus entered Capernaum, a Roman officer met him and begged for help: "Sir, my servant is sick in bed at home, unable to move and suffering terribly". "I will go and make him well," Jesus said, "Oh no, sir", answered the officer. "I do not deserve to have you come into my house. Just give the order, and my servant will get well, I, too, am a man under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and I order that one, 'Come!' and he comes; and I order my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it". When Jesus heard this, he was surprised and said to the people following him, "I tell you, I have never found anyone in Israel with faith like this".

(Matthew 8, v. 5-10)

The Birth of Jesus

"At that time the Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken through-out the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own town. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judaea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger-there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

(Luke 2, v. 1-7)

The Cross

"Two other men, both of them criminals, were also led out to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place called "The Skull", they crucified Jesus there, and the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing". They divided his clothes among themselves by throwing a dice. The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders jeered at him: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!" The soldiers also mocked him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!" Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews". One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying

"Don't you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong". And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him "I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me".

(Luke 23, v. 32-43)

The Resurrection / The Empty Tomb

"Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen wrappings, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there and the cloth which had been round Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen wrappings but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. *(John 20, v. 1-8)*

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene

"Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her. She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!" Then she turned round and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. "Woman, why are you crying" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?" She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him". Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned towards him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This means "Teacher".) "Do not hold on to me", Jesus told her, "because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God". So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her". *(John 20, v. 11-18)*

The Walk to Emmaus

"On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?" They stood still, with sad faces. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?" "What things?" he asked. "The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth", they answered. "This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in every-thing he said and did. Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him. Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?" And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets. As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark". So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" *(Luke 24, v. 13-32)*

Pentecost - The Gift of the Spirit

"When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak". *(Acts 2, v. 1-4)*

The Lost Son

Jesus went on to say, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now'. So the man divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat. At last he came to his senses and said. 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers'. So

he got up and started back to his father. He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms round his son, and kissed him. 'Father', the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son'. But the father called his ser-vants. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go and get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a feast! For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found'. And so the feasting began". *(Luke 15, v. 11-24)*

Victory in Christ

"Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below-there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord". *(Romans 8, v. 35, 37-39)*

The Nature of Love

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. *(1 Corinthians 13)*

COMMUNAL PRAYERS

Worship

Lord God, we come to worship you.
You are the source of all that is;
Before we were born, before time began or the universe
came into being, you were;
And when time is finished, and the universe is no more,
You will still be;
We are as nothing before you,
Hold us fast in your love, for without you
we cannot exist. **Amen.**

A Morning Prayer

Almighty and everlasting Father,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger;
order us in all our doings;
and guide us to do always
what is right in your eyes;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Queen and all in Authority

Almighty God, bless our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, and all who are set in authority under her in Parliament, and State, and in the Forces. Grant that they may order all things with wisdom, and in the spirit of reconcili-ation and peace; for the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Peace and Peace-keepers

Almighty God, inspire in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, especially in those who direct the nations of the earth. May your Holy Spirit strengthen all who strive to maintain peace and resolve conflict. May your grace be given to those who seek to build bridges between people; this we ask in

the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For our Enemies

Lord Jesus Christ, before whose judgement seat we shall all stand, we pray, as you have taught us, for our enemies; so turn their hearts and ours that we all may truly repent; and grant that they and we, being cleansed from sin, may know and do your will. For you were lifted up upon the cross to draw all people to yourself, our Saviour, our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

For our Homes and Families

Heavenly Father whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, did share with Joseph and Mary the life of an earthly home; bless, we pray you, our homes and all those whom we love; guard, guide and protect them and keep them safe from all evil this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

For Guidance

Lord, you are the Light of the world,
illuminate our understanding;
Lord, you are the Good Shepherd,
enfold us in your love;
Lord, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life,
guide us along our earthly path;
Lord, you are the Bread of Life,
fill us with your power;
Lord, you are the Resurrection and the Life,
give us eternal life, and receive us beyond the gate of death. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Ignatius

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Sir Francis Drake

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work, laid down his life; our redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For Faithfulness

Grant O God, that we who have been signed with the sign of the cross in our baptism, may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; but may fight under his banner against sin, the world and the devil; and continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end. **Amen.**

For Freedom and Justice

Almighty God, give us grace fearlessly to fight against evil, and to make no peace with oppression. Grant that we may use our freedom to maintain justice among men and nations; to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Courage in Battle

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the guardian, sustainer and guide of all who put their trust in you, grant us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may always live up to what we are called to be. Grant us the gifts of inward vision, determination, and strength that we may approach the varied duties, tasks and dangers ahead of us with faith, with confidence and with courage and thus in all things be more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Inner Peace

Set free, O God, our souls from all restlessness and anxiety; that amid the storms of life we may rest in you, knowing that we are in your care, are governed by your will and guarded by your love. **Amen.**

For the Suffering

Almighty Father, giver of life and hope, look mercifully upon all who are sick, *and especially.....* Give them strength and hope in their hour of need; and sustain with your grace, all who minister to

them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died for all men. **Amen.**

A Commendation of the Departed

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend the souls of all our comrades (*especially.....*) as into the hands of a loving Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Evening Prayers

Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness Lord, we pray, and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers from the Catholic Tradition

Memorial of the Incarnation - The Angelus (Dawn, Midday and Sunset)

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,

And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

Now, and at the hour of our death.

'Behold, the handmaid of the Lord';

'Let it be to me according to your word.'

Hail Mary...

The Word was made flesh

And went among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech you, O Lord, to pour your grace into our hearts;

That as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer to Our Lady

Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!

Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,

To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and wailing in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us,

And after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus. **Amen.**

Prayer from the Orthodox Tradition

The Kontakion - a Prayer for the Dead

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

where sorrow and pain are no more;

neither sighing but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:

and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,

and unto earth we shall return.

For so you ordained when you created me, saying:

'Dust you are, and unto dust you shall return.'

All of us go down to the dust, yet weeping at the grave,
we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A Thanksgiving

Lord God, we thank you for the good things of life; for our freedom and our heritage; for those who have shaped our lives for good; for all who give us love and joy; and most of all for our faith and the hope of eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessings

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now
and for evermore. **Amen.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellow-ship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE DYING

We pray, gracious Father, for those whose earthly life is drawing to its close, that you will grant them the comfort of your presence. Relieve all distress, remove every fear, and give peace now and at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who while dying gave your spirit into the hands of your heavenly Father have mercy on

May death be to *him/her* the door to everlasting life. Be close to *him/her* in these last hours. **Amen.**

Go forward on your journey from this world, Christian soul.
In the name of God the Father who created you.
In the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for you.
In the name of the Holy Spirit who gives you strength. **Amen.**

Song of Christ's Glory

Lord now you let your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation;
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations;
and the glory of your people Israel.

SHORTENED FORM OF BURIAL SERVICE

This form may be used on active service or in the absence of a Chaplain.

When the body has been placed in the grave the officiant says:

Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and I am the life, he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *(St. John 11, 25, 26)*

PSALM 23.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

2. He will make me lie down in green pastures;

and lead me beside still waters.

3. He will refresh my soul;
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me,
your rod and your staff comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my
cup will be full.
6. Surely your goodness and loving kindness
will follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

and/or The Lesson

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me".
(John 14, v. 1-6)

Officiant:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

While some earth is cast upon the body the Officiant says:

We entrust into your merciful hands Father, the soul of our *Brother/Sister N* and we 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I heard a voice from heaven, saying, Write this:

"Happy are the dead, who die in the faith of Christ!
Henceforth", says the spirit, "they rest from their labours".

Let us pray.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: Lord, have Mercy upon us.

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant:

O Lord, support us all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Officiant:

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

BURIAL AT SEA

The following form may be used either for the committal of a body or ashes at sea.

Officiant: I heard a voice from heaven saying: "Write this: "Happy are the dead who die in the faith of Christ! Henceforth," says the Spirit, "they may rest from their labours; for they take with them the record of their deeds.""

The service proceeds with the psalm and Gospel reading as the burial service (above) and then the Committal:

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: slow to anger and of great goodness. As a father is tender towards his children, so is the Lord tender to those that fear him. For he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are but dust. The days of man are but as grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone and its place will know it no more. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever towards those that fear him: and his righteousness upon their children's children. (Psalm 103.13-17).

The body or casket of ashes is committed to the sea during the following:

Officiant: We have entrusted our *brother/sister (N.)* to God's merciful keeping. And we now commit *his/her body (ashes)* to the deep, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again for us. To him be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Note: Ashes are to be committed to the sea in a suitably weighted, enclosed casket. Under no circumstances are they to be scattered at sea.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Chaplain

"Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

We are come together to mourn for our comrade and to pray for *his/her* bereaved family and friends.

As Christians, we believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him. Therefore in faith and hope we offer our prayers of trust and thanksgiving to God. Facing the certainty of our own death and judgement we yet proclaim that Christ is indeed risen, and that all who believe in him will rise with him.

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and sure hope: Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 23

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therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He will make me lie down in green pastures;
and lead me beside still waters.
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and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me,
your rod and your staff comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my
cup will be full.
6. Surely your goodness and loving kindness
will follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Chaplain:

We remember with thanksgiving at God's Throne of Grace all those who have died during operational service. We remember this day especially:
Merciful God, you have made us all and given your Son for our redemption. We commend our *brother/sister* to your perfect mercy and wisdom, for in you alone we put our trust. Amen.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn; at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Response:

We will remember them.

The Last Post

Silence

The Reveille

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Address

Chaplain:

Let us pray:

The Service or Regimental Collect

A Prayer for the Armed Services:

O Lord our God, we commend to thy gracious care and keeping the men and women of the Armed Services, especially those now serving in We beseech thee to protect them from all danger to body and soul; to give them a loyal, courageous and disciplined spirit; to instill in them the love of justice and liberty, and to grant that they may be called to serve only for the establishment of peace throughout the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Bereaved:

Give faith and comfort, O Lord, to all who are bereaved and in sorrow, especially to: The Family, Strengthen them and their friends to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience, but in thankful remembrance of your mercy in the past, and waiting for that joyful reunion in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Rest:

O Lord, support us all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

HYMNS

- 1. All people that on earth to dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore

- 2. Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace.
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see

That Christ is all in all to thee.

3. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light.
Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia!

O Blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia!

4. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

5. Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.
Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, etc.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark, etc.

6. He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound-
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

7. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

8. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee

- 9 I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
From whence doth come mine aid;
My safety cometh from the Lord,
Who heaven and earth hath made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will
He slumber that thee keeps;
Behold, He that keeps Israel,
He slumbers not, nor sleeps

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
On thy right hand doth stay;
The moon by night thee shall not smite,
Nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thy soul;
He shall Preserve thee from all ill
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

10. Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- 11 Mine eyes have seen the glory of
the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where
the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fatal lightning of
His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
before His judgment-seat;
O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him;
be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was
born across the sea.
With a glory in His bosom that
transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us
live to make men free,
While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the
morning on the wave;
He is wisdom to the mighty; He is
succour to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool,
and the soul of time His slave; Our God is marching on!

12. O Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God,
Begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him, etc.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; 'Glory to God
In the highest;'
O come, let us adore him, etc.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, etc

- 13 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

14. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still.
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

15. Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus Going on before,
Christ the royal Master Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See, his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus Going on before

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, On to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise,
Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus Going on before.

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod;

We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus Going on before.

Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus Going on before

- 16 O Worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is his path on the winds of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end.
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above.
Thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise

- 17 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,

Dwellers all in time and space;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

- 18 Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright;
Round yon Virgin and her Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night;
shepherds quail at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born;
Christ the Saviour is born;

Silent night, holy night;
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace;
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth;
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth;

- 19 Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
With all his strength endured;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God

From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day;

That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.

20. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army he shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The solemn watchword hear;
If while ye sleep he suffers,
Away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
Within you or without,
Charge for the God of battles,
And put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
When duty calls or danger
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

- 21 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale
yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

- 22 There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming Blood,
And try his works to do.

- 23 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting;
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

24. When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the Cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

- 25 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood

upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

- 26 Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred
let me bring Your love; where there is injury,
Your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt,
true faith in You

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul,*

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life
let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy, ... O Master,

Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive; and in dying
that we're born to eternal life

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- 27 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy host above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

28. NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,

Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

APPROVED SHORT FORM OF JEWISH BURIAL SERVICE

This service takes about 5 minutes but, if the operational situation cannot allow this, the service may be started from the place marked with an asterisk. This form may be used on active service or, in the absence of a chaplain, by the person supervising the burial.

Significant ritual: For Reformed or Liberal Jews there are no special ritual requirements. No mutilation of the body is allowed (unless there is a legal requirement for post mortem examination) but there is no prohibition on the removal of organs for transplant. The body should not be washed and all physical contact with the body, except with the use of disposable gloves, should be avoided. Where possible, the body should be wrapped in a plain white sheet. Ideally, the burial should take place within 24 hrs and, ordinarily, cremation is forbidden.

The Officiant says:

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are judgement: a God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is he. The Rock, perfect in every work, who can say unto him "What werkest thou?" He ruleth below and above; he killeth and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up again. The Rock, perfect in every deed, who can say unto him "What doest thou?" O thou who speakest and doest, of thy grace deal kindly with us and for the sake of him who was bound like a lamb, O hearken and do. Just in all thy ways art thou, O perfect Rock, slow to anger and full of compassion. Spare and have pity upon parents and children for thine, Lord, is forgiveness and compassion. Just art thou, O Lord, in killing and in making alive, in whose hand is the charge of all spirits; far be it from thee to blot out our remembrance. O let thine eyes mercifully regard us for thine, Lord, is compassion and forgiveness. If a man live a year or a thousand years, what profiteth it him? He shall be as though he had not been. Blessed be the true Judge, who killeth and maketh alive. Blessed be he, for his judgement is true, and his eye discerneth all things and he awardeth unto man his reckoning and his sentence and all must render acknowledgement unto him.

***We know, O Lord, that thy judgement is righteous. Thou art justified when thou speakest, and pure when thou judgest, and it is not for us to murmur at thy method of judging; just art thou, O Lord, and righteous are thy judgements. O true and righteous Judge, blessed be the true Judge, all whose judgements are righteous and true. The soul of every living thing is in thy hand; thy right hand is full of righteousness. Have mercy upon the remnant of the flock of thy hand and say unto the angel "Stay thy hand". Thou art great in counsel and mighty in deed; thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the children of men, to give unto every one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. To declare that the Lord is upright; he is my Rock and there is no unrighteousness in him. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. And He, being merciful, forgiveth iniquity and destroyeth not; yea, many a time he turneth his anger away and doth not stir up all his wrath.**

The body is borne to the grave:

Blessed be the Lord our God, the King of the Universe, who formed you in judgement, who nourished and sustained you in judgement, who brought death on you in judgement, who knowest the number of you all in judgement, and will hereafter restore you to life in judgement. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who quickenest the dead. Thou, O Lord, art mighty for ever, thou quickenest the dead, thou art mighty to save. Thou sustainest the living with loving kindness, quickenest the dead with great mercy, supportest the failing, healest the sick, loosest the bound and keepest Thy faith to them that sleep in the dust. Who is like unto Thee, Lord of Mighty Acts, and who resemblest Thee, O Lord, who killest and quickenest and causest salvation to spring forth? Yea, faithful art Thou to quicken the dead.

When the body is lowered into the grave, the following is said:

May he/she come to his/her place in peace.

APPROVED SHORT FORM OF HINDU BURIAL SERVICE

This form may be used on active service or, in the absence of a chaplain, by the person supervising the burial.

Significant ritual: Whenever possible, it is customary for Hindus to die on the floor, rather than on a bed. After death, non-Hindus should wear gloves when touching or moving the body, and a plain white sheet, if available, should be used to cover the body. Although post mortem examination is regarded with distaste, but accepted if legally required, there are no religious prohibitions regarding the donation of organs for transplant. Hindus are always cremated, although it is very unlikely that facilities will be available in a JOA; temporary burial, if repatriation cannot be imminently arranged, should therefore be undertaken. Disposal of the body should ideally occur on the day of death but always with the least possible delay.

The following English translation of Hindu prayers is to be used:

Thou art the Primal God, Ancient Being. Thou art the final resting of this Universe. Thou art the Knower, the Knowledge and the Supreme Abode. By Thee is the Universe pervaded and Thy form is infinite.

When one layeth his worn-out robes away, and, taking new ones, sayeth "These will I wear today" so putteth by the Spirit lightly its garb of flesh and passeth to inherit a residence afresh.

Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be, never; never was time it was not; End and Beginning are dreams. Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit for ever; Death hath not touched it at all, Death though the body of it seems.

This no weapons wound, this no fire burns; this no waters wet, this no wind doth dry.

For certain is the death of the born and certain is the birth of the dead; therefore, grieve not for what is inevitable.

The end and the beginning of beings are unknown. We see only the intervening formations. Then what cause is there for grief?

I know the Supreme Absolute Being who is full of splendour like the sun far beyond the darkness of ignorance. By knowing Him alone can one conquer death and attain bliss. There is no other path for the attainment of salvation.

He who is the giver of physical vigour and spiritual force; He whose order is carried out by all the luminous objects and by the enlightened persons; whose grace is immortality and whose disfavour is death, to that all-blissful Divinity we offer our humble worship.

O Mortal! After thy death, may all the components of thy body be merged into the five elements of this Earth; thine eyes be absorbed in the Sun and thy breath be absorbed into the atmosphere. May thy other parts be merged into appropriate elements. And, in accordance with the meritorious deed thou hast performed here, may thy spirit dwell in the appropriate body.

O effulgent God! Thou art the dispenser of justice; thou awardest everyone according to his or her deeds. Peace be to the spirit of this dead body in the westward direction. May there be peace to this spirit also in the East, the North and the South and all other directions. O all-knowing and all-illuminator God! Thou art the Creator, the Sustainer and the Destroyer of this Universe. May Thou bestow a worthy abode to this soul.

O Mortal! By thy austerity and enlightenment, and by thy good deeds, attain the bliss in heaven and join the company of thy ancestors. Be free from all sins and once again may thy spirit inherit an enlightened body full of lustre. And once again may thou come to this world to perform noble deeds.

The spirit which is immortal is not made of five elements and cannot be perished. This body will be reduced to ashes and dust. Therefore, O Mortal, remember the Almighty Om, and with Him thy past deeds, as by doing so can one attain salvation.

Everything perishes with the death of the body. It is only Dharma that is our real friend which even after death remains with the spirit. Therefore do not allow the Dharma to perish, for perished Dharma brings about our own destruction.

O Supreme Spirit! Lead us from untruth to truth; lead us from darkness to light; lead us from death to immortality.

APPROVED SHORT FORM OF BUDDHIST BURIAL SERVICE

This form may be used on active service or, in the absence of a chaplain, by the person supervising the burial.

Significant ritual: There are no special ritual requirements regarding Buddhists and, since helping others is fundamental to Buddhism, there are no objections to transplant surgery.

In the presence of the body, the Officiant says:

**Homage to the Buddha, the All-Enlightened One.
Homage to the Buddha, the teaching He expounded so well.
Homage to the Buddha, the Order of the Buddha's disciples.**

**Whatever is created is sure to have its end,
Its nature is to arise and pass away.
When what was born goes back to the unarisen,
Then there is calm and peace.**

**We return this body which we once knew as (*name*) to the Earth, its true owner. As the elements break up,
may the departed one find release from the turmoil of life into the peace of deathlessness.**

**Those who cross to the further shore are few;
Most people only run up and down the bank.
Difficult though it be to escape,
Those who practice according to the Truth
Will surely go beyond Death's realm.**

APPROVED SHORT FORM OF ISLAMIC BURIAL

This form may be used on active service or, in the absence of a chaplain, by the person supervising the burial.

Significant ritual: There are many variations in the practice of Islam. In general, non-Muslims touching the body should wear gloves and the body should not be washed. The head should be turned towards the right shoulder before rigor mortis begins and then, when practicable, the remains should be wrapped in a plain white sheet. Ordinarily, Muslims are never cremated and burial should occur as quickly as possible. Mutilation of the remains, including post mortem examination (unless legally required) is unacceptable to Muslims; it follows that organs cannot be removed for transplant.

Before the body has been placed in the grave, the Officiant and all those present say:

Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget or fall into error;

Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which you did lay on those before us;

Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have the strength to bear. Blot out our sins and grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our Protector. Amen.

The Officiant says:

From the Earth did we create you and (*the body is placed in the grave*) and into it shall we return you, and from it shall we bring you out once again.

APPROVED SHORT FORM OF SIKH BURIAL SERVICE

Following the death of a Sikh, the body is to be handled with every respect with particular attention paid to the Sikh symbols of 5 K's – Kesh (unshorn hair), Kangha (comb), Kachha (shorts), Karha (steel bracelet), Kirpan (sword or knife), which should not be removed.

When death occurs, all should exclaim:

Wahegru, Wahegru, Wahegru (the Wonderful Lord) (Wailing or lamentation is discouraged.)

The following Hymn should be recited and repeated as time permits.

There is Only One Universal Creator God

Truth is His Name

He is the Creator, Protector, Without Fear, No Enmity, The First Entity, Without Incarnations, Self-perpetuating; With the Guru's grace:

Recite His Name, Chant and meditate

True in the beginning, True Through the Ages, True even now and says Nanak will be True in the future

When the service ends the following greeting should be said:

Waheguru Ji ka Khalsa

Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

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