

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE



The Burial of the Dead Rites 1 and 2

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THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

RITE ONE

THE FUNERAL

RECEPTION OF THE BODY

The Celebrant meets the body at the door of the Church and says:

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our *brother/sister* N. for burial. Our *brother/sister* was washed in Holy Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore, with confidence, pray to God our Heavenly Father, the Giver of life, that He will raise him/her to perfection in the company of the Saints.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our *brother/sister* N. We thank you for giving him (her) to us, his (her) family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The Reception may take place within the Church after the Sentences have been read.

One or more Sentences may be read.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and who ever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11:25-26*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed. *Lamentations 3:22-23*

Jesus said, Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. *John 14:1*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord, so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. *Romans 14:8-9*

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: blessed be the name of the Lord. *Job 1:21*

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33:27*

Then may follow a hymn, anthem, or canticle, or the following.

The refrain alone may be said or sung.

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

Lord you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

Holy God,
holy and mighty,

holy immortal,
have mercy upon us.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

One of these Collects shall be said.

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

Either:

Almighty God, we remember before you today your servant N., and we pray that, having opened to (him/her) the gates of larger life, you will receive (him/her) more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have served you in the past, (he/she) may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

or:

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Burial of a Child

Heavenly Father, whose Son our Saviour took little children into His arms and blessed them: receive, we pray, your child N. in your never-failing care and love, comfort all who have loved (him/her) on earth, and bring us all to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One, two or three lessons may be read from the following list or from the lessons appointed for the day. If only one reading is used, this must be a passage from the Gospel.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah 61:1-3

Job 19:21-27a
 Wisdom 3:1-5, 9
 Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 15:2-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58
 11 Corinthians 4:16-5:9
 Ephesians 3:14-19
 1 John 3:1-2
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Revelation 7:9-17
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Revelation 21:2-7

GOSPEL

John 5:24-27
 John 14:1-6
 John 6:37-40
 John 20:1-9
 John 10:11-16
 Mark 10:13-16
 John 11:21-27

If there is more than one reading, between readings a psalm or hymn or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate psalms are.

PSALMS

23, 42, 90, 116, 130

ANTHEM:

Christ our Passover

Te Deum Part 2

THE SERMON

The president may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the Creed.

PRESIDENT: Let us with confidence and hope confess the faith into which we were baptized, as we say,

ALL

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
 right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

One of the following forms of Intercession may be used.

A**PRESIDENT OR LEADER**

For our *brother/sister* N., let us pray to the Lord Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

LEADER: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for N., and dry the tears of those who weep.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend, comfort us in our sorrow.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: You raised the dead to life; raise our *brother/sister* to eternal life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our *brother/sister* to the joys of heaven.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: Our *brother/sister* was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him (her) fellowship with all your saints.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: He (she) was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him (her) a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our *brother/sister* let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

B

LEADER: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with Him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us

in holiness and righteousness all our days.

PEOPLE: Hear us Lord.

LEADER: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord.

Silence may be kept.

C

LEADER: We pray for those who mourn
We commemorate the departed

LEADER: Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead for the salvation of all. Grant, Lord, that your servant may know the fullness of life which you have promised to those who love you.

Lord in your mercy:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Be close to those who mourn: increase their faith in your undying love.

Lord in your mercy:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: May we be strengthened in our faith, live the rest of our lives in fellowship with your Son, and be ready when you call us to the fullness of life.

Lord in your mercy:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Show your mercy to the dying, strengthen them with hope, and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.

Lord in your mercy:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The president concludes with one of the following or some other prayer.

PRESIDENT: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our *brother/sister* N., who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his (her) death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

OR: Father of all, we pray to you for N., and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May he/she and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

For other prayers which may be used in place of the above see Appendix page 384 - 386

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

The Service continues with the Prayer over the Offerings, Form A page 126

The Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead is used.

POST COMMUNION

In place of the usual Post Communion prayer, the following is said.

ALL

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fulness of joy with all your saints, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

The president and other ministers take their place at the body.

This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn may be sung or said.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The president facing the body says:

Let us commend our *brother/sister* N. to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer

Deliver your servant, N. O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him/her free from every bond; that he/she may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant N. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him (her) into the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

The president, or the bishop, if present, may then bless the people, and a deacon or other minister may dismiss them, saying:

MINISTER: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be sung or said.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in His Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the Martyrs receive you, and bring you into the Holy city Jerusalem.

Or one of these Canticles.

Benedictus

Nunc Dimittis (KJV)

Nunc Dimittis

Christ our Passover

Te Deum (KJV)

Te Deum (BOCP)

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RITE TWO

THE FUNERAL EUCHARIST

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V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray

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ALL: Amen.

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One or more Sentences may be read.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Silence may be kept; after which the minister says one of the following Collects.

At the Burial of an Adult

MINISTER:

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant N., being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory: who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

or

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant N., and grant him (her) an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

At the Burial of a Child

MINISTER:

Heavenly Father, whose Son our Saviour took little children into his arms and blessed them: receive, we pray, your child N. in your never-failing care and love, comfort all who have loved him (her) on earth, and bring us all to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

*The First Reading (from the Old or New Testament)
(see the list of readings - Rite One above).
A psalm or hymn may be said or sung.*

*The Second Reading (from the Gospel)
(see the list of Readings Rite One above).*

THE SERMON

The Minister may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the Creed.

PRESIDENT: Let us with confidence and hope, confess the faith into which we were baptized, as we say,

ALL

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth
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He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
 right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

A hymn may be sung, or Te Deum part 2.

ALL:

You Christ are the King of glory:
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free:
you did not abhor the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death:
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory:
we believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then Lord and help your people:
bought with the price of your own blood;
and bring us with your saints:

to glory everlasting.

THE PRAYERS

MINISTER: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

MINISTER: Lord, have mercy.

ALL

V. Blessed be God our Father:

R. The Creator and Preserver of all life.

V. Blessed be Jesus Christ:

R. The Saviour and Redeemer of mankind.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

V. Blessed be the Holy Spirit:

**R. The Enabler and Sustainer of those who seek for
grace.**

V. The Lord be with you:

R. And also with you.

MINISTER:

Grant us, Lord, the wisdom and the grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth. Lead us to repent of our sins, the evil we have done and the good we have not done; and strengthen us to follow the steps of your Son, in the way that leads to the fulness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Additional prayers may be said here.

A hymn may be sung.

THE COMMENDATION

Either A

MINISTER:

Let us commend our *brother/sister* N. to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

Heavenly Father, by your mighty power you have given us new life in Christ Jesus. We entrust N. to your merciful keeping: in the faith of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who died and rose again to save us, and is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever.

ALL: Amen.

or

B. *See Commendation Rite above*
 "Into your hands, O merciful Saviour..."

Then may be said:

V. Rest eternal grant to him (her), O Lord;

R. And let light perpetual shine upon him (her).

MINISTER: May he/she and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ALL: Amen.

The minister dismisses the people with these words:

MINISTER: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

PEOPLE: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

MINISTER: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

or with the following:

MINISTER:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

As the body is borne from the church, anthems and canticles may be said or sung.

(See Rite One above).

THE COMMITTAL

The Consecration of a Grave

If the grave is in a place that has not previously been set apart for Christian burial, the priest may use the following prayer, either before the service or Committal or at some other convenient time.

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulchre in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that he (she) whose Body is (is to be) buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following anthem may be sung or said.

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through His indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

One or more of the following Sentences may be said.

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."

Man born of a woman has but a short time to live. Like a flower he blossoms and then withers; like a shadow he flees and never stays.

In the midst of life we are in death; to whom can we turn for help, but to you, Lord, who are justly angered by our sins?

Lord God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death. You know the secrets of our hearts: in your mercy hear our prayer, forgive us our sins, and at our last hour let us not fall away from you.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the minister says these words:

MINISTER: In sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother N. (sister N.) and we commit his (her) body to the ground; *earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. And we beseech you in your infinite goodness to give us grace to live in your dear love and to die in your favour that when your well-beloved Son shall come again in judgment both this our *brother/sister* N. and we ourselves may be found acceptable in your sight. Grant this for the

sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*or the deep, or, the elements, or, its resting place.

The minister may say:

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

MINISTER: Let us pray.

One or more of the following prayers may be said:

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity; we give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life: Raise us, we humbly pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness that when we depart this life we may rest in Him, and at the resurrection receive that blessing which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce: "Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the Spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then may be said:

MINISTER: Rest eternal grant to him (her), O Lord;

PEOPLE: And let light perpetual shine upon him (her).

MINISTER: May he (she) and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PEOPLE: Amen.

MINISTER: The Lord bless him (her) and keep him (her), the Lord make His face to shine upon him (her) and be gracious to him (her) the Lord lift up His countenance upon him (her) and give him (her) peace.

The minister then dismisses the people with these words:

MINISTER: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

PEOPLE: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

MINISTER: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

or with the following.

MINISTER: Unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Additional Prayers

1. O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind: grant us, with your servant N. and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2. Hear, Lord, the prayers of your people, as we remember before you N. our brother (sister): and grant that we who confess your Name on earth may with him (her) be made perfect in the kingdom of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3. Father in heaven, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to

suffering and to death on the cross, and raised Him to life in glory. Grant us a patient faith in time of darkness, and strengthen our hearts with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4. Father of all, by whose mercy and grace your saints remain in everlasting light and peace: we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love but see no longer; and we pray that in them your perfect will may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5. Remember, O Lord, this your servant, who has gone before us with the sign of faith, and now rests in the sleep of peace. According to your promises, grant to him (her) and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light, and peace; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6. Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that men are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of your son N. (daughter N.) for the love and mercy he (she) received from you and showed among us. Above all we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed: that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with our *brother/sister* that clearer vision, when we shall see your face in the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

7. O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favour with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

