

Liturgy of Interment

We gather here to commend our sister to God, and to commit her body to the earth.

from **Psalm 91**, from **Psalm 121**

One who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
God is my refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains:
From where comes my help?
My help is from the Holy Blessed One,
Creator of the heavens and the earth.

God will keep us from harm,
God will watch over our life
God will watch our coming and going,
Now and forever more.

Prayer of Committal

Almighty God, Creator of heavens and earth.
Each morning You restore our souls to us with faithfulness,
Each night You order the stars on their appointed paths through heaven's dome.
You created this earth, and shaped us from its atoms.
Today we return one of Your children to the earth from which we came.

May this place be a fitting resting-place.
May the memory of this soil, this air, this togetherness
Be a comfort to those who mourn in days to come.
Look with favor on those who mourn
and comfort them in their grief.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David:

God is my shepherd, I shall not want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures,

God leads me beside still waters

To restore my soul;

God leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of God's name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil,

for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You set a table before me

in the presence of my enemies

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Truly goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life

And I will dwell

in the house of the Lord forever.

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 who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

Forever and ever,

Amen.

In Your light

May the memory of _____ endure among us as a blessing. In Your own time, O God, when we too are called to enter eternity, may we leave this life secure in the faith that in Your light we shall see light. In life and in death, we cannot go where You are not; and where you are, hope endures. Sustained by this assurance, we invoke Your name, Almighty God.

God, Full of Compassion

God, full of compassion, who dwells on high:
Grant peace beneath the shelter of Your presence
To this beloved soul.
Let her rest in the heights of the holy and pure
Who shine with the splendor of the heavens.
May she rest in the garden of Eden.
Please, Source of Mercy,
Guard her beneath the protection of Your wings
For all eternity.
Bind her soul in the bonds of life.
You are her inheritance.
May she rest in peace.
And let us say: Amen.

Prayer of farewell

(spoken by officiant; each phrase is repeated by the assembled community, to the mourners)

May the Source of all
Bring you comfort
Along with all who mourn
Here and everywhere.

Now go forth in peace, to life.