

# Funeral Service

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Greeting

**Minister:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

**Minister:** The Lord be with you

R. And also with you.

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

**Minister:** The Lord God lives in his holy temple yet abides in our midst.  
Since in baptism Sarah became God's temple  
and the Spirit of God lived in her,  
with reverence we bless her mortal body.

### Entrance Procession

The priest and deacon precede the coffin and the mourners into the church.

### Music or hymn

### Placing of Christian Symbols

Symbols of the Christian life are placed on the coffin.

### Bible

**Minister:** May Christ greet Sarah with these words of eternal life:  
Come blessed of my Father!

### Cross

**Minister:** In baptism Sarah received the sign of the cross.  
May she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

### Hymn (if one has not already been sung)

### Invitation to Prayer

### Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Readings

#### First Reading

At the end of the reading the reader says the following:

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

### **Second Reading (optional)**

**At the end of the reading the reader says the following:**

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And also with you.

**Minister:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...

**R.** Glory to you, O Lord.

**The minister reads the Gospel at the end of which he says:**

**Minister:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Homily**

### **General Intercessions**

#### **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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

## Concluding Prayer

## FINAL COMMENDATION

### Eulogy

### Invitation to Prayer

### Silence

### Signs of Farewell

The coffin is sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of baptism and incensed, during which the song of farewell is sung.

### Song of Farewell

### Prayer of Commendation

## PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

**Minister:** In peace let us take N. to his/her place of rest.

The symbols of Christian life are removed at this time.

The procession then begins: the presiding minister and assisting ministers preceded the coffin; the family and mourners follow.

### Music or hymn