

# A FUNERAL LITURGY

(From the ELW)

Prelude:

## GATHERING

CELEBRANT: BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE SOURCE OF ALL MERCY AND THE GOD OF ALL CONSOLATION, WHO COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR SORROWS SO THAT WE CAN COMFORT OTHERS IN THEIR SORROWS WITH THE CONSOLATION WE OURSELVES HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*[The Pall is placed upon the casket or urn]*

CELEBRANT: WHEN WE WERE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS, WE WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH. WE WERE BURIED THEREFORE WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH, SO THAT AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MIGHT LIVE A NEW LIFE. FOR IF WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH HIM IN A DEATH LIKE HIS, WE SHALL CERTAINLY BE UNITED WITH HIM IN A RESURRECTION LIKE HIS.

CELEBRANT: ETERNAL GOD, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WHO FORMED US FROM THE DUST OF THE EARTH, WHO BY YOUR BREATH GAVE US LIFE, WE GLORIFY YOU.

**People: We glorify you.**

LAY-LITURGIST: *JESUS CHRIST, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, WHO SUFFERED DEATH FOR ALL HUMANITY, WHO ROSE FROM THE GRAVE TO OPEN THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE, WE PRAISE YOU.*

**People: We praise you.**

LAY-LITURGIST: *HOLY SPIRIT, AUTHOR AND GIVER OF LIFE, THE COMFORTER OF ALL WHO SORROW, OUR SURE CONFIDENCE AND EVERLASTING HOPE, WE WORSHIP YOU.*

**People: We worship you.**

LAY-LITURGIST: *TO YOU, O BLESSED TRINITY, BE GLORY AND HONOR, FOREVER AND EVER.*

**People: Amen.**

*(Stand)*

Processional Hymn: #

## GREETING

CELEBRANT: THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

**People: And Also with You.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CELEBRANT: LET US PRAY. (Pastor alone)

O GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY, WE REMEMBER BEFORE YOU TODAY OUR (brother/sister) \_\_\_\_\_. WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING (him/her) TO US TO KNOW AND TO LOVE AS A COMPANION IN OUR PILGRIMAGE ON EARTH. IN YOUR BOUNDLESS COMPASSION, CONSOLE US WHO MOURN. GIVE US FAITH TO SEE THAT DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN THE VICTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, SO THAT WE MAY LIVE IN CONFIDENCE AND HOPE UNTIL, BY YOUR CALL, WE ARE GATHERED TO OUR HEAVENLY HOME IN THE COMPANY OF ALL YOUR SAINTS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

**People: Amen.**

*[Be seated]*

## **WORD**

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Holy Gospel:

*(Please Stand)*

PASTOR: THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

**People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(You may be seated)*

The Hymn of the Day: #

Meditation: Rev. Jas A. Mortenson

*(Silence and Reflection Follows...)*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

CELEBRANT: WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH, LET US CONFESS OUR FAITH.

**All: I believe in God,....**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*LAY-LITURGIST: THE RESPONSE TO THE INTERCESSIONS OF THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL IS, "HEAR OUR PRAYER"*

*LAY-LITURGIST: ALMIGHTY GOD, IN HOLY BAPTISM YOU HAVE KNIT YOUR CHOSEN PEOPLE TOGETHER IN ONE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. GIVE TO YOUR WHOLE CHURCH IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH YOUR LIGHT AND YOUR PEACE. GOD OF MERCY,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*LAY-LITURGIST: GRANT THAT ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION MAY DIE TO SIN AND RISE TO SHARE THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST. GOD OF MERCY,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*LAY-LITURGIST: GIVE COURAGE AND FAITH TO ALL WHO MOURN, AND A SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE IN YOUR LOVING CARE, THAT, CASTING ALL THEIR SORROW ON YOU, THEY MAY HAVE STRENGTH FOR THE DAYS AHEAD. GOD OF MERCY,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*LAY-LITURGIST: GRANT TO US WHO ARE STILL IN OUR PILGRIMAGE, AND WHO WALK AS YET BY FAITH, THAT, WHERE THIS WORLD GROANS IN GRIEF AND PAIN, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT MAY LEAD US TO BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR LIGHT AND LIFE. GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF MERCY,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*LAY-LITURGIST: HELP US, IN THE MIDST OF THINGS WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND, TO BELIEVE AND TRUST IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND THE RESURRECTION TO LIFE EVERLASTING. GOD OF MERCY,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*LAY-LITURGIST: GRANT US GRACE TO ENTRUST \_\_\_\_\_ TO YOUR NEVER-FAILING LOVE WHICH SUSTAINED (HIM/HER) IN THIS LIFE. RECEIVE (HIM/HER) INTO THE ARMS OF YOUR MERCY, AND REMEMBER (HIM/HER) ACCORDING TO THE FAVOR YOU BEAR FOR YOUR PEOPLE. GOD OF MERCY,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT: GOD OF ALL GRACE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS BECAUSE BY HIS DEATH OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST DESTROYED THE POWER OF DEATH AND BY HIS RESURRECTION HE OPENED THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN TO ALL BELIEVERS. MAKE US CERTAIN THAT BECAUSE HE LIVES WE SHALL LIVE ALSO, AND THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR THINGS PRESENT NOR THINGS TO COME, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM YOUR LOVE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

**People: Amen.**

PASTOR: THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

**People: And also with You.**

PASTOR: PLEASE SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER THE PEACE OF THE LORD.

**COMMUNION:**

