

PREFACE

DIOCESE OF ABA NGWA NORTH (Anglican Communion)

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(According To The Liturgy Of The Church Of Nigeria)

One important enduring wire that has held Anglicans together over the years is our Godly heritage in the provision of the Book of Common Prayer. But, this too has undergone several revisions in different parts of the Communion to meet the strong spiritual desires and liturgical needs of the people in their different diocese.


In spite of the many revision, however, the structure and form of the Anglican liturgy remain essentially the same throughout the Anglican world. We need to note that in preparing these booklets conscious effort were made to make use of the BCP in order to garnish our worship.

It may be reiterated here that in addition to this booklet, we have other ones covering our different services and celebrations.

It is our belief that the desired result of worshiping God in good order will be achieved by following these diocesan liturgy booklets accordingly.

On behalf of the diocese, we extend our thanks to our brother, Ven. Precious Okereke, Chairman Liturgy Compilation Committee and all the members of his dedicated team for accomplishing this onerous task.

It is now my privilege and honor to introduce "Diocese of Aba Ngwa North order of Services booklets" to all our members and indeed to all faithful Anglicans outside our diocese for use in the worship of the Almighty God, our Creator and most gracious Redeemer.



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INTRODUCTION

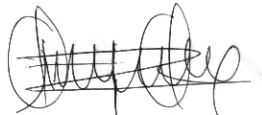
In the recent present especially with the creation of Dioceses which has enabled the impact of Liturgical worship at the grass-root, the need to localize the Liturgy of the Church of Nigeria has been increase. The aim of the Diocese in compiling this Worship Booklet is not to produce "**Another Liturgy**" but, firstly to make the liturgy available and affordable to every member of the Diocese. Secondly, to make a compilation that is within the Spiritual and mental circumference of the Anglican congregations in the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North.

This Worship Booklet contains a variety of Liturgical spices. The conductor at sometimes has the options of picking some vital ingredients from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer in order to garnish the worship. It is a link between the old and the new which enables a gentle shift from the known to the unknown. With this, any congregation can offer her worship freely and responsibly to God.

We thank our Lord Bishop, Rt. Rev. Nathan Kanu (Ph.D, Am.P) for giving us the opportunity to serve God in this direction. We also thank the Team of responsible Clergymen who served with us in this committee for their dedication and aptitude. More so, we commend the Aba-Ngwa North Diocesan Clergy for helping in proof-reading the manuscript.

Finally, we give God the glory, who is our Help in ages past, and our Hope for years to come. He is our Shelter from the storming blast and our Eternal Home.

Wishing you a Spirit-filled (Worship experience)



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ORDER ONE

(The Ministers shall meet the body at the entrance of the Church)

(1) RECEPTION OF THE BODY

Priest: With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother/sister **N** for burial. Let us pray with confidence in God, the Giver of life, that He will raise him/her to perfection in the company of the saints.

(Silence may be kept, after which the Minister says):

Heavenly Father, You have power over death and you have given us victory through the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ; May Your Holy Spirit remind us daily of our inheritance in Your Heavenly Kingdom, so that we may not be overcome by the world and miss our fellowship with you in Heaven but keep our faith constant in Your Son, who is the Resurrection and Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Priest: I have set God always before me: for He is on my right hand therefore I shall not fall:

People: Wherefore my heart was glad, and my soul rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Priest: You shall not leave my soul in hell; nor shall You allow Your holy one to see corruption.

People: You shall show me the path of life, in Your presence is the fullness of joy: and at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

All: Amen.

(2) SENTENCES

(The body is taken to the choir steps during which the following sentences will be read or interposed with a Hymn)

- (i) I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord, he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever lives, and believes in Me shall never die. (John 11: 25, 26.)
- (ii) The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms (Deuteronomy 33: 27.)
- (iii) They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat. (Revelation 7: 16.)
- (iv) For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or 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. (Rom. 14:8-9)
- (v) Let not your hearts be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me, in My Father's house are many mansions. (John 14: 1-2.)
- (vi) I know that my Redeemer lives and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and not as a stranger. (Job 19: 25-27).
- (vii) For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels,

nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 38-39).

- (viii) Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours. (Revelations 14: 13).
- (ix) We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (1 Timothy 6; 7; Job 1 :21).
- (x) Blessed are those who mourn for God will comfort them. (Mathew 5 :4)

HYMN

(3) PSALM

(4) BIBLE READING

(5) HYMN

During the singing of the hymn above those to lead in Intercession will come before the Altar, and after the hymn is sung, the following prayers will be said).

(6) INTERCESSION

Priest: Almighty God who had bound together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the Body of Your Son Jesus Christ, grant we pray You to Your whole Church in paradise and on earth Your light and Your

peace.

People: Amen.

Priest: Grant that all those who have been saved by the death and resurrection of Christ, may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and through Your grace may pass through the gate of death to Your joyful resurrection.

People: Amen.

Priest: 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 the days of our life.

People: Amen.

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Grant to those who mourn, especially for the family of **N** a sure confidence in Your Fatherly care, that casting all their grief on You they may know the consolation of Your love.

People: Amen

Priest: Help us we pray, 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.

People: Amen.

Priest: Grant us grace to entrust **N** into Your unfailing love;

receive him/her into the arms of Your mercy, and remember him/her according to the favour which You have for Your children.

People: Amen

Priest: Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of You, we may grow from strength to strength, in life of perfect services in your heavenly kingdom.

People: Amen.

(7) **HYMN.**

(8) **SERMON**

(9) **ANTHEM**

(10) **CONDOLENCE OFFERING**

(11) **PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED FAMILY**

(A hymn is sung as the bereaved family kneel at the Chancel rail).

(12) *(These prayers may be said for the congregation before withdrawal)*

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 all 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, Amen.

O Lord, be merciful to all travelers, especially those

who have traveled from far and near places to commiserate with the bereaved, and grant them a safe return, bless, guide and defend them, protect them from all perils and dangers of the road. Prosper them in their course, that they, beholding Your mercy, and praising You for Your goodness here may the more be quickened with a desire for the full enjoyment of their privileges as fellow-citizens with the saints in Your heavenly household, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(13) *(At the discretion of the Bishop, if present, he may say the commendation at the end of this prayers before the withdrawal hymn to the Graveside)*

(14) **HYMN** *for Withdrawal to the grave side.*

(15) **AT THE GRAVE SIDE**

(a) Hymn

(b) **Prayer for the consecration of a single grave**

(If the ground be not consecrated the Priest on coming to the grave may say the following prayer).

O God, whose blessed son was laid in a sepulcher: Bless, we pray You, this grave and grant that Your servantwhose body is to be buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise and may come to Your heavenly kingdom, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

(16) **THE BURIAL** (Sentences)

(i) Man that is born of a woman has but a short time to live and is full of misery. He comes up and is cut down like a flower, he flees as it were a shadow and never continues in one stay.

(ii) In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor, but of You, O Lord;

(iii) Yet O Lord, God Most Holy, O Lord Most Mighty, O Holy and Most Merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

(iv) You know, Lord, the secrets of our hearts, close not Your merciful ears to our prayer, but spare us. Lord Most Holy, O God Most Mighty, O Holy and merciful Saviour, You Most Worthy Judge Eternal, suffer, us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from you.

(17) **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Priest: All that the father gives me shall come to me

People: And him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.

Priest: He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies.

People: By the Spirit that dwells in us

Priest: Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices

People: My flesh also shall rest in hope

Priest: You shall show me the path of life. In Your presence is the fullness of joy.

People: And at Your right hand there are pleasure for ever more.

(18) **COMMITTAL** *(the body is lowered, a hymn may be sung and the minister says)*

Priest: In faith and in the hope of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend the soul of our brother/sister to Almighty God and commit his/her body to the ground.

**Earth to Earth
Ashes to Ashes
Dust to Dust.**

May the Lord bless him/her and keep him/her, the Lord make His face shine upon *him/her* and be gracious to him/her, may the Lord lift His countenance upon him/her and give *him/her* peace, Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and glory are Yours, now and for ever, Amen.

(19) NUNC-DIMITTIS/HYMN

(20) FUNERAL COMMENDATION

N our beloved brother/sister, go forth in goodness upon your journey 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 sanctifies you and may you be in peace and may your dwelling place be in the paradise of the people of God. Amen.

(21) BENEDICTION:
The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good; that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more. Amen.

(22) HYMNS/CHORUSES *will follow as the grave is completely filled up and closed. Oration may be taken at this point or at any other point suitable.*

ORDER TWO
(with Eucharist)

The Ministers shall meet the body at the entrance of the Church.

(1) RECEPTION OF THE BODY

Priest: With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother/sister **N** for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that He will raise him/her to perfection in the company of the saints.

(Silence may be kept, after which the celebrant says);

Priest: I have set God always before me: for He is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

People: Wherefore my heart was glad, and my soul rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Priest: You shall not leave my soul in hell: nor shall you allow Your holy one to see corruption.

People: You shall show me the path of life, in your presence is the fullness of joy, and at Your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

All: Amen.

(The body is taken to the choir steps during which the following sentences will be read or interposed with a hymn).

(2) SENTENCES

(i) I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that believes in me shall never die. (*John 11: 25-26*).

- (ii) The Eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. (*Deut. 33:27*)
- (iii) They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat. (*Rev. 7: 16*).
- (iv) For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this, Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. (*Rom. 14: 8,9*)
- (v) Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me, in my Father's house are many mansions. (*John 14: 1*)
- (vi) I know that my Redeemer lives and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and not as a stranger (*Job. 19:25-27*).
- (vii) For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 8: 38-39*).
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- (x) Blessed are those who mourn for God will comfort them. (*Matt. 5:4*)

(3) HYMN

(4) INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

Priest: The Lord is here

People: His Spirit is with us.

All: Almighty God unto whom, all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: To You, O God shall praise be offered in Zion and to You shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

People: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come.

(5) PENITENCE

(The priest and people make the following confession and the Priest declares the absolution).

Almighty God, our heavenly, Father we have sinned against you and against our neighbours, 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.

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

(6) MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(a) COLLECT

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, we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

(b) The Epistle

(c) Hymn

(d) The Gospel

(When the gospel is announced the people shall respond and say)

People: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

(After reading).

Priest: This is the Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to Christ our Lord

(7) THE SERMON

(8) A HYMN *may be sung*

(9) INTERCESSION

Let us pray:

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, by Your death and victory over sin, You have opened the gates of heaven for all who put their trust in You. Grant to your church in Paradise and on earth Your light and peace. *Lord hear our prayer.*

People: And let our cry come unto you.

Priest: Let us pray for all the people of God: that all who have been saved by the death and resurrection of Christ may die to sin and rise to newness of life.

Lord, hear our prayer.

People: And let our cry come unto You.

Priest: Let us pray that in the midst of things we cannot understand the Lord will help us to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Lord, hear our prayer.

People: And let our cry come unto you.

Priest: Let us pray for all who mourn the death of their loved one especially the family of.... that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted in their bereavement. Fill them with Your hope and peace.

Lord hear our prayer

People: And let our cry come unto you.

Priest: Let us pray for all who are still in our pilgrimage, and walk as yet by faith that the Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Lord, hear our prayer.

People: And let our cry come unto you.

Priest: Let us pray for all who traveled that God will grant them safe return, bless and guide them and protect them from the dangers of the road.

Lord hear our Prayer

People: And let our cry come unto you.

Priest: Let us pray for all here present: that our hope be anchored on Christ and that God may one day reunite us in His Kingdom. *Lord hear our prayer.*

People: And let our cry come unto you.

Priest: Have compassion, O Lord upon all who are mourning for those dear to them, and upon all who are lonely and desolate. Be their comforter and friend; give them such earthly help and consolation as You see to be best for them; and grant them a fuller knowledge and realization of Your love, for Your Holy Name's sake.

People: Amen.

(10) THE PEACE (*All stand*).

Priest: We are the body of Christ. In the One Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all, that makes for peace and build up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another the sign of peace

(The exchange of greetings follows).

(11a) FOR THE PROCESSION OF THE ELEMENTS

(A hymn is sung while the Elements are brought to the holy Table. When the elements had been placed on the Holy table, this sentence may be said).

(11b) The same Hymn can be used for OFFERTORY at this point.

All: Yours Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty. All that is in heaven and earth is Yours. All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you.

(12) THE THANKSGIVING *(The Congregation shall stand. The Priest says the Prayer of Consecration.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Priest: It is indeed right: it is our duty and joy, at all times and in all places to give You thanks and praise Holy Father, Heavenly king, Almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Your only Son our Lord. For He is Your Living Word: through Him You have created all things from the beginning and formed us in Your own image. Through Him You have freed us from the slavery of sin; giving Him to be born as man and to die upon the cross; You raised Him from

the dead and exalted him to Your right hand on high. Through Him, You have sent upon us Your Holy and Life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give You thanks; because through Him You have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection, so that although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to Your faithful people life is changed not taken away and when our mortal flesh is laid aside; an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and arch-angles, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name for ever praising You and saying:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest *(Congregation may kneel).*

Priest: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us His body and Blood; who in the same night He was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: *"Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me"*. In the

same way, after supper, He took the cup and gave You thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *"Drinks this, all of you, this is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"*.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Priest: Therefore, Heavenly Father, we remember His offering of Himself made once for all upon the cross, and proclaim His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look for His coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup His one perfect sacrifice. Accept through Him, our Great high Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise: and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your Divine Majesty, renew us by Your Spirit, inspire us with Your love, and unite us in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Through Him, and with Him, and in Him by the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before You in earth and heaven, we worship You, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be Yours for every and ever. Amen. *(Silence may be kept)*.

(13) THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.
(The Priest breaks the bread and says):

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Priest: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

All: Have mercy on us

Priest: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

All: Have mercy on us

Priest: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

All: Grant us peace

(14) PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to your table, Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table, but You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, Gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your Dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

(15) HYMNS

(will be sung during the administration of the Holy Communion).

(16) POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Suitable sentence will be said by the Priest and then the Lord's Prayer).*

Priest: As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

All: Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and glory are Yours now and for ever, Amen.

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory, Amen.

(17) **Condolence Offering/Prayer for the bereaved family.**

(18) **HYMNS** *(will be sung as the Coffin is taken out for burial):*

AT THE GRAVESIDE

(19) **PRAYER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF A SINGLE GRAVE**

(If the ground be not consecrated, the Priest on coming to the grave may say the prayer following:)

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a Sepulchre; Consecrate, we pray You, this grave and grant that your servant N...whose body is to be buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise and may come to your heavenly kingdom, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(20) **THE BURIAL**

Like as a father pities his own children, even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him. For He knows whereof we are made; he remember that we are but dust. And like a flower as soon as the wind goes over it is gone and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy

of the Lord endures for ever and even upon them that fear Him; and His righteousness upon their children's children.

(21) *(When the coffin is lowered to the grave and the earth shall be cast upon it by someone standing by, the Priest shall say;)*

For as much as it has pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of our brother/sister here departed, we therefore 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 our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change the body of our low estate that it may be like unto His glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, even so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours. *(Immediately after the committal, the Priest shall say:)*

(22) **LET US PRAY**

Grant, O God that while we lament the departure of this your Servant ... we may always remember that we are most certain to follow him/her. And give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by sudden death, but be ever watching that, when you shall call, we may, with the Bridegroom, enter into eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us

THE LORD'S PRAYER ... Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be

Priest: O Lord, enter not into judgment with your servant. ..

People: For in Your sight shall no man living be justified.

Priest: We believe to see the goodness of the Lord

People: In the land of the living.

Priest: O Lord, hear our prayer

People: And let our cry come to you

PRAYERS:

O Father of all, we pray you for our brother/sister whom we love but see no longer. Grant him/her Your peace, let light perpetual shine upon him/her and in Your loving Wisdom and Almighty power work in him/her the good purpose of Your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

O heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, has given us a true faith and a sure hope; help us we pray You, to live as those who believe and trust in the communion of Saint, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting, and strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life: through the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

(23) FUNERAL COMMENDATION:

... N ... our beloved brother/sister, go forth in goodness upon your journey 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 sanctifies you and may you be in peace and may your dwelling place be in the paradise of the people of God. Amen.

(24) BENEDICTION:

The God of peace who brought again from the dead

our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the Blood of the eternal covenant equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, to Whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

(25)

Hymns/Choruses *while the grave is completely filled up and close, oration (if there is any) may now be read.*

SELECTED PSALMS

PSALMS 23

1. THE Lord / is my / shepherd : therefore / can I / lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in a / green / pasture : and lead me forth be / side the / waters . of / comfort.
3. He shall con- / vert my / soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness / for his / Name's / sake.
4. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death * I will / fear no / evil : for thou art with me * thy rod and thy / staff / comfort / me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me * against them that / trouble me / me : thou hast anointed my head with oil and my / cup / shall be / full.
6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me * all the / days of my / life : and I will dwell in the house / of the / Lord for / ever.

GLORIA:

PSALMS 39

1. I SAID I will take heed /to my /ways : that I of- / fend not / in my / tongue.
2. I will keep my mouth as it were / with a / bridle : while the un- / godly . is / in my / sight.
3. I held my tongue and /spake /nothing: I kept silence yea even from good words*but it was /pain and /grief to /me.
4. My heart was hot within me*and while I was thus musing the- / fire / kindled : and at the last I / spake . with my / tongue:
5. LORD, let me know mine end* and the number /of my /days : that I may be certified how /long I /have to/ live.
6. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a /span /long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee * and verily . every man living is / alto- /gether /vanity.
7. For man walketh in a vain shadow*and disquieteth him- /self in / vain : he heapeth up riches* and cannot tell /who shall /gather /them.
8. And now, Lord what /is my / hope: truly my /hope is /even . in /thee.

9. Deliver me from all / mine of- /fences : and make me not a re- / buke / unto . the / foolish.
10. I became dumb, and open-ed / not my / mouth : for / it was / thy / doing.
11. Take thy plague a- / way from / me: I am even consum-ed by the means / of thy / heavy / hand.
12. When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin*thou makest his beauty to consume away*like as it were a moth / fretting . a / garment: every man / therefore / is but / vanity.
13. Hear my prayer O LORD*and with thine ears con- / sider . my / calling : hold not thy / peace / at my / tears.
14. For I am a / stranger . with / thee : and a sojourner, as / all my / fathers / were.
15. O spare me a little*that I may re- / cover . my / strength : before I go hence, and / be no / more / seen.

GLORIA:

PSALM 90

1. Lord, thou hast / been our / refuge : from one gener- / ation to an- / other.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth * or ever the earth and the / world were / made : thou art God from everlasting and / world with- / out / end.
3. Thou turnest man / to de- / struction : again thou sayest * Come a- / gain ye / children . of / men.
4. For a thousand years in thy sight / are but . as / yesterday :when it is past, * and as a watch in the night.
5. As soon as thou scatterest them * they are even / as a sleep : and fade away / sudden-ly like the / grass.
6. In the morning it is green and / groweth / up : but in the evening it is cut / down / dri-ed up and / wither-ed.
7. For we consume away in / thy dis- / pleasure : and are afraid at thy / wrathful / indig- / nation.
8. Thou hast set our mis- / deeds be- /fore thee : and our secret sins in the / light of thy / countenance.
9. For when thou art angry all our / days are / gone : we bring our years to an end * as it were a / tale / that is / told.
10. The days of our age are threescore years and ten * and though men be so strong that they come to / fourscore / years :

yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow * so soon passeth it a- / way / and we are / gone.

11. But who regardeth the power / of thy / wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth / so is / thy dis- / pleasure.
12. So teach us to / number our / days: that we may apply our hearts / unto / wisdom.
13. Turn thee again O Lord / at the / last : and be / gracious unto. thy / servants.
14. O satisfy us with thy mercy and / that soon: (cres) so shall we rejoice and be glad * all the days / of our / life.
15. Comfort us again now * after the / time that thou hast / plagued / us: and for the years wherein / we have / suffer- / ed / adversity.
16. Shew thy / servants. thy / work: and their / children / thy glory.
17. And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God / be up- / on us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us * O prosper / thou our / handy- / work.

GLORIA:

PSALMS 130.

1. OUT of the deep have I call-ed unto / thee O / LORD: Lord / hear / my voice.
2. O let thine ears con- / sid-er / well : the / voice of / my com- / plaint.
3. If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is / done a- / miss: O Lord / who / may a- / bide it?
4. For there is / mercy. With / thee: therefore / shalt / thou be / fear-ed.
5. I look for the Lord * my soul doth / wait for / him: in his / word / is my / trust.
6. My soul fleeth / unto. The / Lord: before the morning watch I say be- / fore the / morning / watch.
7. O Israel trust in the LORD * for with the Lord / there is / mercy: and with / him is / plenteous. Re- / demption.
8. And he shall re- / deem / Israel: from / all / his / sins.

GLORIA:

SELECTED HYMNS

A&M 108

1. 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.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the cross of Christ, my God;
All in vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. 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?
4. Where 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!
Amen

A&M 135

1. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
The strife is o'er, the battle done
Now is the victor's triumph won
O let the song of praise be sung - Alleluia.
2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed
Let shouts of praise and joy out burst - Alleluia.
3. On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign
O let us swell the joyful strain - Alleluia.
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread strip thy servants free
That we may live, and sing to thee - Alleluia

A&M 140

1. Jesus lives thy terror now
Can no more O death appall us
Jesus lives, by this we know
Thou, O grave can'st not enthrall us
Alleluia!
2. Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal
This shall calm our trembling breaths
When we pass its gloomy portal
Alleluia!
3. Jesus lives! For us he died,
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!
4. Jesus Lives! Our hearts know well
Nought from us His love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell,
Part us now from Christ for ever,
Alleluia!
5. Jesus lives to Him the throne
Over all the world is given:
May we go where he has gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

A&M 193

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the gathering waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.

A&M 214

- 1 There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.
- 2 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.
- 3 He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,

A&M 240

1. Pleasant are thy court above
In the land of light and love;
Pleasant are thy courts below
In this land of sin and woe;
O, my spirit longs and faints.
For the converse of thy saints.
For the brightness of thy face;
For thy fullness, God of grace.
2. Happy birds that sing and fly
Round thy altars, O Most High
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly Father's breast!
Like the wandering dove that found
No repose on earth around
They can to their ark repair

- All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.
3. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cleanse from every sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

- That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.
- 4 There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.
 - 5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming Blood,
And try his works to do

- And enjoy it ever there.
3. Happy souls, their praises flow
Even in this vale of woe;
Waters in the desert rise.
Manna feeds them from the skies
On they go from strength to strength
Till they reach thy throne at length
At thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all.
 4. Lord, be mine this prize to win,
Guide me through a world of sin
Keep me by thy saving grace,
Give me at thy side a place,
Sun and shield alike thou art;
Guide and guard my erring heart
Grace and glory flow from thee.
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me.

SS&S 798

1. Fading away like the stars of the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun —
Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Only remembered by what we have done.
**Only remembered, only remembered,
Only remembered by what we have done ;
Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Only remembered by what we have done.**
- 2 Shall we be missed, though by others succeeded,
Reaping the fields we in spring- time have sown ?
Yes, but the sowers must pass from their labours,
Ever remembered by what they have done.
- 3 Only the truth that in life we have spoken,
Only the seed that on earth we have sown ;
These shall pass onward when we are forgotten,
Fruits of the harvest and what we have done.
- 4 Oh, when the Saviour shall make up His jewels,
When the bright crowns of rejoicing are won,
Then shall His weary and faithful disciples
All be remembered by what they have done.

SS&S 964

1. There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling-place there.
*In the sweet . . . by-and-by, . . .
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet . . . by-and-by, . . .
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*
- 2 We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest ;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.
- 3 To our bountiful Father above
We will offer the tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love,
And the blessings that hallow our days.

SS&S 298

1. God be with you till we meet again !
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you ;
God be with you till we meet again !
*Till we meet ! . . . Till we meet ! . . .
Till we meet at Jesus' feet ; . . .
Till we meet ! . . . Till we meet ! . . .
God be with you till we meet again !*
- 2 God be with you till we meet again !
- 3 God be with you till we meet again !
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His loving arms around you ;
God be with you till we meet again!
- 4 God be with you till we meet again ! —
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you,
God be with you till we meet again !

SS&S 513

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| <p>1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.</p> <p>2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.</p> <p>3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.</p> | <p>4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone ;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.</p> <p>5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away ;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.</p> <p>6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.</p> |
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SS&S 379

1. Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power ?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour ?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb ?
Are you washed ... in the blood, . . .
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb ? . . .
Are your garments spotless ? Are they white as snow ?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb ?
- 2 Are you walking daily by the Saviour's side ?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb ?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified ?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb ?
- 3 When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white ?
Pure and white in the blood of the Lamb ?
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb ?
- 4 Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb !
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean —
Oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb !

SS&S 134

1. Jesus, keep me near the Cross :
There a precious fountain,
Free to all — a healing stream —
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

- In the Cross, in the Cross, be my glory ever ;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
2. Near the Cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me ;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me.
3. Near the Cross ! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me ;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me.
4. Near the Cross, I'll watch and wait.
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

CNH 699

- 1 For all Thy saints, who from their labors rest,
Who, Thee, by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia!
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia!

- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Son, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
 Alleluia!
- 7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia!

CNH 362

1. Low in the grave He lay,
 Jesus, my Saviour
 Waiting the coming day,
 Jesus, my Lord.
*Up from the grave He arose,
 With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
 He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
 And He lives for ever with His saints to reign:
 He arose, He arose,
 Alleluia, Christ arose.*
2. Vainly they watch His bed
 Jesus, my Saviour
 Vainly they seal the dead
 Jesus, my Lord !
3. Death cannot keep his prey
 Jesus, my Saviour
 He tore the bars away,
 Jesus, my Lord

CNH 863

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 When sorrows, like sea-billows, roll,
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

It is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well, with my soul,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. If Satan should buffet, if trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
3. My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
 My sin, not in part, but in whole,
 Is nailed to His cross; and I bear it no more :
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live
 If Jordan above me shall roll,
 No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
 Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
5. But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming, we wait
 The sky, not the grave, is our goal,
 Oh, trump of the Angels oh, O voice of the Lord
 Blessed hope ! blessed rest of my soul

CNH 835

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| 1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear !
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer,
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer. | Take it to the Lord in prayer |
| 2. Have we trials and temptations ?
Is there trouble anywhere ? We
should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness | 3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care ?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake
you ?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield
you,
Thou wilt find a solace there, |

CNH 844

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

2 When darkness hides His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale

CNH 843

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
O Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine
Now hear me while I pray ;
Take all my guilt away ;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine.

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire :
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire.

CNH 964

1. I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,*

My anchor holds within the vale.

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood ;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4 When He shall come with trumpet
sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread
Lord, be my Guide,
Bid darkness turn to day.
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distrust remove
Oh, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

Paid the debt and made me free

2 I will tell the wondrous story
How, my lost estate to save.
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

3 I will praise my dear Redeemer,

His triumphant power I'll tell,
He has given us victory
Over sin and death and hell.

4 I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,

CNH 787

1 And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

3 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay

Son of God with Him to be.

5. I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

Fast bound in sin and nature's
night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
[Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my
own.