

¶ Conclusion

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours
for their good deeds go with them.

Eternal rest grant unto *him/her*, O Lord.

All And let perpetual light shine upon *him/her*:

May *he/she* rest in peace.

All Amen.

May *his/her* soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

All Amen.

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each of us for the good or the bad that we do while living in these
bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:18–5:10 CEV

Responsorial Psalm

All Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
Who going through the barren valley find there a spring
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

All Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

2 They will go from strength to strength
and appear before God in Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, O God of Jacob.

All Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

3 Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

All Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

4 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you.

All Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Psalm 84:3-12 CW

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they
know me. Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I

A Funeral Vigil

¶ *Preparation*

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation,
be with you

All and also with you.

Invitation to Prayer

In the following or similar words, the minister invites those present to pray.

My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death.

Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather *N.* to himself.

Pause for silent prayer.

Opening Prayer

The minister says the following or another suitable opening prayer

Lord our God,

the death of our *brother/sister N.*

recalls our human condition

and the brevity of our lives on earth.

But for those who believe in your love

death is not the end,

nor does it destroy the bonds

that you forge in our lives.

We share the faith of your Son's disciples

and the hope of the children of God.

Bring the light of Christ's resurrection

to this time of testing and pain

as we pray for *N.* and for those who love *him/her,*

through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.