**AN ALTERNATE BURIAL LITURGY**

*This office may be used for those for whom the Burial Office is not appropriate. In particular, this office may be used for the unbaptized or persons who have died outside of the communion of Christ’s Church.*

*The service begins in silence. One of the following Psalms is sung or said in the Church or at the Grave.*

**Psalm 80**

*Qui regis Isræl*

1 **Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a sheep;\***

**show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.**

2 **Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***

**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 **Restore us again, O God; \***

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.**

4 **O LORD God of hosts, \***

**how long will you be angry with your people that pray?**

5 **You feed them with the bread of tears \***

**and give them plenteous tears to drink.**

6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \***

**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 **Restore us again, O God of hosts; \***

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.**

8 **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \***

**you have cast out the nations and planted it.**

9 **You made room for it, \***

**and when it had taken root, it filled the land.**

10 **The hills were covered with the shadow of it, \***

**and the boughs thereof were like the mighty cedar trees.**

11 **It stretched out its branches to the sea \***

**and its boughs to the river.**

12 **Why have you broken down its hedge, \***

**so that all those who go by pluck off its grapes?**

13 **The wild boar out of the wood roots it up, \***

**and the wild beasts of the field devour it.**

14 **Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; \***

**behold, and visit this vine,**

15 **And the place of the vineyard that your right hand has planted, \***

**and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.**

16 **As for those who burn it with fire and cut it down, \***

**let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

17 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand \***

**and upon the son of man, whom you made so strong for yourself.**

18 **And so we will not turn back from you; \***

**O let us live, and we shall call upon your Name.**

19 **Restore us again, O LORD God of hosts; \***

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.**

*Or the following*

**Psalm 6**

*Domine, ne in furore*

1 **O LORD, rebuke me not in your indignation, \***

**neither chasten me in your displeasure.**

2 **Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; \***

**O LORD, heal me, for my bones are racked.**

3 **My soul also is greatly troubled; \***

**but, LORD, how long will you punish me?**

4 **Turn, O LORD, and deliver my soul; \***

**O save me for your mercy’s sake.**

5 **For in death no one remembers you, \***

**and who will give you thanks in the grave?**

6 **I am weary with my groaning; \***

**every night I flood my bed and drench my couch with my tears.**

7 **My eyes have become dim because of trouble, \***

**and worn away because of all my enemies.**

8 **Away from me, all you who work wickedness, \***

**for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.**

9 **The LORD has heard my petition; \***

**the LORD will receive my prayer.**

10 **All my enemies shall be confounded and greatly vexed; \***

**they shall be turned back and put to shame suddenly.**

*One of the following lessons is read:*

2 Peter 3:8-14

1 John 1:10-21

**THE COMMITTAL**

*The following anthems are said*

Man born of woman has but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He springs up, and is cut down like a flower; he flees like a shadow, and never continues the same.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for help, but you, O Lord, who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the pains of eternal death.

You know, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, most worthy Judge eternal; do not let us, in our final hour, through the pains of death, fall away from you.

*The coffin is then laid in the ground, saying nothing.*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People*  **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.** *or* **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name, hallowed be your Name,**

**thy kingdom come, your kingdom come,**

**thy will be done, your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven. on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. Give us today our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, And forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us. who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, Save us from the time of trial,**

**but deliver us from evil. and deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, For the kingdom,**

**the power, and the power,**

**and the glory, and the glory are yours,**

**for ever and ever. Amen. now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of righteous men made perfect, after they are freed from their earthly prisons: We humbly commend the soul of our *brother N.* into your hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Savior, that it may be precious in your sight. Wash it, we pray, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb who was slain to take away the sins of the world, that whatever corruption it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and evil world might be purged and done away, and presented pure and spotless before you: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 CORINTHIANS 13:14T*