

FUNERAL LITURGY OUTSIDE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES (all stand)

Opening Song to accompany the entry procession

*(If coffin is brought in on the day **a bible** and **crucifix** may be placed on the coffin by the priest or members of the family. A **white pall** is also placed over the coffin)*

Introduction

Opening prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD (all sit)

Reading from Sacred Scripture

Psalm (sung or said) or appropriate hymn

(The can be a Second Reading)

Gospel Acclamation (sung by priest)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the Resurrection and the life says the Lord

Whoever believes in me will never die

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL (stand)

Short homily (all sit)

Brief Silence

Bidding prayers (normally read by a member of the family)

(A short tribute in preference to a eulogy may be given by a member of the family or friend)

FINAL COMMENDATION (all stand)

Invitation to Prayer

(Coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water and incensed. Background music may be played or the following short hymn sung during this action)

*I know that my Redeemer lives
And on that final day of days
His voice shall bid me rise again
Unending joy, unceasing praise*

*This hope I cherish in my heart
To stand on Earth my flesh restored
And not a stranger but a friend
Behold my Saviour and my Lord*

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Song / Music

(As the coffin is carried from the Church)

