**A SHORTENED FORM OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE**

***Gathering in God's Name***

**GREETING**

***The minister says***

We meet in the name of Christ

who died and was raised

by the glory of God the Father.

Grace and mercy be with you all

**and also with you.**

**A SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.

'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.' *John 11: 25,26*

***A further selection of sentences of scripture is given on page 482 and 490 of The Book of Common Prayer. The minister may add 'Alleluia!' to any of these sentences.***

**PENITENTIAL KYRIES**

***The minister may say***

As children of a loving heavenly Father,

let us seek the forgiveness of God,

for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, your compassion,

and your loving kindness, for they have been from of old.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not my sins nor my transgressions,

but according to your mercy think on me.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my life, and deliver me, put me not to shame,

for I have put my trust in you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

***The minister may say***

May God our Father forgive us our sins

and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom

where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen**.

**THE COLLECT**

***The minister invites the people to pray, silence is kept, and the minister says the Collect.***

Merciful Father,

hear our prayers and comfort us,

renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead,

strengthen our faith

that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

**Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

**A PSALM**

Psalms 23, 42: 1-7, 90, 116:1-9, 118: 14-21, 130 ***are suitable.***

**A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

***is read.***

**[meditation**

***on the Reading]***

**THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray to the Lord giving thanks for the life of ………,

for all that was good and true in his/her life,

for the memories we treasure today.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for those who mourn,

that, casting all their care on you,

they may know the consolation of your love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for grace to live in the light of eternity,

that you would strengthen us to follow the steps of your Son

in the way that leads to the fulness of eternal life.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Heavenly Father,**

**in your Son Jesus Christ**

**you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.**

**Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,**

**that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**and the resurrection to eternal life;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***If the Committal is not to follow as part of the same service in the same place, the Lord's Prayer is said now.***

**The Farewell in Christ**

***The minister stands by the coffin.***

***The minister says***

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**who has made heaven and earth.**

***A time of silence is kept.***

***The minister says***

God our creator and redeemer,

by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory.

Confident of his victory

and claiming his promises,

we now leave your servant .... in your gracious keeping;

in the name of Jesus our Lord,

who died and is alive

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.