FUNERAL SERVICE AND RESOURCES

A funeral is a time to give thanks for the life of the deceased, to comfort the grieving, to remind one another about human mortality and the brevity of life, and especially to turn to the God who raised Jesus from the dead for forgiveness and hope.

The form provided here is a development of the service in An Australian Prayer Book, with some alternatives for the funeral of an infant.

The structure is this:

Gathering in God's name
Hearing God's word
Praying together
The Committal
Concluding prayers
Interment of the ashes

殯葬禮文

葬禮是为逝者的生平感恩,安慰悲傷的人,彼此提醒每人都將面對死亡、 以及人生的短暫,

特別是應轉向那位使耶穌從死裡復活的上帝, 從上帝尋求寬恕和希望。

這裡提供的礼文是取材于澳洲聖公會2012年 《公禱書》中的资料,并提供嬰兒葬禮的 一些替代方案。其結構如下:

奉主名聚會	
聆聽神的話語	
同心祷告	
殮葬	
結束禱告	
埋葬骨灰 (或称灰葬)	

A FUNERAL SERVICE

For use in a church building, funeral chapel, or at home

殯葬禮拜

适用於教堂建築、殯儀館或家中

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

1. The minister greets the congregation and says one or more of these or other appropriate texts

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. *John 11:25–26*

The Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. *Revelation 7:17*

The Lord God will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms,

he will carry them close to his heart. *Isaiah 40:11*God is our refuge and strength,

an ever present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*Jesus said: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms. If that were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, that you also may be where I am. *John 14:1–3*

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither things present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38–39*

What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived God has prepared for those who love him. *1 Corinthians 2:9* If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life, that he might be Lord of both the

奉主名聚會

1. 牧師向會眾致意,并宣讀以下一個或多個或其他適當的经文

耶穌對她說:「復活在我,生命也在我。信我的人,雖然死了,也必復活;凡活著信我的人必永遠不死。你信這話嗎?」

約翰福音 11:25 - 26

因為寶座中的羔羊必牧養他們, 領他們到生命 水的泉源; 神也必擦去他們一切的眼淚。

啟示錄 7:17

他必像牧人牧養自己的羊群,用膀臂聚集羊羔抱在懷中,慢慢引導那乳養小羊的。

以賽亞 40:11

神是我們的避難所,是我們的力量, 是我們在患難中隨時的幫助。**詩篇 46:1** 你們心裡不要憂愁,你們信神,也當信我。 在我父的家裡有許多住處,若是沒有,我就早 已告訴你們了,我去原是為你們預備地方去。 我若去為你們預備了地方,就必再來接你們到 我那裡去,我在哪裡,叫你們也在那裡。

約翰福音 14:1-3

因為我深信:無論是死,是生,是天使, 是掌權的,是有能的,是現在的事,是將來的 事,是高處的,是低處的,是別的受造之物, 都不能叫我們與神的愛隔絕;這愛是在我們的 主基督耶穌裡的。**羅馬書 8:38-39** 如經上所記:

「神為愛祂的人所預備的,是眼睛未曾看見, 耳朵未曾聽見,人心也未曾想到的。|

哥林多前書2:9

我們若活著,是為主而活;若死了,是為主而死。所以,我們或活或死,總是主的人。

因此,基督死了,又活了,爲要作死人并活人

dead and the living. Romans 14:8-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus

Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

2. The minister may say

We have come together
to thank God for the life of <u>N</u>,
to mourn and honour <u>him/her</u>,
to lay to rest <u>his/her</u> mortal body,
and to support one another in grief.
We face the certainty of our own death and

Those who die in Christ share eternal life with him.

Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,

who created and sustains us all.

or at the funeral of a child

judgment.

We gather today in the face of terrible loss.

We are overwhelmed by the mystery of life and death that we have experienced in <u>N</u>.

We come together as family and friends to support each other by our love and prayers.

We grieve over the ending of <u>N</u>'s life so near its beginning.

Jesus encouraged us to bring our children to him and taught that the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

He died and rose to make it possible for each of us to receive the kingdom of God as a little child and enter it.

And so we celebrate God's mercy and love for us, even in the face of death and disappointment of hope.

的主。羅馬書14:8-9

願頌讚歸於我們主耶穌基督的父神! 祂曾照自己的大憐憫,

藉着耶穌基督從死裡復活, 重生了我們,

叫我們有活潑的盼望。彼得前書1:3

因爲我們沒有帶什麽到世上來, 也不能帶什麽 去。賞賜的是耶和華, 收取的也是耶和華。

耶和華的名是應當稱頌的!

提摩太前書6:7; 約伯記1:21

2. 牧师可說:

我們聚集,為<u>某某</u>的生命感謝上帝, 向*他/她*表示哀悼和致敬,

安葬他/她的遺體,

並在悲傷中彼此扶持。

我們確切知道每個人都將面臨死亡和審判, 但那些在基督裡離世的人,與基督同享永生。 因此,懷著信心及盼望,我們轉向上帝, 就是那位創造並看顧我們所有人的神。

或在孩童的葬禮上

我們今天聚集在一起,

紀念痛失的*某某*,

承認我們經歷其生死奧秘時的茫然無措。 我們作為家人和朋友聚在一起,

以爱和祈禱相互扶持。

因爲我們同為<u>某某</u>极其短暂的人生而悲傷。 耶穌鼓勵我們把小孩子帶到他面前,

並教導說,神的國屬於像小孩子一樣的人。 耶穌死了,又復活了,

使我們每個人都能有機會,

像小孩子一樣領受和進入神的國度。

因此,即使面對死亡和失望,

我們仍然讚美神給與我們的憐悯和愛。

3. The minister prays

God our Father, you alone are holy.

Forgive us all our sins and failures.

Uphold us by your Spirit now.

Enable us to show your compassion.

Give us in our sorrow the calm of your peace.

Comfort us in our grief

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Heavenly Father,

in your Son Jesus Christ

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

Help us to 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.

Or

Loving God,

you alone are the source of life.

May your life-giving Spirit flow through us

and fill us with compassion, one for another.

In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.

Kindle our hope and let our grief give way to joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. Members of the family or close friends may be invited to give brief words of appreciation about

the deceased.

5. A hymn may be sung.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

6. Psalms 23, 46, 90, 121, or 130 may be said.

7. Suitable passages of Scripture such as

John 14:1-6; 20:11-18;

Romans 6:3-9;

3. 牧师祷告:

我們的父啊, 唯有祢是聖潔的。

求称饒恕我們所有的罪恶和过犯。

現在就用祢的靈來扶持我們。

使我們顯出像祢那樣的惻隱之心。

求称賜給悲傷的人從祢而來的平安和寧靜,

安慰哀痛的人。

这都是靠着我們的主耶穌基督求的。阿門。

彭

天父上帝, 在聖子耶穌基督裡,

称賜給了我們真正的信心和确切的盼望。

求主幫助我們活出信徒當有的樣式,

因我們相信聖徒相通, 罪得赦免.

和復活直到永生;

这都是靠着我們的主耶穌基督求的。阿門。

或

慈爱的主, 唯有祢是生命的泉源。

願称賜生命的靈流入我們心間,

讓我們充滿慈悲,彼此相待。

求称賜給悲傷的人從祢而來的平安和寧靜.

點燃我們的希望,

將悲傷转为喜乐;

这都是靠着我們的主耶穌基督求的。阿門。

4. 此時可邀請親人或摯友發表簡短悼文。

5. 唱詩

聆听神的话语

6. 可誦讀詩篇 23, 46, 90, 121, 或 130。

7. 可誦讀其他適合的經文, 如

約翰福音 14:1-6; 20:11-18;

羅馬書 6:3-9:

1 Corinthians 15:20-58;

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10;

Philippians 3:10-16, 20-21;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

or Revelation 21:1-7 may be read.

8. A sermon may be given here.

PRAYING TOGETHER

9. The minister gives thanks for the deceased

Holy and loving Father,

you gave us life when you created us,

and in your redeeming love

you have offered us new life

in your Son Jesus Christ.

We thank you for *N [especially for . . .]*

We entrust him/her to you,

in the name of the Lord Jesus,

who died and rose again to save us,

who now lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, in glory for ever. Amen.

or, at the funeral of a child

Gracious Father,

your love for us is strong and enduring,

even when one so precious is taken from us.

We thank you for the gift of N

[especially for . . .]

We entrust him/her to you,

in the name of the Lord Jesus,

who died and rose again to save us,

who now lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, in glory for ever. Amen.

10. Prayers for the bereaved are offered.

Almighty God,

Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort, deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn

哥林多前書 15:20-58;

哥林多後書4:16-5:10;

腓利比書 3:10-16, 20-21;

帖撒羅尼迦前書 4:13-18:

或啓示錄 21:1-7。

8. 此時可證道

同心祷告

9. 牧师为逝者感恩

聖潔慈愛的天父,

是祢創造了我們、賜生命給我們,

又因祢救贖的大爱.

祢在聖子耶穌基督裡,

賜給了我們新的生命。

我們為**某某**感恩 [特別是...]

我們現在奉主耶穌的名,把他/她托付給祢,

因主耶穌曾為拯救我們而受死和復活,

如今與聖父、聖靈同居住同掌權,

神的榮耀直到永遠。阿門。

或在孩童葬礼上

恩慈的父,

祢對我們的愛深厚綿長,

即便在我們與深愛的人離別的時刻。

感謝祢把某某思賜給我們, [特别是...]

我們現在奉主耶穌的名, 把他/她托付給祢,

因主耶穌曾為拯救我們而受死和復活,

如今與聖父、聖靈同居住同掌權.

神的榮耀直到永遠。阿門。

10. 為逝者家人祈禱

全能的上帝,

称是滿有憐憫的父, 賜給我們無窮的安慰。 我們祈求祢恩待悲傷的人,

[especially ...].

Casting all their care on you,
may they know the consolation of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or

Loving God, we pray for $\underline{\mathbf{N}}$'s family and friends, whose loss is so keen

[remembering especially . . .]

When we cannot understand what happens, and are weighed down by grief and loneliness, uphold us in your love.

Give us the assurance of your constant care and presence with us,

that we may have courage for the days ahead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

11. The prayers may conclude in this way

Lord Jesus Christ.

you are the resurrection and the life of all who believe in you.

You have taught us not to grieve as people without hope for those who die trusting in you.

Raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

that when we depart this life,

we may rest in you, as our hope is our brother/ sister does,

and at the resurrection on the last day, we may be found acceptable to you, and receive the kingdom

prepared for all who love and fear you. Amen.

12. A hymn may be sung.

[尤其是...]

我們將他們一切的憂慮托付於称, 求主使他們知曉祢的慈爱和安慰, 這都是靠着我們的主耶穌基督求的。**阿門。**

或

慈爱的主,

我們為<u>某某</u>的家人和親友禱告,

因他們的痛失所愛。

[在此特別記念...]

當我們對所發生的事無法理解時,

當我們因爲悲傷和孤獨而消沉時,

求主以祢的爱來扶持我們。

使我們因確信祢不離不棄的看顧和同在,

得以充满勇氣, 直面接下來的日子。

這都是靠着我們的主耶穌基督求的。阿門。

11. 可以此方式做結束禱告

主耶穌基督.

在一切信祢的人, 祢是復活和生命的主。

祢教導我們, 對於那些睡了的信徒,

不必過於憂傷,以致像那些沒有指望的人一樣。 求主堅立我們,

脫離罪惡和死亡,

活出公義的生命,

直到我們離世之時,

得以安息在祢懷中.

正如我們盼望的弟兄/姐妹所得到的一樣,

并在末後復活的日子,

領受祢為所有愛祢敬畏祢的人

所預備的國度。阿門。

12. 此時可唱詩

THE COMMITTAL

13. At the place of burial or cremation the minister may say one or more of the appropriate texts at section 1. Then these words are said

We have but a short time to live.

Like a flower we blossom and then wither;

like a shadow we flee and never stay.

Or

Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

He comes forth like a flower, and withers.

He passes like a shadow and does not stay.

Let us pray.

In the midst of life we are in death.

From whom may we seek for help, but from you, Lord God,

though you are justly displeased on account of our sins?

And yet, Lord God almighty, most holy and most merciful Saviour,

deliver us from the bitterness of eternal death.

You know the secrets of our hearts;

mercifully hear us, most worthy judge eternal;

keep us, at our last hour, in the consolation of your love.

or these words from Psalm 103:8, 13–17, may be read

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him:

殮葬

13. 在土葬或火葬地點, 牧師可從以下段落中 選用一段或多段誦讀

我們的人生短暫

好像一朵鮮花, 盛開隨即枯乾

又像一團影兒, 逝去毫無盤桓

或

凡婦人所生,

皆在世短暫, 又盡是憂愁

如花朵浮現, 又霎時枯朽

如影兒飄過, 又毫不停留。

讓我們同心禱告。

我們還活着的时候,就已經死了。

我們能向誰尋求幫助呢?

唯有称, 我們的主, 我們的神,

雖然祢因公義而厭棄我們的罪惡。

然而,全能的上帝,至聖至善的救主,

求祢救贖我們脫離永死的痛苦。

因称晓得我們内心一切的隱秘之事,

求称施恩聆聽我們的祈求,

至尊永遠的審判者,

求祢使我們在最後的時刻,

得蒙保守於称的安慰和慈爱。

或宣讀以下經文: 詩篇103:8, 13-17

耶和華有憐憫有恩典.

不輕易發怒, 且有豐盛的慈爱。

父親怎樣憐恤他的兒女,

耶和華也怎樣憐恤敬畏祂的人。

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Our life is like grass,

we flourish like a flower of the field;

the wind goes over it and it is gone,

and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting

the Lord's love is with those who fear him,

and his righteousness with their children's $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

children.

14. At a burial while earth is cast upon the body, or at a cremation while the body is removed, or at a burial at sea, the minister says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all those who have departed in Christ.

We here commit the mortal body of

N (or your child N)

to be cremated/to be buried in the ground/to the deep:

earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal body that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

因爲祂知道我們的本體,

思念我們不過是塵土。

至於世人,他的年日如草一樣,

他發旺如野地的花。

經風一吹, 便歸無有,

它的原處, 也不再認識他。

但耶和華的慈愛, 歸於敬畏祂的人,

從亙古到永遠,

祂的公義也歸於子子孫孫。

14. 進行土葬時撒土、或準備移柩到火化場、或進行海葬時, 牧師禱告:

全能的上帝, 我們的天父,

称給了我們從復活到永生

真實確切的盼望。

祢保守所有在基督裡離世的人。

現在我們奉救主耶穌基督的聖名,

将*某某(或祢的孩子某某)*

的肉身進行火葬/土葬/海葬

使土仍歸於土, 灰仍歸於灰, 塵仍歸於塵;

因主耶穌基督為我們受死、埋葬和復活,

祂還要使我們卑賤的身體

變成和祂榮耀的身體相似。

願感謝歸於賜我們得勝的上帝。

這都是奉我們的耶穌基督之名而求。阿門。

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

15. The minister may say

Scripture says, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord': 'they will rest from their labour'.

Revelation 14:13

The minister may add

Let us say the Lord's Prayer together.

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.

Forgiven 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 the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

16. The minister continues with one of these prayers

Eternal Father,

God of all consolation,

in your unending love and mercy for us

you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.

Be our refuge and strength in sorrow.

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

conquered death by dying for us,

and opened the gate to eternal life by rising again.

Enable us to walk by faith, so that after our life on earth, we may share the life of your kingdom,

where every tear will be wiped away.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

結束禱告

15. 牧師可以如此說

聖經說,"在主裡面而死的人有福了!" "他們息了自己的勞苦。" **啓示錄14:13** *牧師可加上主禱文*

讓我們一起用主禱文來禱告:

我們在天上的父,

願人都尊祢的名為聖,

願祢的國降臨,

願祢的旨意行在地上, 如同行在天上。

我們日用的飲食, 今日賜給我們;

饒恕我們的罪,如同我們饒恕得罪我們的人;

不叫我們陷入試探, 救我們脫離那惡者,

因爲國度、權柄、榮耀.

全是祢的, 直到永遠。 阿門。

16. 牧師繼續以下的禱告

永恆的天父, 賜無窮安慰的主,

因称對我們有無盡的慈愛和憐憫,

祢將死亡的黑暗化作新生命的曙光。

祢是我們在悲傷中的避難所和力量。

祢的爱子, 我們的主耶穌基督,

透過為我們受死、勝過了死亡,

藉着復活、為我們打開了永生之門。

使我們能憑信心而活,

并在我們行完地上的今生以後,

得享祢國度中的生命,

那時一切的眼淚都要被擦乾。

這都是奉我們主耶穌基督之名而求。阿門。

17. The minister concludes

Now to him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with everlasting joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Or

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.**

17. 牧師以此結束

現在,我們要將榮耀、威嚴、權柄和能力,都歸於我們的神, 祂能保守我們不致跌倒, 成為毫無瑕疵,甘心樂意地獻給 我們大有榮耀、獨一智慧的救主, 從現在直到永遠。**阿門。**

或

願我主耶穌基督的恩惠, 上帝的慈爱, 聖靈的交通, 常與我們同在,從今直到永遠。**阿門。**

INTERMENT OF THE ASHES

1. The minister reads one or more of the biblical texts listed in section 1, or one of the following

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives he lives to God. *Romans 6:9-10*We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. *1 Corinthians 15:42-44*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

2. As the ashes are interred, the minister says,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all those who have departed in Christ.

We here commit the ashes of **N** (or your child N) to their resting place,

earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal body

埋葬骨灰

1. 牧師讀出第一部分所列的一處或多處聖經經文,或以下經文

因為知道,基督既從死裡復活,就不再死, 死也不再作他的主了。他死是向罪死了, 只有一次;他活是向神活着。**羅馬書6:9-10** 我們若信耶穌死而復活了,那已經在耶穌裡 睡了的人,神也必將他們也耶穌一同帶來。

帖撒羅尼迦前書4:14

死人復活也是這樣:

所種的是必朽壞的,復活的是不朽壞的; 所種的是羞辱的,復活的是榮耀的; 所種的是軟弱的,復活的是强壯的; 所種的是血氣的身體,復活的是靈性的身體。

哥林多前書15:42-44

願頌讚歸於我們的主耶穌基督的父神,就是 發慈悲的父,賜各樣安慰的神!我們在一切 患難中,祂就安慰我們,叫我們能用神所賜的 安慰去安慰那遭各樣患難的人。

哥林多後書1:3-4

2. 埋葬骨灰時, 牧師如此說

全能的上帝, 我們的天父, 祢賜給我們從復活到永生 真實確切的盼望,

所有在基督裡離世的人都在祢的保守之中。 我們現在將**某某(或祢孩子某某)**的骨灰 交托到安息之地,

使土仍歸於土,灰仍歸於灰,塵仍歸於塵; 因主耶穌基督為我們受死、埋葬和復活, 祂還要使我們卑賤的身體 that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3. The minister prays

Merciful God,
our maker and redeemer,
we pray for the coming of your kingdom,
that in the last day,
when you bring together all things in Christ,
we with all who have died in him
may enjoy the fulfilment of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. The minister concludes

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

The Lord be with you all. Amen.

變成和祂榮耀的身體相似。 願感謝歸於賜我們得勝的上帝。 這都是奉我們的主耶穌基督名求。**阿門。**

3. 牧師祷告

恩慈的上帝, 我們的創造者和救贖者, 我們祈求祢的國度降臨, 在末後的那日, 當祢使萬物都歸在基督裡的時候, 我們和所有在基督裡離世的人 能盡享祢應許的完全成就, 這都是奉我們的主耶穌基督名求。**阿門。**

4. 牧師結束語

願和平之主無論何時何地都親自賜你們平安。 願主與你們同在。 **阿門。**