

Luke 7:11-17; 1 Kings 17:17-24

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Alleluia is a Hebrew word meaning “praise the Lord”.

I am the resurrection and the life

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

Blessing of the Body at the Committal

May God the Father, who created this body;
May God the + Son, who by His blood redeemed this body;
May God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple,
Keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

Committal

We commit the body of our *brother to the ground, to its resting place*; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body,
by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

By the death of Jesus Christ death is destroyed,
By Jesus’ rest in the tomb He sanctified the graves of His saints,
By His bodily resurrection He brought life and immortality to light
All who die in Jesus abide in peace and hope.
We give thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us.
We pray that we would be kept in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Do not be uninformed about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
We believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
The dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Our perishable body must put on the imperishable, and our mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: Abide with Me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;

Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.