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Standing near the head of the casket, or having reached the place of burial, the minister will use one or more of the following Sentences:

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I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25, 26

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Romans 14:7-9

We brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

I Timothy 6:7

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

Job 1:21

Thou dost keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

II Corinthians 5:1

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth. “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.”

Revelation 14:13

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since
we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

*I Thessalonians 4:13, 14*

**Apostles’ Creed**

*Then the minister may lead in the confession of the Christian Faith, if he has not done so previously, saying:*

Let us make confession of our Faith, as expressed in the Apostles’ Creed.

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Then the minister shall say:*

To almighty God we commend this servant, ____________, looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose coming again in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his glorious body; according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

**Prayer**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who, by the death of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death; by his rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints; and by his glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light; receive, we pray thee, our humble thanks for that victory over death and the
grave, which he has obtained for us, and for all who sleep in him; and keep us in eternal fellowship with all those who wait for thee on earth and with all those who surround thee in heaven; in union with him who is the Resurrection and the Life; who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, grant, we pray thee, that we who are still to continue our course amidst earthly dangers, temptation, and troubles may evermore be protected by thy mercy, and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Benediction**

Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with every thing good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be and abide with you always. Amen.