COMMITTAL SERVICE FOR ONE WHO HAS LIVED APART FROM THE CHURCH

Standing near the head of the casket, or having reached the place of burial, the minister shall say:

In the midst of life, we are in death;
What helper do we have but thee, O Lord,
Who, because of our sins, art justly displeased?
Yet, O Lord God most holy, compassionate Savior,
Give us not over to bitter death.

The hour is coming in which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice and come forth. Until that day of the glorious revelation of the great God and our Savior, we commit this body to the grave.

Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us and grant us thy peace.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for thy departed servant the voyage of this troubled life; grant, we pray thee, that we who are still to continue our course amidst earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles may evermore be protected by thy mercy and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.