Funeral Liturgy

Commendation to God and

Celebration of the Life of

[You may like to Insert an image of the person here]

[Insert Name Here]

Born [insert date of birth] Died [insert date of death]

OR

[date of birth] – [date of death]

[Insert Name of Church]

[Insert Town / Suburb]

[Insert Funeral Date eg. 19 February 2015]

**Gathering Rite**

Gathering Music :

**Welcome and Introduction** [Celebrant’s Name]

Sprinkling with Water of Baptism [Celebrant’s Name]

Lighting of the Paschal Candle: [Insert name of person lighting candle here]

Rememberance

 Eulogy [Insert names here]

 Tributes / Symbols [Insert names here]

**Opening Prayer** [Celebrant’s Name]

**Liturgy of the Word**

**FIRST READING**

**e.g. From the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians Reader:** [Insert reader here]

*Strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

*If I speak in tongues of mortals and of angels,*

*but do not have love I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

*And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mystery and all knowledge,*

*and if I have faith to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.*

*If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,*

 *but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind,*

*Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.*

*It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;*

*it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.*

*It bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

*When I was a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;*

*when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.*

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we shall see face to face.*

*Now I know only in part,*

*then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

*And now, faith, hope and love abide, these three;*

*and the greatest of these is love.*

*Reading concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** e.g. The Lord’s My Shepherd Hymnal: Number 473; verses 1,3, and 5.

*The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.*

*He makes me down to lie*

*in pastures green: he leadeth me*

*the quiet waters by.*

*Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,*

*Yet will I fear none ill:*

*For thou are with me, and they rod*

*and staff me comfort still.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life*

*Shall surely follow me:*

*And in God’s house for evermore*

*my dwelling place shall be*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ALL:** Alleluia, Alleluia

 Our true home is in heaven and Jesus Christ will come from heaven to save us

 Alleluia

**GOSPEL**

***Eg. From Gospel of John 14:1-6***

*There are many rooms in my Father’s House*

*Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled,*

*Trust in God still and trust in me.*

*There are many rooms in my Father’s house;*

*if there were not I would have told you*

*I am going now to prepare a place for you*

*and after I have gone and prepared you a place*

*I shall return to take you with me*

*so that where I am you may be too.*

*You know the way to the place where I am going…*

*I am the way, the truth and the life.”*

*Reading concludes*…The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL**: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**HOMILY [Celebrant’s Name here]**

**Prayers and Intentions**

[Reader]: [Selected intention here]

**All: Lord, hear our prayer** *(Response after each intention)*

*Repeat for all intentions*

*Suggested Intentions*

*For [name of deceased],*

*He/She was given the love of family and friends*

*as a pledge of eternal love,*

*establish her now in your re-created life of light and peace*

*with all who have gone before us. We pray..*

***ALL****: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*For friends of [name of deceased];*

*That they may be consoled in their grief,*

*heartened by their memories,*

*and be hopeful in their continuing lives. We pray….*

***ALL:*** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*For all who have helped Jane on life’s journey*

*and been with her in friendship and love;*

*we remember those who have helped in her final illness*

*May all have the reward of their goodness. We pray…*

***ALL:*** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Final Commendation**

**Invitation to Farewell** [Celebrant’s Name]

*Eg. ‘Be Still and know that I am God” from Psalm 46*

Response to the prayer

**ALL**: **Receive her soul and present {him/her] to God the most High.**

**Prayer of Commendation** [Celebrant’s Name]

**Response:** Eternal rest grant unto [him/her], O Lord,

 and let perpetual light shine upon [him/her].

 May [he/she] rest in peace. Amen

**Recessional Hymn or music** [Insert hymn names / music here]

 Eg.

**Pall Bearers:** [Insert names of Pall Bearers here]

 [Insert names of Immediate Family here]

and their families thank all who came today to remember [Insert name of deceased]

The Committal will be conducted in the [Insert cemetery details here].

After the Committal at [Insert Name of Cemetery here] you are invited to join the family at [Insert Venue and Venue Address here] to share memories of [Insert name of deceased]