Concerning The Service for a Departed Daughter Used at a Funeral

The Service for a Departed Daughter Used at a Funeral honors the Daughter’s faithful devotion to The Order and acknowledges its loss. The Service provides an opportunity for members of the Departed Daughter’s chapter to take part in the funeral.

This Service can be used as part of The Burial of the Dead: Rite One or Rite Two, in the Book of Common Prayer. The Service can be said at one of several places:

- As part or instead of the Prayers of the People
- After the Exchange of Peace and before Holy Eucharist
- After the post Communion Prayer and before the Commendation

Consult with the clergy and family members of the departed Daughter to determine when the Service will be held.

If the departed Daughter is Anglican, Roman Catholic, or Lutheran, consult with the priest or clergy in charge of the funeral, as well as the family of the departed Daughter, to discern the appropriate place for the Service.

The Leader is typically the Chapter President. In her absence, she may appoint another member of the chapter to lead the Service.

During the Service, members may stand next to the coffin or urn or they may stand where they are to recite the prayers.

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LEADER: Father of all mercies, giver of all comfort, ___’s life was knit together with ours as we worked to fulfill your will on earth through prayer, service and evangelism. Thank you for the time we shared with her as sisters in the Order of the Daughters of the King®. Bestow your gracious mercy and strength on all who mourn her passing. Let us cast every care on you that we may know the consolation of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEADER: God of love, our sister ___, worked faithfully for the extension of your kingdom. Together with Daughters who have gone before, may she enter into the land of light and joy, and the fellowship of all the saints.

LEADER: Jesus, Lamb of God,
ALL: Have mercy on us.
LEADER: Jesus, bearer of our sins,
ALL: Have mercy on us.
LEADER: Jesus, redeemer of the world,
ALL: Give us your peace.

LEADER: Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Christ, have mercy.
LEADER: Lord, have mercy.

Let us observe a moment of silence for our dear sister ___.

LEADER: Dear Heavenly Father, we bless you for all those who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially your Daughter ___, who daily prayed for others and served cheerfully in fulfillment of her vows. May her faith and example inspire other women and girls to greater and more faithful service for you. Grant that the light of your presence and the glory of the life beyond be her great and everlasting reward. Amen.

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