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¶ The order for the buriall *of the dead.*

¶ The Priest meeting the Corps at the Church stile, shall saye, or else the Priest and Clerkes shall sing, and so goe either into the Church, or towards the graue.

Iohn 11.



Am the resurrection and the life (saith the Lord.) He that beleueth in me, yea, though he were dead, yet shall he liue. And whosoever liueth, and belieueth in me, shall not die for euer.

Iob 19.



Know that my Redeemer liueth, and that I shall rise out of the earth in the last day, and shall be covered againe with my skinne, and shall see God in my flesh: yea, and I my selfe shall behold him, not with other, but with these same eyes.

1. Tim. 6.
Iob 1.



We brought nothing into this world, neither may we carry any thing out of this world. The Lord giueth, and the Lord taketh away. Euen as it hath pleased the Lord so commeth things to passe: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

¶ When they come to the graue, while the Corps is made ready to bee laid into the earth, the Priest shall say, or the Priest, and Clerkes shall sing.

Iob 14.



An that is borne of a woman hath but a short time to liue, and is full of misery. Hee commeth vp, and is cut downe like a flower, he fleeth as it were a shadow, and neuer continueth in one stay. In the mids of life we bee in death: of whom may we seeke for succour but of thee, O Lord, which for our sinnes art iustly displeased? Yet O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,

○ holy, and most mercifull Sauour, deliuer vs not into the bitter paines of eternall death. Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts, shut not vp thy mercifull eyes to our prayers : but spare vs Lord molte holy, ○ God most mighty, ○ holy and mercifull Sauour, thou most worthy Iudge eternall, suffer vs not at our last houre for any paines of death to fall from thee.

¶ Then while the earth shall be cast vpon the body by some standing by, the Priest shall say.

BOrasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take vnto himselke the soule of our deare brother here departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternall life, through our Lord Iesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may bee like vnto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himselke.

Then shall be said or sung.

Hheard a voice from heauen saying vnto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord. Euen so sayeth the Spirite, that they rest from their labours.

Reue. 14,
15.

¶ Then shall follow this Lesson, taken out of the xv. Chapter to the Corinthians, the first Epistle.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleepe. For by a man came death, and by a man came the resurrection of the dead. For as by Adam all die, euen so by Christ shal all bee made aliue, but euery man in his owne order. The first is Christ, then they that are Christs at his comming. Then commeth the end, when he hath deliuered vp the kingdome to God the Father, when he hath put downe all rule, and all authority and power. For hee must reigne till he haue put his enemies vnder his feete. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For hee hath put all things vnder his feete. But when hee saith, all things are put vnder him, it

1. Corin. 15,
20.

is manifest that he is excepted that hath put all things vnder hym. When all things are subdued vnto him, then shall the Sonne also himselfe be subiecte vnto him that put all things vnder him, that God may be all in all. Else what doe they which are baptized ouer the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized ouer them? yea, and why stand we alway then in ieopardy? By our reioycing which I haue in Christ Iesu our Lord, I die dayly. That I haue fought with bealts at Ephelus after the manner of men, what aduantage it me, if the dead rise not againe? Let vs eate and drinke, for to morrow wee shall die. Bee not yee deceiued; euill words corrupt good manners. Awake truely out of sleepe, and sinne not. For some haue not the knowledge of God. I speake this to your shame. But some man will say How arise the dead? With what body shall they come? Thou foole, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And what sowest thou? Thou sowest not that body that shall bee, but bare corne, as of wheat or some other : but God giueth it a body at his pleasure, to euery seede his owne body. All flesh is not one manner of flesh : but there is one manner of flesh of men, another manner of flesh of bealts, another of fishes, an other of birds. There are also celestiall bodie, and there are bodie terrestriall. But the glory of the celestiall is one, and the glory of the terrestriall is another. There is one manner glory of the Sunne, and another glory of the Moone, and another glory of the Starres. For one Starre differeth from another in glory. So is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it riseth againe in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour, it riseth againe in honour. It is sown in weaknesse, it riseth againe in power. It is sown a natural body, it riseth againe a spirituall body. There is a natural body, and there is a spirituall body : as it is also written, The first man Adam was made a liuing soule, and the last Adam was made a quickening spirite. Howbeit that is not first which is spirituall, but that which is natureall and then that which is spirituall. The first man is of the earth, earthy. The second man is the Lord from heauen, heauenly. As is the earthy, such are they that be earthy. And as is the heauenly, such are they that are heauenly. And as we haue borne the image of the earthy, so shall we beare the

image of the heauenly. This say I, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherite the Kingdome of God, neither doth corruption inherite incorruption. Behold, I shew you a myltery. We shall not all sleepe : but we shall all be changed, and that in a moment, in the twinckling of an eye, by the last trumpe. For the trumpe shall blow, and the deade shall rise incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortall must put on immortality. When this corruptible hath put on incorruption, and this mortall hath put on immortality, then shall be brought to passe the saying that is written : Death is swallowed vp in victory : Death, where is thy sting? Hell, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sinne, and the strength of sinne is the Law. But thanks be vnto God, which hath giuen vs victory through our Lord Iesus Christ. Therefore my deare brethren, be yee stedfast and vnmouable, alwayes rich in the worke of the Lord, forasmuch as yee know how that your labour is not in vaine in the Lord.

¶ The Lesson ended, the Priest shall say.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

Christe haue mercie vpon vs.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

¶ Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

And leade vs not into temptation.

Answer.

But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

The Priest.



Almightie God, with whom doe liue the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and in whom the soules of them that be elected, after they be deliuered from the burden of the flesh, be in ioy and felicitie : Wee giue thee heartie thanks for that it hath pleased thee to deliuer this *R.* our brother, out of the mileries of this sinfull world beleeching thee, that it may please thee of thy gracious goodnelle, shortly to accomplish the numbere of thine elect, and to halten thy Kingdome, that wee with this our brother, and all other departed in the true faith

of thy holy Name, may haue our perfect consummation and blisse, both in body and soule in thy eternall and euerlasting glory. Amen.

¶ The Collect.



Mercifull God, the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, in whom wholoouer beleueth shall liue, though he die, and wholoouer liueth, and beleueth in him, shall not die eternally : who also taught vs (by his holy Apostle Paul) not to be sorry as men without hope, for them that sleepe in him : We meekely beseeche thee (O Father) to raise vs from the death of sinne, vnto the life of righteoulnesse, that when we shall depart this life, wee may rest in him, as our hope is this our brother doeth, and that at the generall Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy light, and receiue that blessing which thy well beloued Sonne shall then pronounce to all that loue and fear thee, saying, Come ye blessed children of my Father, receiue the Kingdome prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, wee beseeche thee, O mercifull father, through Iesus Christe our Mediatour and Redeemer. Amen.