

**All:**

**Father in heaven, we ask you to look in compassion upon the parents of this child. Comfort them. Dwell with them, and be their refuge, until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Chaplain:**

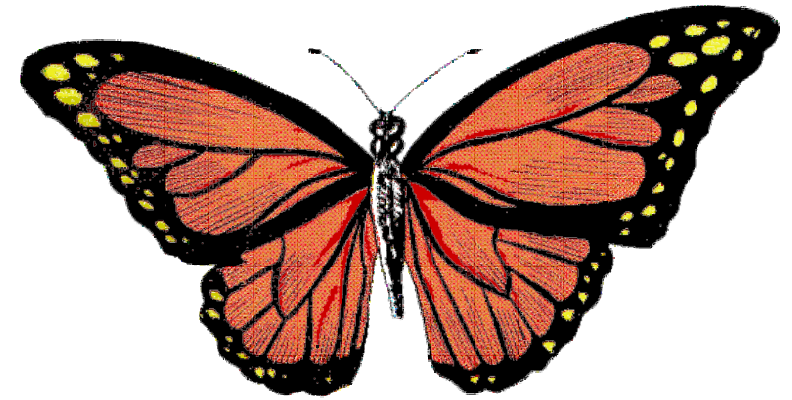
Having commended the soul of this child to the care of God our maker and redeemer, we now commit the child's body, to be cremated/ buried; putting our whole trust and confidence in the mercy of our heavenly Father, and in the victory of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All:**

**O God, in whose mighty power it lies to bring good out of all things; grant us a patient faith in this time of darkness, and enlighten our understanding with the knowledge of your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Chaplain:**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip us with everything good that we may do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, and the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all, and those whom we love, now and for ever more. **Amen.**



# Funeral of a Child

**Chaplain:**

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his arms. Isaiah 40 v11

The lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Revelation 7v17

**All:**

**Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life, through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Reading 1: Lamentations 3 v 22**

**The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue,  
Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.  
The Lord is all I have, and so I put my hope in him.  
The Lord is good to everyone who trusts in him,  
So it is best for us to wait in patience—to wait for him to save us—  
And it is best to learn this patience in our youth.**

**Reading 2: Ephesians 3**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named; that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Reading 3: Mark 10**

They brought children for Jesus to touch. The disciples rebuked them and turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant, and said to them, *“Let the children come to me; do not try to stop them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child, will never enter it.”* And he put his arms round them, laid his hands upon them, and blessed them.

**Chaplain:**

Heavenly Father, whose Son our Saviour took little children into his arms and blessed them: receive we pray the soul of this child into your never failing care and love, comfort all who have known the child on earth, and bring us all to your everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**