

**1963 - 2025** FOREVER LOVED

# **Order of Service (At the Residence)**

- 1. Prelude / Processional
  - Soft instrumental (brass band/keyboard).
- 2. Call to Worship / Scriptural Sentences
  - Psalm 103:15–17
     (NLT): "Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows, and we are gone— as though we had never been here. But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children
     "Amen."
- 3. Opening Hymn
  - "Abide with Me"
- 4. Opening Prayer ()
- 5. First Bible Reading ()
  - Isaiah 40:28–31

Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

- 6. Musical Interlude
- 7. Second Bible Reading ()
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
     13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died-so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.
     14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

- o 15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have diedwill rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage each other with these words.
- 8. Hymn of Faith
  - "It Is Well with My Soul"
- 9. Sermon / Exhortation
- 10. Intercessions & Pastoral Prayer
- 11. Biography
- Alfred Rich Bennett
- 12. Tributes
- Children → Grand-children → Siblings→ In Laws
- 13. Thanksgiving / Offertory
- Offertory Hymn / Musical:
  - o "Blessed Assurance"
- Dedication of Offertory
- 14. **Announcements** (Family/Church Rep)
- 15. Closing Hymn
  - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"
- 16. Benediction (Minister)
- 17. Recessional Hymn / Instrumental
- "When We All Get to Heaven" (joyful tempo) or band instrumental

# **Order of Service (At the Graveside)**

#### 1. Opening Sentences / Welcome

John 11:25–26\_Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

### 2. Graveside Hymn (Processional/Standing)

"Abide with Me"

### 3. Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (Victory over death) <sup>50</sup> What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. <sup>51</sup> But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! <sup>52</sup> It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. <sup>53</sup> For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. <sup>54</sup> Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, <sup>[a]</sup> this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>55</sup> O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? <sup>12]\*\* 56</sup> For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. <sup>57</sup> But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

- 4. Short Exhortation
- 5. Committal (Dust-to-dust; prayer)
- 6. Family Wreath-Laying / Viewing
- 7. Graveside Hymn (After Committal)
  - "It Is Well with My Soul" (final stanza)
- 8. Final Prayers
- 9. Benediction

## **OFFICIATING MINISTERS & CLERGY**

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**GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU**