

FUNERAL LITURGY OUTSIDE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Music / Hymn to accompany the entry procession

If the coffin is brought in on the day a bible and crucifix may be placed on the coffin by the priest or the family

Introduction

Opening prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading from Sacred Scripture

Psalm (sung or said) or appropriate hymn

There can be a Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL

Homily

Brief Silence

Bidding prayers (normally read by a member of the family)

A few words may be spoken by a member of the family

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FARWELL

Invitation to Prayer

*The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed
A hymn may be sung or background music may be played*

Prayer of Commendation

Processional Music / Hymn
As the coffin is carried from the church