

Burial Service at Sea

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This is a change which we never pass but once. Some return to tell us what they have experienced in the other world. All we know of it comes by the testimony of God, in the Bible. And there is no opportunity to correct our mistakes if we are wrong once we are gone for ever.

Let us then reflect by the admonition of mortality. Let us lay it to heart that we must die. And while we tenderly sympathize with bereaved friends, and commend them to God who alone can comfort them under this stroke of his hand, let us seek for grace and wisdom to prepare our ^{own} souls for the bill of heaven, that whether we live we may live unto the Lord, and whether we die we may die unto the Lord and being justified by faith may have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever. Amen

When all hands are ready to launch the body we send the Lord may say

As much as hath pleased Almighty God in his providence to take out of this world the soul of our deceased Brother, we therefore commit his Body to the deep heaving for the resurrection of the Body when the sea shall give up her dead, when the Corruptible bodies ~~of~~ of these who sleep in Christ shall be changed and made like unto his own glorious Body according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself; and when the wicked also shall awake and come forth to shame and everlasting contempt.