

## **Graveside Committal service:**

Traditions can be comforting in times of crises –

In Military honor at this time for veterans, TAPS is often played in a solemn rendition. Often Sailors are buried at sea, and a favorite Hymn is sung such as amazing grace, “how great thou art” or the old rugged cross.

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The 1662 version of the *Book of Common Prayer* indicated the manner and text of the burial service where we read...

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear sister /brother here departed, we therefore commit this body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

The term '**Ashes to ashes**' comes from the English Burial Service. adapted from the Biblical text, Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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John 12

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

God who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through the Spirit that dwells in you. ROMANS 8:11

# **For Queen Elizabeth in 2002**

## **Also appropriate for Lucy today**

**Y**ou can shed tears that she is gone  
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back  
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone  
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back  
or you can do what she'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.