

A Funeral Rite should have FIVE purposes

To secure the reverent disposal of a corpse

To commend the deceased to the care of our heavenly Father

To proclaim the glory of our risen life in Christ

To remind us of the certainty of our coming death and judgement.

To make plain the eternal unity of Christian people, living and departed, in the risen and ascended Christ.

Funeral Rite – SIX elements

1. Gathering
2. Reading and Sermon
3. Prayers
4. Commendation and Farewell
5. Committal
6. Dismissal