

# Funeral Liturgy Liturgy of the Word

Second Reading

*(Death is swallowed up in victory.)*

## **A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Brothers and Sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

*"Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?"*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.