

REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass is the Eucharistic Sacrifice offered for the benefit of some soul or souls who, having gone through the human experience called "death", are now living in the second state of the Church which is called Paradise, the Church Expectant or Purgatory. As the Body of Christ on earth offers this Mass, the redeeming life and death of Christ flows in upon the souls of the departed and the work of their perfection is carried forward. The Collect, Epistle and Gospel given below are those provided in the Prayer Book for Requiems offered at funerals. At other times a different prayer and scripture lessons are used.

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE
REQUIEM MASS

IN the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O LORD God, Holy Father, I have come into thy presence to assist in offering to thee this Sacrifice of the most blessed Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ:

To thy honour and glory;

In memory of his death and passion, and in thanksgiving for all the blessings thou hast bestowed upon me and upon thy whole Church;

And more especially do I now offer to thee this holy Sacrifice for the soul(s) of

. (my friends, relations and benefactors, and for the souls of all the faithful departed.) Open to *him* thy Heart, manifest to *him* thy glory, show thyself to *him* as thou art, and let flow into *his* soul those streams of joy of which thou art the everlasting Source.

O Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, who, departing out of this world, didst leave thy Body and thy Blood to be our meat and drink; by this thy boundless love, I beseech thee, have mercy on the souls of all the faithful departed.

Lead them to the fountain of life, refresh them at thy heavenly table, and stablish them in thy eternal kingdom; through thy merits, O Lord God, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill my heart with the fire of thy divine love, that with devout attention and reverence I may offer this most holy Sacrifice, according to the rites of holy Church. Drive far from me all earthly thoughts and fill me with thy Spirit, that I may pray aright, and that *this* soul(s) may obtain all the benefits of which *he* stand(s) in need and which *he* so ardently desire(s), through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HOLY Mother of God, thou bearer of the Eternal Word, assist with thy prayers all faithful people living and dead, that aided by thy intercessions they may share thy bliss in heaven; through the merits of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

JESU mercy.

MARY pray.



THE PREPARATION AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

Priest. In the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers or Server. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Priest. ✠ Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Ministers. Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Priest says the Confession, at the end of which he asks the People to pray for him:

I CONFESS to almighty God, to blessed Mary Ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ministers. Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

Priest. Amen.

Then the Ministers or Servers repeat the confession.

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Priest. Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

Ministers. Amen.

Priest. The almighty ☩ and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins.

Ministers. Amen.

Priest. Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, O God?

Ministers. That thy people may rejoice in thee.

Priest. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Ministers. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Ministers. And let my cry come unto thee.

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Ministers. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love

thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

Ministers. Amen.

*Going up the steps, the Priest prays
secretly:*

PUT away our iniquities far from us, O
Lord, we beseech thee, that with pure
minds we may be worthy to enter into the
Holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Kissing the altar, he says:

WE beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits
of all thy Saints, that it may please
thee to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

THE INTROIT

*Either "Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ
saith," etc., (p. 58) or the following:*

REST eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon
them. *Ps. 65.* Thou, O God, art praised
in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be
performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest
the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
Then at once is repeated: Rest eternal grant
unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual
shine upon them.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us. *or* Kyrie eleison.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us. *or* Kyrie eleison.

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People. Christ have mercy upon us. *or* Christe eleison.

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People. Christ have mercy upon us. *or* Christe eleison.

Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us. *or* Kyrie eleison.

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THE COLLECT

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered: accept our prayers on behalf of the soul of thy servant (N.) departed; and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of

thy saints. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. R. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

i Thessalonians iv. 13

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. R. Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

REST eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
V. *Ps.* 112. The righteous shall be had in
everlasting remembrance: he will not be
afraid of any evil tidings.

TRACT. Absolve, O Lord, the souls of
all the faithful departed from all the chains
of their sins. V. That by the succour of
thy grace they may be found worthy to
escape the avenging judgment. V. And
enjoy the bliss of everlasting light.

SEQUENCE

Dies Irae

DAY of wrath, and doom impending,
David's word with Sibyl's blending:
Heaven and earth in ashes ending.
O what fear man's bosom rendeth,
When from heaven the Judge descen-
deth,
On whose sentence all dependeth!
Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth,
Through earth's sepulchres it ringeth,
All before the throne it bringeth.
Death is struck, and nature quaking,
All creation is awaking,
To its Judge an answer making.

Lo! the book exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded,
Thence shall judgment be awarded.

When the Judge his seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.

What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding,
When the just are mercy needing?

King of Majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us.

Think, kind Jesu, my salvation,
Caused thy wondrous Incarnation,
Leave me not to reprobation.

Faint and weary thou hast sought me,
On the Cross of suffering bought me,
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?

Righteous Judge! for sin's pollution
Grant thy gift of absolution
Ere that day of retribution.

Guilty, now I pour my moaning,
All my shame with anguish owning:
Spare, O God, thy suppliant groaning.

Through the sinful woman shriven,
Through the dying thief forgiven,
Thou to me a hope hast given.

Worthless are my tears and sighing:
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying.

With thy sheep a place provide me,
From the goats afar divide me,
To thy right hand do thou guide me.
When the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me, with thy Saints surrounded.
Low I kneel, with heart-submission:
See like ashes my contrition:
Help me in my last condition!
Ah that day of tears and mourning!
From the dust of earth returning,
Man for judgment must prepare him;
Spare, O God, in mercy spare him:
Lord, all-pitying, Jesu blest,
Grant them thine eternal rest. Amen.

*If more than one Collect has been said, the
above Sequence may be omitted.*

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE GOSPEL

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, O
thou Almighty God, who didst purge
the lips of Isaiah the Prophet with a live
coal: and of thy sweet mercy vouchsafe so
to purify me, that I may worthily proclaim
thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. ✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the Sixth Chapter of John beginning at the Thirty-Seventh Verse.

Or

✠ The continuation of the holy Gospel according to John.

People. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: Jesus said unto them, All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Here the Mass of the Catechumens ends and the Mass of the Faithful begins. (The Creed is not added to the rite at Requiems.)

THE OFFERTORY

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

The Priest then reads the Offertory sentence, either one from the selection in the Prayer Book, or else the following:

O LORD Jesu Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell, and from the bottomless pit: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell swallow them not up, that they fall not into darkness: but let Michael the standard-bearer bring them into the holy light: ★ Which thou didst promise of old unto Abraham, and his seed. V. We offer thee, O Lord, this sacrifice of prayer and praise: do thou receive it for the souls whose memory we this day recall: make them, O Lord, to pass from death unto life. Which thou didst promise of old unto Abraham and his seed.

The Offering of the Bread

RECEIVE, O Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, this spotless Host, which I thine unworthy servant now offer unto thee, my God, the living and the true, for all my countless sins, wickedness,

and neglect; and for all those here present; as also for all the faithful in Christ, both quick and dead; that it may set forward their salvation and mine, unto life everlasting. Amen.

When the Priest Pours Wine and Water into the Cup

O GOD, who didst lay the foundations of man's being in wonder and honour, and in greater wonder and honour didst renew the same: grant by the mystery of this water and wine, that he who was partaker of our humanity may make us joint-heirs of his very Godhead, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

We Offer the Cup

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the Cup of Salvation; beseeching thy mercy that it may ascend in the sight of thy Divine Majesty as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and that of the whole world. Amen.

We Offer Ourselves

IN a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted of thee, O Lord, and

so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day
that it may be well-pleasing unto thee, O
Lord our God.

We Invoke the Holy Ghost

COME, O thou Sanctifier, Almighty and
Everlasting God, and bless ✠ this
sacrifice made ready for thy Holy Name.

While the Priest Washes His Hands

Psalm 26:6

I WILL wash my hands in innocency, O
Lord: ★ and so will I go to thine altar;
That I may show the voice of thanks-
giving, ★ and tell of all thy wondrous works.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy
house, ★ and the place where thine honour
dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners,
★ nor my life with the blood-thirsty;

In whose hands is wickedness, ★ and their
right hand is full of gifts.

But as for me, I will walk innocently: ★
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth right: ★ I will praise
the Lord in the congregations.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

RECEIVE, O Holy Trinity, this oblation
which we offer unto thee, in memory

of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ; and in honour of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul; of these and all the Saints; that it may be to their honour and our salvation; and that like as we remember them on earth, so in heaven they may plead for us. Through the same Christ our Lord.

The Priest now turns to the People and bids their prayers, either in the form following, or else in the shorter form at the beginning of the Prayer for the Church.

Priest. Brethren, pray: that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People. The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Priest. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

The Priest now prays that God will accept the Offering and this prayer expands into a series of intercessions, which serve to bring others around the altar. The prayer is printed in full on p. 68. He prays for:

The Acceptance of the Offering.

The Church and its Unity.

All Rulers of Men.

All Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

The Congregation.

The Tempted and Tried.

(especially, at this Mass, for Mour-
ners.)

The Departed.

(especially those for whom the Sacra-
fice is being offered.)

The Priest ends the prayer:

V. Our only Mediator and Advocate.

R. Amen.

If Holy Communion is to be administered to the People, the Communion Devotions are said, either here or after the Priest's Communion. They will be found on p. 70.

THE PREFACE TO THE CANON

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord
God.

People. It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest continues:

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whom hath been manifested forth unto us the hope of a glorious resurrection; giving unto them that bewail the certain condition of their mortality the comfort of thy promise of immortality to come: for thou, O Lord, takest not away but changest the life of thy faithful People, granting unto them at the dissolution of the tabernacle of their earthly pilgrimage a dwelling-place everlasting in the heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

The bell rings thrice and the People join the Priest in saying the Sanctus:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. (Amen.) Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosannah in the Highest.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Priest now begins the "Eucharistic Prayer", the most sacred part of the Mass.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;

Here the Priest spreads his hands over the offering.

AND did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

The bell rings one warning stroke and the Priest proceeds to consecrate the bread and wine.

The Consecration of the Bread

FOR in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS
GIVEN FOR YOU:

Do this in remembrance of me.

As the bell rings thrice, the Priest kneels in adoration and lifts the Sacred Host for all to see. Look up and adore. Say with St. Thomas: My Lord and my God!

The Consecration of the Wine

LIKEWISE, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this:

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE
NEW TESTAMENT WHICH IS SHED
FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR
THE REMISSION OF SINS:

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

The bell rings again thrice and, having knelt in adoration, the Priest lifts the Cup.

Prayer of Offering

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

Prayer of Invocation of the Holy Ghost

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

Prayer for the Benefits of the Offering

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our

sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

Prayer for Communicants

AND here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

Prayer for the Departed

REMEMBER, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

Prayer for the Acceptance of the Offering

AND although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

The Concluding Doxology

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee.

V. O Father Almighty, world without end.

R. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

LET us pray. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, (R.) But

deliver us from evil. (For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.)

At the Breaking of the Host

DELIVER us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and with all Saints, give peace graciously in our days, that we, being holpen by the succour of thy mercy, may both always be free from sin and safe from all disquietude. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God,

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

At the Commixture of the Body and Blood of the Lord

Priest. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest (secretly). May this mingling and consecration of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord be unto us who receive it an approach to everlasting life. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant them rest eternal.

The Priest continues, secretly:

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, whom the Father with the Holy Ghost hath willed by death to make the world to live: by this most holy Body and Blood of thine, set me free from all my sins, and from all evil things: and make me in such wise ever to abide in thy commands that I may never be separated from thee. Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may

be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. R. Amen.

The Communion of the Priest

The Priest now takes the Sacred Host, saying:

I WILL receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Then, striking his breast, he says thrice:

LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Here the bell rings thrice. If you are to receive Holy Communion, rise and go to the rail here without delay.

The Priest receives the Sacred Host, saying:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life.

He gathers the crumbs from the corporal, saying:

What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will

call upon the Lord which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

He receives the Precious Blood, saying:

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life.

While the Priest is making his Communion, use the following prayers. And if you are not making a Sacramental Communion, be sure to make the act of Spiritual Communion.

O Lord Jesus Christ, forasmuch as *this* soul(s) believed on thee, look upon *him* in thy mercy and reward *his* faith.

O Lord Jesus Christ, forasmuch as *this* soul(s) hoped in thee, disappoint *him* not of *his* hope, but impart to *him* thyself in whom *he* trusted.

O Lord Jesus Christ, forasmuch as *this* soul(s) loved thee, even if it were with an imperfect love, look upon *him* and impart to *him* thyself, who art perfect Love.

O Lord Jesus Christ, forasmuch as *this* soul(s) repented *him* of *his* sins, and looked for pardon through thy most Precious Blood, forgive *him* and cleanse *him* that *he* may be meet to enjoy thy presence.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the soul of thy servant N., which hath passed from this world, being by this holy sacrifice cleansed and delivered from all sins, may obtain thy pardon and eternal rest. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. R. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. ✠ May they rest in peace.

People. Amen.

Bowing over the altar, the Priest says this final secret prayer:

LET this my bounden duty and service be pleasing unto thee, O Holy Trinity; and grant that this sacrifice which I, all unworthy, have offered in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto thee; and be for me and all them for whom I have offered it, a propitiation of thy loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

No blessing is given, but, having said the last prayer above, the Priest goes immediately to the Gospel corner of the altar and reads the Last Gospel:

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

People. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even

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to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

People. Thanks be to God.

PRIVATE PRAYERS AFTER REQUIEM MASS

Psalm 130

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee,
O Lord; ★ Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears consider well ★ the voice of my complaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, ★ O Lord, who may abide it?

4. For there is mercy with thee; ★ therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; ★ in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; ★ I say, before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, ★ and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel ★ from all his sins.

Rest eternal ★ grant unto them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual ★ shine upon them.

I WORSHIP, praise, and bless thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and I give thanks to thee for all the graces thou hast bestowed upon thy blessed Mother and on all thine elect; beseeching thee that thou wouldest vouchsafe to accept on behalf of *this* soul(s), all the prayers and intercessions of the same glorious Virgin and of all thy Saints, for the remission of *his* sins, for the supply of all *his* needs, and for *his* everlasting peace and rest. Amen.

V. Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

V. From the gates of hell,

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

V. ✠ May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

CHRIST enthroned in highest heaven,
Hear us crying from the deep,
For the faithful ones departed,
For the souls of all that sleep,
As thy kneeling Church entreateth,
Hearken, Shepherd of the sheep.

Let thy plenteous loving-kindness
On them, as we pray, be poured ;
Let them through thy boundless mercy,
From all evil be restored ;
Hearken to the gentle pleading
Of thy Mother, gracious Lord.

When, O kind and radiant Jesu,
Kneels the Queen, thy throne before,
Let the court of Saints attending
Mercy for the dead implore ;
Hearken, loving Friend of sinners,
Whom the cross exalted bore.

Hear and answer prayers devoutest ;
Break, O Lord, each binding chain ;
Dash the Gates of Death asunder,
Quell the Devil and his train ;
Bring the souls which thou hast ransomed,
Evermore in joy to reign.