

## REQUIEM MASS

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¶ A Requiem Mass is the Eucharistic Sacrifice offered with the special intention of some soul, or souls, who, having gone through the human experience of death, we think of as being in the second state of the Church called Paradise, or the Church Expectant, where they are undergoing their final preparation for entry into the bliss of heavenly perfection. The Collect and Scripture Lessons given here are those provided in the Prayer Book for Requiems offered at funerals. At other times different Collects and Lessons may be 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 honor 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 pray-

ers 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.

## I. THE ENTRANCE RITE

### *The Introit*

¶ When the Priest and his attendants have entered the sanctuary, they pause and prepare themselves for their ministry by means of the Preparation (p. 58). At Masses with music, this Preparation is said while the Introit is sung. But if, at a funeral, the Mass is preceded either by the reception of the body into the church, or the Office for the Burial of the Dead, or both, the Preparation is usually omitted.

*Antiphon:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Psalm 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.

Rest eternal, *etc.*

### *The Kyrie Eleison*

¶ Then follows the little Litany called "Kyrie eleison." At Mass with music it is sung throughout by the People. At recited Masses, its petitions are said by Priest and People alternately.

*or*

<i>Priest.</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	Kyrie eleison
<i>People.</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	Kyrie eleison
<i>Priest.</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	Kyrie eleison
<i>People.</i> Christ, have mercy upon us.	Christe eleison
<i>Priest.</i> Christ, have mercy upon us.	Christe eleison
<i>People.</i> Christ, have mercy upon us.	Christe eleison
<i>Priest.</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	Kyrie eleison
<i>People.</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	Kyrie eleison
<i>Priest.</i> Lord, have mercy upon us.	Kyrie eleison

*The Collect*

¶ The Celebrant now brings the Entrance Rite to a close by singing or saying the Collect:

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

○ 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. *R̄*. Amen.

## II. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### *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. *R̄*. Thanks be to God.

*The Gradual*

**R**EST eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. *Ps.* 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 every chain of sin. *Ps.* And by the help of thy grace, may they be worthy to escape the judgment of condemnation: and attain the fruition of everlasting light.

¶ And the following may be added:

*Sequence*

## DIES IRAE

**D**AY of wrath! O day of mourning!  
See fulfilled the prophets' warning,  
Heaven and earth in ashes burning!

O what fear man's bosom rendeth  
When from heaven the Judge descendeth,  
On whose sentence all dependeth!

Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth;  
Through earth's sepulchers 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, good Jesus, my salvation  
Cost 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 the day of retribution.

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

Thou the sinful woman savedst;  
Thou the dying thief forgavest;  
And to me a hope vouchsafest.

Worthless are my prayers and sighing,  
 Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,  
 Rescue me from fires undying!

With thy favored sheep O place me,  
 Nor among the goats abase me,  
 But to thy right hand upraise me.

While 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, Jesus blest,  
 Grant them thine eternal rest. Amen.

### *The Holy Gospel*

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the Sixth Chapter of John, beginning at the Thirty-seventh Verse.

℟. 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.

### III. THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE

#### 1. The Offertory

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with thy spirit.

¶ The following Offertory Anthem is then sung while the bread and wine are being prepared and offered. At recited Masses, the Priest reads the Anthem, or else one of the Sentences in the Prayer Book, before he proceeds with the offering of the gifts.

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell, and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness: but let Michael, the holy standard-

bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: \* Which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed. ✠. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer to thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation: and grant them, Lord, to pass from death unto life: \* Which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed.

¶ The bread and wine are brought to the Celebrant who offers them to God and places them on the altar; and, at Solemn Mass, the offering, the altar, and the Celebrant are censed. The Celebrant washes his hands and then makes the offering in the following prayer which, after asking that God will receive the gifts, expands into a series of intercessions, which operates to bring others around God's altar. The full prayer will be found 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 Mourners)

The Departed.

(especially those for whom the Sacrifice is being offered)

¶ The Priest ends the prayer:

℣. Our only Mediator and Advocate.

℟. Amen.

¶ The Ritual Preparation of Communicants may follow here, or it may be transferred to the Communion section of the rite. See p. 70.

## 2. The Eucharistic Prayer

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up unto the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks unto our  
Lord God.

℟. It is meet and right so to do.

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 the hope of a blessed resurrection hath shone upon us; that we, who are saddened by the certainty of dying, may be comforted by the promise of immortal life to come. For the life of thy faithful people, O Lord, is not taken away but changed, and though the tabernacle of their earthly habitation is

dissolved, thou preparest them a house eternal 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:

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: Hosanna in the Highest.

¶ And the Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

### *The Thanksgiving*

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:

¶ He spreads his hands over the offering, saying:

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.

### *The Consecration*

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 dis-  
ciples, saying, Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY  
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU:

Do this in remembrance of me.

¶ As the bell rings, the Priest kneels in adoration  
and lifts the Sacred Host for all to see.

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, and, having knelt in adora-  
tion, the Priest lifts the Cup.

### *Prayer of Offering*

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Fa-  
ther, 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 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*

¶ Holding the Host above the Chalice and elevating both, the Priest says or sings:

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

R̄. Amen.

*Priest.* Let us pray. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father,

*Priest and People.* 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. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### 3. The Fraction

¶ The Celebrant now breaks the consecrated Host and, putting a small particle into the Cup, says or sings:

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

℟. And with thy spirit.

### 4. The Communion

¶ The fourth of the sacrificial acts begins by the saying or singing of the following hymn.

○ LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant them rest.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant them rest.

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



¶ Here the bell is rung thrice as a signal for intending communicants to approach the altar. And the Priest says the following prayer of preparation for communion which, in some places, is said here in connection with the Ritual Preparation of Communicants printed on p. 70.

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 Celebrant receives the Holy Gifts and then proceeds to administer them to the People. First he says:

BEHOLD the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

¶ And the People say with him thrice:

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

¶ 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.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul(s) of *this* thy servant(s) into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that *he* may be precious in thy sight. Wash *him*, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defile-

ments *he* may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, *he* may be presented pure and without spot before thee, through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Act of Spiritual Communion*

✠ Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart.

### *The Ablutions*

¶ When all have communicated, the Celebrant reverently consumes any of the Sacrament that may remain, and then, assisted by his Ministers, cleanses the vessels. During the Communion the following is sung; but at recited Masses the Celebrant reads it before he proceeds to the last prayer.

### *The Communion Verse*

MAY light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious. *Ÿ*. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious.

### *The Post-Communion Prayer*

¶ The Priest brings the Communion to a close with a Collect. The Collect given here is proper to funerals. If the Collect, Epistle and Gospel in the beginning of the rite were different from those

printed above, this Prayer will also be different. In some places, the Prayer Book Post-Communion Prayer (p. 81) is said here instead of the following.

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that the soul of thy servant N. (thine handmaid N.) which hath passed out of this world; being purified by this Sacrifice and freed from sin, may obtain both pardon and everlasting rest. Through . . .

¶ In place of the Dismissal.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

℣. May they rest in peace.

℞. Amen.

¶ No blessing is given at Requiems.

## Private Prayers After Requiem Mass

### *Psalm 130*

**O**UT 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.

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

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

℣. From the gates of hell,

℟. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

℣. ✠ May *he* rest in peace.

℟. 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.