



Rite of Catholic Funerals

At the Hospital or at their residence

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The priest says the antiphon:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever live and believe in me shall never die.

Let us pray:

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of resurrection,
to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory,
and with the blessed Virgin Mary and all thy saints,
to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all
who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sprinkling the coffin with holy water and then the celebrant says:

With this water we call to mind **N.N.'s** baptism.
As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us,
so may he bring **N.N.** to the fullness of resurrection and life
with all the redeemed. Amen.

Then follows, the psalm, which is sung or said. (Psalm 103:13-17 Quomodo miseretur)

Like as a father has pity his own children:
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
For he knows where of we are made:
he remember that we are but dust.
The days of man are but as grass:
for he flourish as a flower of the field.
For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone:
and the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever upon them that fear him:
and his righteousness upon children's children.

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

Then, the coffin is taken in corteo form to the church where the mass is going to be celebrated.

The Mass

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also be with you.

Penitential Act

Priest: Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (**striking the breast, all say**) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and brings us to everlasting life. Amen.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

Collect

With hands joined the priest says:

Let us pray:

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith
that your Son, who died on the Cross, was raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Grant that through this mystery
your servant **N.N.**, who has gone to his/her rest in Christ,
may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom. (Wisdom 3:1-9c)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be an affliction,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of men they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good, because
God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule
over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him
in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect,
and he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord is my Shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

For His Name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Even though I walk through
the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

For you are with me;

Your rod and Your staff,

they comfort me.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies,

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me

all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell

in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

R. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Second reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation (21:1–7)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;
and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
‘Behold, the dwelling of God is with men.
He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning nor crying
nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’
And he who sat upon the throne said,
‘Behold, I make all things new.’
Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’
And he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of
life without payment.
He who conquers shall have this heritage,
and I will be his God and he shall be my son.
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:
he that believes in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live: and whosoever lives and
believes in me shall never die.

Alleluia

The priest then bows before the altar and says silently:

Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your Gospel. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5, 1-11)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days, when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The priest kisses the book and says silently:

May the words of the Gospel wipe away our sins.

Then follows the homily.

After the homily follows the Prayers of the Faithful.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For *our brother/sister* who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that *he/she* now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayers

Reader: For *our brother/sister* who was nourished at the table of the Saviour. That *he/she* may be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayers

Reader: For our families and friends so that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayers

Reader: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayers

Reader: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayers

Conclusion

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for we have received from your abundance the bread we offer you, fruit of the earth and work of human hands: it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

The preparation of the Wine and water:

Priest in quiet: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for we have received from your abundance the wine we offer you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands: it will become for us the spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

*Priest in quiet prayer: Lord God, we ask you to receive us
and be pleased with the sacrifice
we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.*

Priest in washing of the hands:

Lord wash away my iniquities, cleanse me from my sins.

Priest:

Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings:

Prayer over the offerings

Priest:

As we humbly present to you
these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
for the salvation of your servant **N.N.**,
we beseech your mercy,
that he/she, who did not doubt your Son
to be a loving Saviour,
may find in him a merciful Judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.
Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Second Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit
upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.**

The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Concelebrants:

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.
Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Concelebrant 1:

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with **N.N.** our Pope and **N.N.** our Bishop
and all the clergy.

Remember your servant **N.N.**,
whom you have called
from this world to yourself.
Grant that he/she who was united with your Son
in a death like his,
may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Concelebrant 2:

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Joseph,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Doxology

Priest: Through him, with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Communion Rite

Priest: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine
teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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
but deliver us from evil.

Priest:
Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Savior,
Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Priest:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

I leave you peace, my peace I give you.

Look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom

where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The Mass continues with the Breaking of the Bread, and all that follows, as usual.

Commingling

Priest saying quietly:

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bring eternal life to us who receive it.

(Priest drops a particle of the Host in the Chalice)

The priest says the following prayer quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy I eat your Body and drink your Blood. Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: **Behold the Lamb of God,**

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter
under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion of the Priest

Then follows the communion of the congregation.

After communion

Priest:

Let us pray.

Lord God, whose Son left us,
in the Sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey,
mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,
our *brother/sister* may come
to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest:

To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of **N.N.** your servant;

in the sight of this world *he/she* is now dead;

in your sight may *he/she* live for ever.

Forgive whatever sins *he/she* committed through human weakness

and in your goodness grant *him/her* everlasting peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Priest:

Saints of God, come to *his/her* aid!

Come to meet *him/her* angels of the Lord!

Receive *his/her* soul;

and present *him/her* to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

may angels bring you into the arms of Abraham.

Receive *his/her* soul:

and present him/her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto *him/her*, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him/her;

present him/her to God the Most High.

Then follows sprinkling of holy water and then incensing of the coffin.

Priest:

Let us pray:

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our brother/sister,
in the sure and certain hope
that, together with all who have died in Christ,
he/she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings
which you have bestowed upon **N.N.** in this life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord,
turn toward us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and with our brother/sister for ever.

All: Amen

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,
+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All. Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All. Thanks be to God.

AT THE GRAVESIDE

The Farewell Prayer:

Priest:

Let us pray.

We commend unto thy hands of mercy,
most merciful Father, the soul
of our *brother/sister* departed,
and we commit *his/her* body
to the ground, earth to earth,
ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

And we beseech
thine infinite goodness to give us
grace to live in your fear and love and
to die in your favour, that when
the judgment shall come which you
had committed to your well-beloved Son,
both this our *brother/sister*
and we may be found acceptable
in your sight.

Grant this, O merciful
Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our only Savior,
Mediator, and Advocate.

Amen.

Blessing of the grave

O God, whose blessed Son
was laid in a tomb in the garden:
Bless, we pray, this grave,
and grant that *he/she*
whose body is to be buried here
may dwell with Christ in paradise,
and may come to thy heavenly kingdom;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest/deacon sprinkles with holy water the coffin and the grave.

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

The following prayer is said in conclusion

Priest:

Into thy hands, O Lord,
we commend thy servant **N.N.**, our dear *brother/sister*,
as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most
merciful Savior, beseeching thee that *he/she*
may be precious in your sight.

Wash *him/her*, we pray to you, in the blood of that immaculate
Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that,
what so ever defilements *he/she* may have contracted in the midst of
this earthly life being purged and done away, *he/she* may be
presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of
Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

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

