



Catholic Funeral (Requiem Mass)

MASS FOR THE DEAD

The following have been selected from the various Readings and Propers which may lawfully be chosen for Catholic Funerals and Requiem Masses (Masses for the Dead).

ENTRANCE CHANT IV Esd 2: 34-35, Ps 64: 2-5

RÉQUIEM ætérnam dona eis, Dómine: et lux perpétua lúceat eis. *Ÿ.* Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi reddétur votum in Ierúsalem: exáudi oratiónem meam, ad te omnis caro véniet. *Ā.* Réquiem ...

ETERNAL rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. *Ÿ.* It is fitting, O God, to sing a hymn unto you on Mount Zion; and our vows shall be carried out for you in Jerusalem. *Ā.* Eternal rest ...

FIRST READING Wis 3: 1-9

THE souls of the just are in the hand of God, | and no torment shall touch them. | They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; | and their passing away was thought an affliction | and their going forth from us, utter destruction. | But they are in peace. | For if before men, indeed, they be punished, | yet is their hope full of immortality; | Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, | because God tried them | and found them worthy of himself. | As gold in the furnace, he proved them, | and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. | In the time of their visitation they shall shine, | and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; | They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, | and the LORD shall be their King forever. | Those who trust in him shall understand truth, | and the faithful shall abide with him in love: | Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, | and his care is with his elect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23 (22): 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

☩. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. | In verdant pastures he gives me repose; | beside restful waters he leads me; | he refreshes my soul. | He guides me in right paths | for his name's sake.

☩. Even though I walk in the dark valley | I fear no evil; for you are at my side | With your rod and your staff | that give me courage.

☩. You spread the table before me | in the sight of my foes; | you anoint my head with oil; | my cup overflows.

☩. Only goodness and kindness follow me | all the days of my life; | and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD | for years to come.

OR: GRADUAL IV Esd 2: 34-35, Ps 111: 7

R ÉQUIEM ætérnam dona eis, Dómine: et lux perpétua luceat eis. ☩. In memória ætérna erit iustus: ab auditióne mala non timébit.

ETERNAL rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. ☩. The righteous shall be remembered forever; he shall never fear evil tidings.

SECOND READING Rom 6: 3-9

BROTHERS and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that

Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11: 25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

OR: ANCIENT ALLELUIA IV Esd 2: 34-35

Réquiem ætérnam dona eis, Dó- Eternal rest grant unto them, O
mine: et lux perpétua lúceat eis. Lord, and may perpetual light
shine upon them.

GOSPEL Mt 5: 1-12a

WHEN JESUS SAW the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, | for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. | Blessed are they who mourn, | for they will be comforted. | Blessed are the meek, | for they will inherit the land. | Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, | for they will be satisfied. | Blessed are the merciful, | for they will be shown mercy. | Blessed are the clean of heart, | for they will see God. | Blessed are the peacemakers, | for they will be called children of God. | Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, | for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. | Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you | and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. | Rejoice and be glad, | for your reward will be great in heaven.”

OFFERTORY CHANT Trad.

DÓMINE Iesu Christe, Rex **O**LORD Jesus Christ, King of
glóriæ, líbera ánimas óm- glory, deliver the souls of all
nium fidélium defunctórum de the departed faithful from the suf-
ferings of hell and from the deep
lacu: líbera eas de ore leónis, ne pit; deliver them from the mouth

absórbeat eas tártarus, ne cadant in obscúrum: sed sígnifer sanctus Míchaël repræséntet eas in lucem sanctam: * Quam olim Abrahæ promisísti et sémini eius. ʘ. Hóstitias et preces tibi, Dómine, laudis offerimus: tu súscipe pro animábus illis, quarum hódie memóriam fáчимus: fac eas, Dómine, de morte transíre ad vitam. * Quam olim Abrahæ ...

of the lion, may they not be swallowed up by hell, may they not fall into darkness; but may Saint Michael, the standardbearer, present them in holy light * as you promised long ago to Abraham and his descendants. ʘ. We offer our sacrifices and our prayers to you, O Lord; receive them for the souls that we are remembering today; O Lord, make them pass from death into life * as you promised ...

COMMUNION CHANT IV *Esd* 2: 35

LUX ætérna lúceat eis, Dómine, cum sanctis tuis in ætérnum, quia pius es.

MAY eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of your saints for eternity, for you are full of goodness.



QUID SUM MISER TUNC DICTURUS? QUEM PATRONUM ROGATURUS, CUM VIX IUSTUS SIT SECURUS?

IN SUCH A PLIGHT WHAT CAN I THEN
PLEAD? OR WHOM CAN I ASK TO PLEAD
FOR ME, WHEN EVEN THE JUST MAN
WILL BE SAVED ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY?



QUI MARIAM ABSOLVISTI, ET LATRONEM EXAUDISTI, MIHI QUOQUE SPEM DEDISTI. (Sequente: Dies Irae)

YOU FORGAVE MARY AND GRANTED
THE ROBBER'S PRAYER, AND THUS
HAVE GIVEN ME HOPE AS WELL.
TAKE CARE OF ME WHEN MY END IS COME.