

THE ORDER OF REQUIEM MASS

During the Mass we say together words **in bold type**. This service sheet indicates when to sit, to stand, or to kneel. If you cannot kneel, please, feel free to sit.

We stand when the bell rings.

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All (A) answer: Amen.

We kneel for the Confession.

P. Almighty God.

A. Our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Priest gives absolution, goes up to the Altar, reads the Introit:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. To you we owe our hymn of praise, O God, in Sion;

to you must vows be fulfilled in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer: to you all flesh must come. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Then we say:

P. Lord, have mercy.

A. Lord, have mercy.

P. Lord, have mercy.

A. Christ, have mercy.

P. Christ, have mercy.

A. Christ, have mercy.

P. Lord, have mercy.

A. Lord, have mercy.

P. Lord, have mercy.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray. *Then follows the Collect. At the end of the Collect we say:* Amen. *Then we sit for the reading. At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God.

We remain seated for the Gradual and Tract:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; an evil report he shall not fear.

O Lord, absolve the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin. **V.** And by the help of Your grace may they be worthy to escape the sentence of vengeance. **V.** And to enjoy all the beatitude of the light eternal.

We stand for the Gospel.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to **N.**

A. Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A. Praise to you, O Christ!

There is no peace in requiem Masses. After the Gospel:

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray.

We sit, and the Priest says:

O Lord, Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and the deep pit; deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell engulf them

not, nor they fall into darkness, but that Michael, the holy standard-bearer, bring them into the holy light which You once promised to Abraham and his seed. We offer You, O Lord, sacrifices and prayers of praise; accept them for those souls whom we this day commemorate; grant them, O Lord, to pass from death to the life which You once promised to Abraham and his seed.

The offertory prayers follow in silence. At the end of these prayers we stand:

P. Pray, brethren: that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty.

A. 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.

The Offertory Prayer follows. We answer: Amen. Then:

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

A. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A. It is right and just so to do.

At the end of the preface we say:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. (*We sign ourselves.*) Blessed + is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer when our Lord's Sacrifice is offered to God for the dead.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:

P. ... for ever and ever.

A. Amen.

We remain kneeling for the Lord's Prayer:

P. Let us pray. Admonished by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say: Our Father.

A. 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We remain kneeling, and say together:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant them rest.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant them rest eternal.

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to his supper.

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

Holy Communion is distributed. After the Holy Communion, the priest reads the Communion Antiphon, then we kneel for the Post Communion.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray.

At the end of the prayer: Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. May they rest in peace.

A. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE RECITED AFTER LOW MASS

The Hail Mary is said three times.

P. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

A. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

P. Hail, Holy Queen,

M. Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

P. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

A. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

P. Let us pray. O God, our refuge and our strength, look

down with mercy upon the people who cry to you; and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Saint Joseph her spouse, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, in your mercy and goodness hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners, and for the liberty and exaltation of the Holy Mother Church. Through the same Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

P. Saint Michael the Archangel,
A. defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Three times:

P. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

M. Have mercy on us.