

FUNERAL MASS

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

All: 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 with your spirit.

Collect:

Priest: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Mary, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reader: A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm [*Psalm 23*]

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-10

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to **Matthew**

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Eulogy

The Homily: Fr Antony

The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

Reader: For ..., who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that he/she may
now be admitted to the company of saints.

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life,
that
he/she may be raised up at the last day.

Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have
helped us, that
they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

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

Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the family and friends of our sister ..., that they may be
consoled
in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be
gathered together
again in God's Kingdom.

Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

The Offertory

Priest: Pray, brethren (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.

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.

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 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.**

The Communion Rite

Communion Hymn:

Final Commendation

Saints of God, come to his/her aid!
Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: 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.

All: Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

Final Commendation:

P : Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister

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in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ,
she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Mary 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 sister for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

Final Hymn:

Final Blessing