

49. FOR GIVING THANKS TO GOD

A

Entrance Antiphon

Eph 5:19-20

Sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts,
always thanking God the Father for all things
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect

O God, who always listen mercifully
to your servants in distress,
we beseech you humbly,
as we give thanks for your kindness,
that, free from all evil,
we may constantly serve you in gladness.
Through our Lord.

Other prayers, p. 0000.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gave us your Son
to rescue us graciously from death and from every evil,
accept, we pray, in mercy this sacrifice,
which we offer you in thanksgiving
for our deliverance from distress.
Through Christ our Lord.

Common Preface IV, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 137:1

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth.

Or:

Ps 115:12-13

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise,
and I will call on the name of the LORD.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, who through this Bread of Life
are pleased to free your servants from the bond of sin
and in your compassion to restore their strength,
grant us to advance without hindrance
towards the hope of glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Other prayers

Collect

O God, the Father of every gift,
we confess that all we have and are
comes down from you;
teach us to recognize the effects of your boundless care
and to love you with a sincere heart
and with all our strength.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

For the gifts you have bestowed, O Lord,
we offer you the sacrifice of praise,
humbly begging that what you have conferred upon us
in our unworthiness
we may give back to the glory of your Name.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have given to us as spiritual food
the saving Sacrament of your Son
which we have offered you in thanksgiving,
grant that, being strengthened by gifts of courage and joy,
we may serve you more devotedly
and be worthy of still further blessings.
Through Christ our Lord.

VOTIVE MASSES

If some serious pastoral benefit is to be gained, an appropriately corresponding Votive Mass may be used, at the direction or with the permission of the Ordinary, except on Solemnities, on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on Ash Wednesday, and on the weekdays of Holy Week.

Votive Masses are in principle forbidden on days on which there occurs an Obligatory Memorial, on a weekday of Advent up to and including 16 December, on a weekday of Christmas Time from 2 January, or on a weekday of Easter Time after the Octave of Easter. However, for pastoral reasons, as determined by the Rector of the church or the Priest Celebrant himself, an appropriately corresponding Votive Mass may be used in celebration of the Mass with the people.

On weekdays in Ordinary Time, even if an Optional Memorial occurs, a Votive Mass may be chosen by the Priest Celebrant for the sake of the devotion of the faithful.

1. THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit: for he has shown us his merciful love.

Collect

God our Father,
who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery;
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory,
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify by the invocation of your Name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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.

For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord:
not in the unity of a single person,
but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory
 we believe equally of your Son
 and of the Holy Spirit,
 so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead
 you might be adored in what is proper to each Person,
 their unity in substance,
 and their equality in majesty.

For this is praised by Angels and Archangels,
 Cherubim, too, and Seraphim,
 who never cease to cry out each day,
 as with one voice they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Communion Antiphon

Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God,
 God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
 the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Prayer after Communion

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,
 bring us health of body and soul,
 as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.
 Through Christ our Lord.

2. THE MERCY OF GOD

In this Mass, the color white is used. This Mass may not be said on the Second Sunday of Easter.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31:3; 1 Jn 2:2

God has loved us with an everlasting love;
 he sent his Only Begotten Son as an expiation for our sins
 and not for our sins alone,
 but for those of all the world.

Or:

Ps 88:2

I will sing forever of your mercies, O LORD;
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.

Collect

O God, whose mercies are without number
and whose treasure of goodness is infinite,
graciously increase the faith of the people consecrated to you,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
by whose love they have been created,
through whose Blood they have been redeemed,
and by whose Spirit they have been reborn.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblations in your mercy, O Lord,
and transform them into the Sacrament of redemption,
the memorial of your Son's Death and Resurrection,
so that by the power of this sacrifice,
and with constant trust in Christ,
we may come to eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102:17

The mercy of the LORD is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear.

Or:

Jn 19:34

One of the soldiers opened his side with a lance,
and at once there came forth blood and water.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to us, O merciful God,
that, nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son,
we may draw confidently from the wellsprings of mercy
and show ourselves ever more compassionate
towards our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

3. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 109:4

The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:
You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Collect

O God, who for your glory
and the salvation of the human race
willed to establish Christ as the eternal High Priest,
grant that the people
he has gained for you by his Blood,
through their participation in his memorial,
may experience the power of his Cross and Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Most Holy Eucharist, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 11:24-25

This is the Body that will be given up for you;
this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord;
do this, whenever you receive, in memory of me.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord,
that through our partaking in this sacrifice,
which your Son commanded to be offered in his memory,
you may make us together with him
an everlasting oblation to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

4. THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

In this Mass, the color red is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Gal 6:14

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son
should undergo the Cross to save the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we who have known his mystery on earth
may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord,
which on the altar of the Cross
canceled the offense of the whole world,
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The victory of the glorious Cross.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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.

For you placed the salvation of the human race
in the wood of the Cross,
so that where death arose
life might again spring forth,
and the evil one who conquered on a tree
might likewise on a tree be conquered,
through Christ our Lord.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Preface I of the Passion of the Lord may also be said, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished by your holy banquet,
we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ,
to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your life-giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

5. THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 77:23-25

The Lord opened the gates of heaven,
and rained down manna upon them to eat,
and gave them bread from heaven:
man ate the bread of angels.

Collect

O God, who have accomplished the work of human redemption
through the Paschal Mystery of your Only Begotten Son,
graciously grant that we who confidently proclaim
under sacramental signs,
the Death and Resurrection of Christ
may experience continued increase of your saving grace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrating the memorial of our salvation,
we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord,
that this Sacrament you give us in your compassion
may be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Most Holy Eucharist, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:51-52

I am the living bread who came down from heaven, says the Lord.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever,
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world.

Prayer after Communion

May sharing at the heavenly table
sanctify us, Lord, we pray,
so that through the Body and Blood of Christ,
the whole family of believers may be bound together.
Through Christ our Lord.

As a Votive Mass of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Votive Mass of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest may also be used, p. 000; or the Mass of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, pp. 000-000.

6. THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 2:10-11

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend
of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Collect

As we venerate the Most Holy Name of Jesus,
mercifully grant us, Lord,
that savoring its sweetness in this life
we may be filled with everlasting joy
in our heavenly homeland.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, almighty Father,
to accept our offerings in the Name of Jesus,
for we are confident that we shall receive
whatever we ask in your Son's Name,
as he himself, with such kindness, promises.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

Acts 4:12

There is no other name under heaven given among the human race
by which we must be saved.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us in your mercy, O Lord, we pray,
that in these sacred mysteries
we may do worthy homage
to the Lord Jesus,
for it is your will that at his Name
every knee should bend
and in him all people find salvation.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

7. THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

In this Mass, the color red is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 5:9-10

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
and made us a kingdom for our God.

Collect

O God, who by the Precious Blood
of your Only Begotten Son
have redeemed the whole world,
preserve in us the work of your mercy,
so that ever honoring
the mystery of our salvation,
we may merit to obtain its fruits.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer our oblation
to your majesty, O Lord,
may we draw near in these mysteries
to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant,
and celebrate anew the sprinkling of his Blood,
in which lies all our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Passion of the Lord, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 10:16

The cup of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a participation in the Body of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Refreshed, O Lord, by this saving food and drink,
we pray that we may always be bathed
in the Blood of our Savior,
so that it may become for us
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

Restored with heavenly food and drink
we beseech you, almighty God,
to protect from fear of their enemies
those you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

8. THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 32:11, 19

The designs of his Heart are from age to age,
to rescue their souls from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.

Collect

Clothe us, Lord God,
with the virtues of the Heart of your Son
and set us aflame with his love,
that, conformed to his image,
we may merit a share in eternal redemption.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, Father of mercies,
who, because of the great love with which you loved us,
with untold goodness gave us your Only Begotten Son,
grant, we pray,
that, being perfectly united with him,
we may offer you worthy homage.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The boundless charity of Christ.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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.
For raised up high on the Cross,
he gave himself up for us with a wonderful love
and poured out Blood and water from his pierced side,
the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments,
so that, won over to the open Heart of the Savior,
all might draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Communion Antiphon

Jn 7:37-38

Thus says the Lord:

Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink.
Streams of living water will flow
from within the one who believes in me.

Or:

Jn 19:34

One of the soldiers opened his side with a lance,
and at once there came forth blood and water.

Prayer after Communion

Made partakers in your Sacrament of charity,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that we may be conformed to Christ on earth
and merit to be co-heirs of his glory in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

9. THE HOLY SPIRIT

In these Masses, the color red is used.

A

Entrance Antiphon

Rom 5:5; cf. 8:11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us.

Collect

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, we pray, O Lord, the offerings made here,
and cleanse our hearts by the light of the Holy Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Holy Spirit: The sending of the Spirit by the Lord upon the Church.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

℟. 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.

Ascending above all the heavens
and sitting at your right hand,
he poured out the promised Holy Spirit
on your adopted children.

Therefore, now and for ages unending,
with all the host of Angels,
we sing to you with all our hearts,
crying out as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67:29-30

Confirm, O God, what you have brought about in us,
from your holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

Prayer after Communion

May the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
cleanse our hearts, O Lord,
and make them fruitful
by the inner sprinkling of his dew.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 14:26; 15:26

When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will teach you all truth, says the Lord.

Collect

May the Paraclete who proceeds from you,
we pray, O Lord,
enlighten our minds,
and lead us into all truth,
just as your Son has promised.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Or:

O God, to whom every heart lies open,
every desire speaks plainly,
and from whom no secret is hidden,
cleanse, we pray, the thoughts of our heart
by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
that we may merit to love you perfectly
and offer you worthy praise.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the spiritual sacrifice
placed on your altar with loving devotion,
and give your servants a right spirit,
so that their faith may make these gifts pleasing to you
and their humility commend them.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of the Holy Spirit: The action of the Spirit in the Church.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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.

For you bestow gifts suited to every season,
and guide the governing of your Church in wonderful ways.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
you come unfailingly to her aid
so that with a heart always subject to you
she may never fail to seek your help in time of trouble
nor cease to give you thanks in time of joy,
through Christ our Lord.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:26; 16:14

The Spirit whom I will send you from the Father,
will glorify me, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, who have been pleased
to nourish us with heavenly food,
pour, we pray, the delights of your Spirit
into the recesses of our heart,
that what we have devoutly received in time
we may possess as a gift for eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, says the Lord.

Collect

O God, who sanctify your universal Church
in every people and nation;
pour out, we pray, the gifts of your Spirit
across the face of the earth
so that your divine grace, which was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
may now spread through the hearts
of those who believe in you.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, by whose Spirit we are governed
and by whose protection we are kept safe,
extend over us your mercy
and give ear to our supplications,
that the faith of those who believe in you
may always be sustained by your gifts.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the fire of the Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify the sacrificial gifts offered in your sight,
just as it enkindled the hearts
of the disciples of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface I of the Holy Spirit, pp. 0000-0000, or II, p. 0000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103:30

You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Prayer after Communion

May these gifts we have consumed
benefit us, O Lord,
that we may always be aflame with the same Spirit
whom you wondrously poured out on your Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.

10. THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In these Masses, the color white is used.

A

Any Mass from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (p. 000) is used, in accordance with the various times of the year.

B

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Acts 1:14

The disciples were persevering with one accord in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Collect

O God, Father of mercies,
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,
to be our Mother also;
grant, we pray, that with her loving help,
your Church may be more fruitful day by day,
and exulting in the holiness of her children,
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our offerings, O Lord,
and transform them into the mystery of salvation,
so that by its power we may be set aflame
with the charity of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
and with her may be united more closely
to the work of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: Mary, pattern and Mother of the Church.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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,
and to proclaim your greatness with due praise
as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Receiving your Word in her Immaculate Heart,
she was found worthy to conceive him in her virgin's womb
and, giving birth to the Creator,
she nurtured the beginnings of the Church.

Standing beside the Cross,
she received the testament of divine love
and took to herself as sons and daughters
all those who by the Death of Christ
are born to heavenly life.

As the Apostles awaited the Spirit you had promised,
she joined her supplication to the prayers of the disciples
and so became the pattern of the Church at prayer.

Raised to the glory of heaven,
she accompanies your pilgrim Church with a mother's love,
and watches in kindness over the Church's homeward steps,
until the Lord's Day shall come in glorious splendor.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 2:1, 11

A wedding was held in Cana of Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there;
then Jesus performed the first of his signs
and manifested his glory
and his disciples believed in him.

Or:

Cf. Jn 19:26-27

As he hung upon the cross,
Jesus said to the disciple whom he loved:
Behold your mother.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the pledge of redemption and of life
we humbly pray, O Lord,
that, with the Blessed Virgin's motherly help,
your Church may teach all nations
by proclaiming the Gospel
and, thanks to the outpouring of the Spirit,
may fill the whole earth.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jdt 13:18-19

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High,
above all women on the earth;
for he has so exalted your name,
that your praise shall be undying on our lips.

Collect

O God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary,
full of your grace, from among women
to become the Mother of your Son, our Redeemer,
mercifully grant that venerating her holy name,
we may escape the dangers of this present age
and obtain with her life eternal.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, whose Son, dying on the altar of the Cross,
willed that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom he had chosen as his Mother,
should be our Mother also,
graciously grant, we pray,
that we who fly to her protection
may find comfort by invoking our Mother's name.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favorably on the offerings made here, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
our hearts, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit,
may constantly strive to cling to Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 1:26-27

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin
and the virgin's name was Mary.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O Lord,
whom you have strengthened
at the table of word and Sacrament,
that, with Blessed Mary as our patron and guide,
we may reject whatever is contrary
to the name of Christian
and follow whatever accords with it.
Through Christ our Lord.

D

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Act 1:14

The disciples were persevering with one accord in prayer
with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Collect

O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles
as they prayed with Mary the Mother of Jesus,
grant that, through her intercession,
we may faithfully serve your majesty
and extend, by word and example,
the glory of your Name.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

By your favor, O Lord,
and through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
may our offering obtain for your Church this grace,
that she may grow in the number of the faithful
and be ever radiant with an abundance of virtues.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p. 000, or II, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 11:27-28

Blessed is the womb that bore Christ the Lord;
blessed, rather, are those who hear God's word and keep it.

Prayer after Communion

Having partaken, O Lord, of these helps to our salvation
in our commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Queen of Apostles,
we humbly beseech you,
that, persevering in your will
and in service of the human family,
your people may draw ever closer to salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

11. THE HOLY ANGELS

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102:20

Bless the LORD, all you his angels, mighty in power,
fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

Collect

O God, who dispose in marvelous order
ministries both angelic and human,
graciously grant
that our life on earth may be defended
by those who watch over us
as they minister perpetually to you in heaven.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you a sacrifice of praise, O Lord,
humbly entreating,
that as these gifts are borne by the ministry of Angels
into the presence of your majesty,
you may receive them favorably
and make them profitable for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Angels: God glorified through the Angels.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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,
and to praise you without end
in your Archangels and Angels.

For the honor we pay the angelic creatures
in whom you delight
redounds to your own surpassing glory,
and by their great dignity and splendor
you show how infinitely great you are,
to be exalted above all things,
through Christ our Lord.

Through him the multitude of Angels extols your majesty,
and we are united with them in exultant adoration
as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Ps 137:1

In the presence of the angels I will sing to you, my God.

Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished upon heavenly bread
we beseech you humbly, O Lord,
that, drawing from it new strength,
under the faithful protection of your Angels,
we may advance boldly along the way of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

As a Votive Mass, the Mass of the Holy Guardian Angels may also be used, as
on 2 October (pp. 000-000).

12. SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 1:15, 14

He will be great in the sight of the Lord
and will be filled with the Holy Spirit,
even from his mother's womb;
and many will rejoice at his birth.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your family may walk in the way of salvation,
and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged,
may come safely to the One he foretold,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, O Lord,
upon the offerings made by your people
in commemoration of Saint John the Baptist,
and grant that what we celebrate in mystery
we may pursue with deeds of devoted service.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mission of the Precursor.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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 his Precursor, Saint John the Baptist,
we praise your great glory,
for you consecrated him for a singular honor
among those born of women.

His birth brought great rejoicing;
even in the womb he leapt for joy
at the coming of human salvation.
He alone of all the prophets
pointed out the Lamb of redemption.

And to make holy the flowing waters
he baptized the very author of Baptism
and was privileged to bear him supreme witness
by the shedding of his blood.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,
we worship you constantly on earth,
and before your majesty
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:68

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
he has come to his people and set them free.

Prayer after Communion

May the marvelous prayer of Saint John the Baptist
accompany us who have eaten our fill
at this sacrificial feast, O Lord,
and since Saint John proclaimed your Son
to be the Lamb who would take away our sins,
may he implore now your favor towards us.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

13. SAINT JOSEPH

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 12:42

Behold a faithful and prudent steward
whom the Lord set over his household.

Collect

O God, who in your inexpressible providence
were pleased to choose Saint Joseph
as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son,
grant, we pray,
that we who revere him as our protector on earth
may be worthy of his heavenly intercession.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we prepare to offer the sacrifice of praise, O holy Father,
we humbly ask to be sustained in our service
by the prayers of Saint Joseph,
whom you called to watch like a father on earth
over your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: The mission of Saint Joseph.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

℟. 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,
on the commemoration of Saint Joseph,
and to give you fitting praise,
to glorify you and bless you.

For this just man was given by you
as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God,
and set as a wise and faithful servant
in charge of your household,
to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son,
who was conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Communion Antiphon

Mt 25:21

Well done, good and faithful servant:

Come, share your master's joy.

Prayer after Communion

Restored by these life-giving Sacraments, Lord,
may we live for you always in justice and holiness,
helped by the example and intercession of Saint Joseph,
who in carrying out your great mysteries
served you as a man just and obedient.

Through Christ our Lord.

If appropriate, the Mass of the Solemnity, as on 19 March (p. 000), or of Saint Joseph the Worker, as on 1 May (p. 000), may also be said.

14. ALL THE HOLY APOSTLES

In this Mass, the color red is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Jn 15:16

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,
but I who chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit, fruit that will remain.

Collect

May your Church always exult, O Lord,
in the honor given through the ages
to the blessed Apostles,
that she may be guided by these protectors
in whose teaching and merits she finds joy.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Pour out on us, Lord, your Holy Spirit,
whom you poured in abundance upon the Apostles,
that we may recognize
what you have given us through them,
and duly offer the sacrifice of praise to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 19:28

You who have followed me
will sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes of Israel, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that we may persevere, O God,
with rejoicing and simplicity of heart
in the teaching of the Apostles,
in the breaking of the bread,
and in the prayers.
Through Christ our Lord.

15. SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

In this Mass, the color red is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles:
these have taught us your law, O Lord.

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we may be sustained
by the intercession
of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
that, as through them you gave your Church
the foundations of her heavenly office,
so through them you may help her to eternal salvation.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We bring offerings to your altar, Lord,
as we glory in the commemoration
of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
so that the more we doubt our own merits,
the more we may rejoice that we are to be saved
by your loving kindness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The twofold mission of Peter and Paul in the Church.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

R. 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.

For by your providence
the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy:

Peter, foremost in confessing the faith,
Paul, its outstanding preacher,
Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel,
Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.
And so each, in a different way, gathered together the one family of Christ:
and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown.
And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you as without end we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 21:15, 17

Simon, Son of John,
do you love me more than these?
Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.

Prayer after Communion

By this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord, we pray,
strengthen your faithful,
whom you have enlightened
with the teaching of the Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.

16. SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

In this Mass, the color red is used.

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 22:32

The Lord says to Simon Peter:
I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail,
and once you have turned back, confirm your brothers.

Collect

O God, who gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven
to your blessed Apostle Peter
and handed over to him
the pontifical office of binding and loosing,
grant, we pray, that through the help of his intercession,
we may be set free from the bonds of our sins.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor your people's oblation,
O Lord, we pray,
as we commemorate the blessed Apostle Peter,
for you taught him by a hidden revelation
to confess you, the living God, and the Christ your Son,
and led him to bear witness to his Master
by means of a glorious passion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Apostles, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 16:16, 18

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion

Having been admitted, O Lord,
to the banquet of salvation,
as we venerate the memory
of the blessed Apostle Peter,
we ask with gladness
that we may always hold fast to your Son,
who alone has the words of life,
so that, as faithful sheep of your flock,
we may be happily led to eternal pastures.
Through Christ our Lord.

17. SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

In this Mass, the color red is used.

Entrance Antiphon

2 Tim 1:12; 4:8

I know the one in whom I have believed
and I am sure that he, the just judge, the mighty,
will keep safe what is my due until that day.

Collect

Lord God, who in a wondrous way
chose the blessed Apostle Paul
to preach the Gospel,
grant, we pray, that the whole world
may be imbued with that faith
which he brought before rulers and nations,
for the unceasing growth of your Church.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the divine mysteries, O Lord, we pray,
may the Spirit fill us with that light of faith
by which he constantly enlightened the blessed Apostle Paul
for the spreading of your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Apostles, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Gal 2:20

I live by faith in the Son of God
who loved me, and gave himself up for me.

Prayer after Communion

Grant Lord, to those refreshed
by communion in the Body and Blood of your Son,
that Christ himself may be life to us,
that nothing may separate us from his love,
and that, attentive to the teaching
of the blessed Apostle Paul,
we may walk in charity with our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.

18. ONE HOLY APOSTLE

In this Mass, the color red is used. The Mass of his Feast is said. But if he is honored together with another Apostle and the texts of the Mass are not appropriate for that Apostle, the following Mass is said with the color red.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 95:2-3

Proclaim the salvation of God day by day;
tell among the nations his glory.

Collect

Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith
by which the blessed Apostle N.
clung wholeheartedly to your Son,
and grant that through the help of his prayers
your Church may become for all the nations
the sacrament of salvation.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we bring you these offerings
in commemoration of the blessed Apostle N.,
we pray, O Lord,
that, living by his example
in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ,
we may work together for the faith it teaches.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of the Apostles, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 22:29-30

I confer a kingdom on you,
just as my Father has conferred one on me,
that you may eat and drink
at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate the memory of the blessed Apostle N.,
we have received the pledge of eternal salvation, O Lord,
and we pray that it may be a help to us
both now and for the life to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

19. ALL SAINTS

In this Mass, the color white is used.

Entrance Antiphon

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven,
the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ;
therefore they exult with Christ for ever.

Collect

O God, fount of all holiness,
make us each walk worthily in our vocation,
through the intercession of your Saints,
on whom you bestowed
a great variety of graces on earth
and a single glorious reward in heaven.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honor of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I or II of the Saints, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

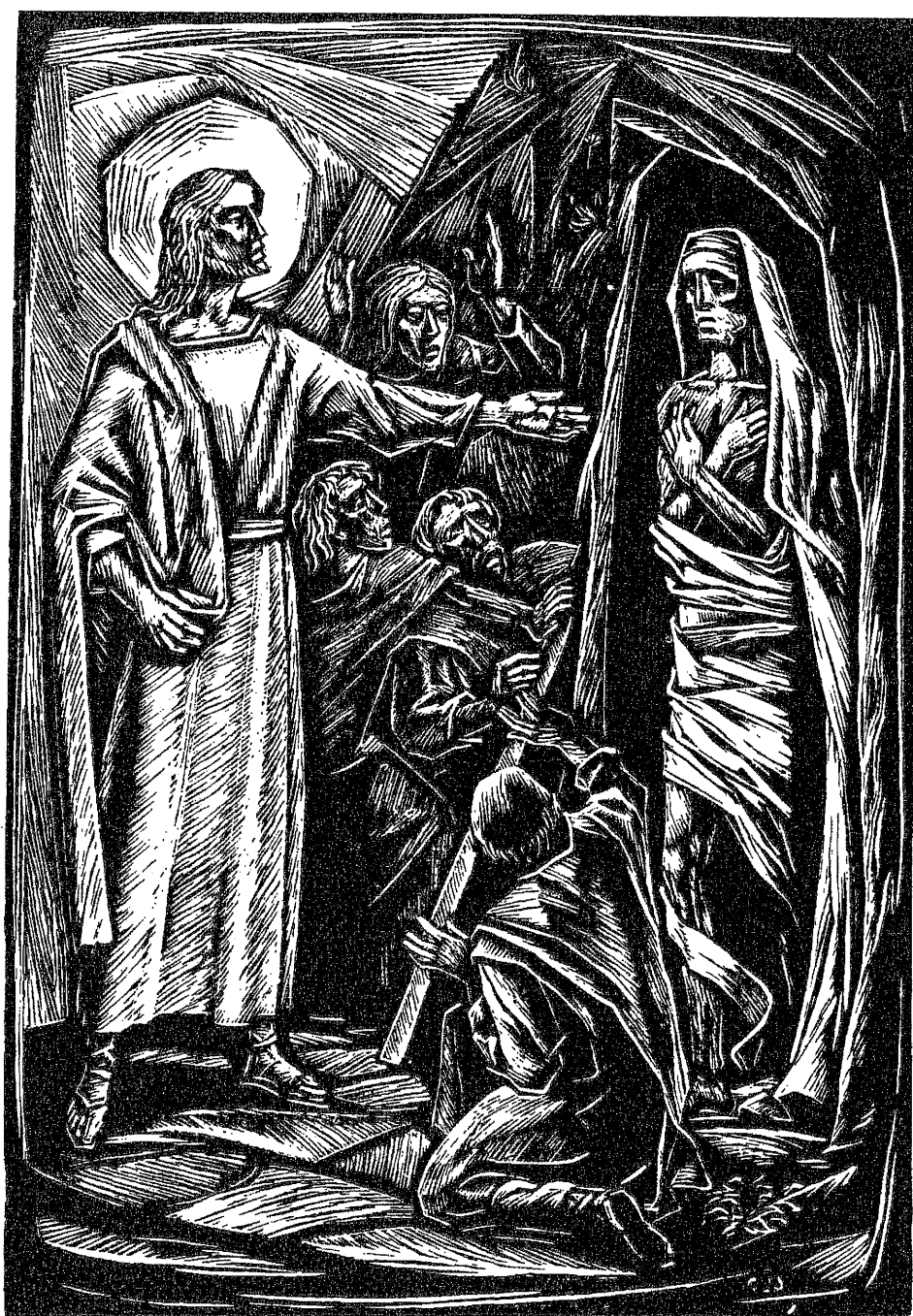
Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who refresh us with the one Bread
and sustain us with one hope,
strengthen us likewise, we pray, by your grace,
that as we are one with your Saints,
one body and one spirit in Christ,
we may rise with him to glory.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

MASSES FOR THE DEAD



1. Although for the sake of convenience, complete Masses with their own antiphons and prayers are given here, all the texts may be exchanged one for another, especially the prayers. In these latter, however, changes should be made, according to circumstances, in gender and number.

Similarly, if the prayers given here for funerals and anniversaries are used in other circumstances, the phrasing that appears less suited should be omitted.

2. In Easter Time, the Alleluia at the end of the antiphons may, if appropriate, be omitted.

I. FOR THE FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass may be celebrated on any day, except on Solemnities that are Holydays of Obligation, on Thursday of Holy Week, during the Paschal Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter Time.

A. Outside Easter Time

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 4 Esdr 2:34-35

Eternal rest grant unto him (her), O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him (her).

Collect

O God, almighty Father,
our faith professes
that your Son died and rose again;
mercifully grant, that through this mystery,
your servant N., who has fallen asleep in Christ,
may rejoice to rise again through him.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Or:

O God, whose nature
is always to forgive and to show mercy,
we humbly implore you for your servant N.,
whom you have called (this day) to journey to you,
and since he (she) hoped and believed in you,
grant that he (she) may be led to our true homeland
to delight in its everlasting joys.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

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

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 4 Esdr 2:34-35

Let perpetual light shine upon him (her)
 with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.
 Eternal rest grant unto him (her) O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon him (her)
 with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

Prayer after Communion

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) N. may come
 to the eternal table of Christ.
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

B. Outside Easter Time

Entrance Antiphon

May the Lord open to him (her) the gates of Paradise,
 that he (she) may return to that homeland
 where there is no death,
 where eternal joy endures.

Collect

O God, who are mercy for sinners
 and the happiness of your Saints,
 give, we pray, to your servant N.,
 for whom (today) we perform
 the fraternal offices of burial,
 a share with your chosen ones
 in the blessedness you give;
 so that on the day of resurrection,
 freed from the bonds of mortality,
 he (she) may come before your face.
 Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who have set a limit to this present life
 so as to open up an entry into eternity,
 we humbly beseech you,
 that by the grace of your mercy
 you may command the name of your servant N.
 to be inscribed in the book of life.
 Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be present, O Lord, we pray,
to your servant N.,
on whose funeral day
we offer you this sacrifice of conciliation,
so that should any stain of sin have clung to him (her)
or any human fault have affected him (her),
it may, by your loving gift,
be forgiven and wiped away.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Phil 3:20-21

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will change our mortal bodies,
to conform with his glorified body.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that your servant N.,
who (today) has journeyed from this world,
may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin
and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

C. During Easter Time

Entrance Antiphon

1 Thess 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22

Just as Jesus died and rose again,
so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ will all be brought to life, alleluia.

Collect

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord:
as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
may our hope of resurrection for your servants,
also find new strength.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who through the ending of present things
open up the beginning of things to come,
grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant N.
may be led by you
to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favorably on our offerings, O Lord,
that your departed servant N.
may be taken up into glory with your Son,
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 11:25-26

I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Whoever believes in me,
even though he dies, will live,
and no one who lives and believes in me
will ever die, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant N.,
for whom we have celebrated this Paschal Sacrament,
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

D. Other Prayers for the Funeral Mass

Collect

O God, who alone are able to give life after death,
free your servant N. from all sins,
that he (she), who believed
in the Resurrection of your Christ,
may, when the day of resurrection comes,
be united with you in glory.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty and merciful God,
by means of these sacrificial gifts
wash away, we pray, in the Blood of Christ,
the sins of your departed servant N.,
for you purify unceasingly
in your merciful forgiveness
those you once cleansed in the waters of Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son,
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,
we humbly implore you, O Lord,
for your departed servant N.,
that cleansed by the paschal mysteries,
he (she) may glory in the gift of the resurrection to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

E. For the Funeral of a Baptized Child

1

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 25:34

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

Most compassionate God,
in the counsels of your wisdom
have called this little child to yourself
on the very threshold of life;
listen kindly to our prayers,
and grant that one day
we may inherit eternal life with him (her),
whom, by the grace of Baptism,
you have adopted as your own child
and who we believe is dwelling
even now in your Kingdom.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify these offerings we bring you, O Lord,
that the parents who now entrust to you
the child you gave to them,
may come to embrace him (her) with joy in your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rom 6:4, 8

Buried with Christ through baptism into death,
we believe that we shall also live with Christ (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Communion
of your Son's Body and Blood, O Lord,
we ask you faithfully
to comfort amid the sorrows of this life
those whom you have graciously nourished
by these sacred mysteries,
so as to strengthen
their hope of life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

2

Other prayers

Collect

O God, who know that our hearts
are weighed down by grief
at the death of this young child,
grant that, while we weep for him (her),
who at your bidding has departed this life so soon,
we may have faith that he (she) has gained
an eternal home in heaven.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously accept this offering, O God,
as a sign of our devotion,
so that, trusting in the designs of your providence,
we may be raised up
by your gentle and fatherly care.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your divine gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that, just as you have given this little child
a place at the table in your heavenly Kingdom,
we, too, may find a place there.
Through Christ our Lord.

F. For the Funeral of a Child
Who Died before Baptism

Should a child whom the parents wished to be baptized, die before Baptism, the Diocesan Bishop, taking into consideration pastoral circumstances, may permit the funeral to be celebrated in the home of the deceased child, or even according to the form of funeral rites otherwise customarily used in the region.

In funerals of this kind there should ordinarily be a Liturgy of the Word, as described in the Roman Ritual. Nevertheless, if at times the celebration of Mass is judged opportune, the following texts should be used.

In catechesis, however, proper care is to be taken that the doctrine of the necessity of Baptism is not obscured in the minds of the faithful.

Entrance Antiphon

Rev 21:4

God will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death
or mourning, crying or pain,
for former things have passed away.

Collect

Receive the prayers of your faithful, Lord,
and grant that those you allow to be weighed down
by their longing for the child taken from them
may be raised up by faith
to hope in your compassion.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, searcher of hearts and most loving consoler,
who know the faith of these parents,
grant that, as they mourn their child,
now departed from this life,
they may be assured
that he (she) has been entrusted
to your divine compassion.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously accept this offering, O God,
as a sign of our devotion,
so that, trusting in the designs of your providence,
we may be raised up
by your gentle and fatherly care.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Is 25:8

The Lord GOD will destroy death forever.
He will wipe away the tears from all faces.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Communion
of your Son's Body and Blood, O Lord,
we ask you faithfully
to comfort amid the sorrows of this life
those whom you have graciously nourished
by these sacred mysteries,
so as to strengthen
their hope of life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

II. ON THE ANNIVERSARY

This Mass may be celebrated on the first anniversary even on days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, and on days when an Obligatory Memorial occurs and on weekdays, with the exception of Ash Wednesday and weekdays during Holy Week.

On other anniversaries, this Mass may be celebrated on weekdays in Ordinary Time even when an Optional Memorial occurs.

A. Outside Easter Time

Entrance Antiphon

Rev 21:4

God will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death
or mourning, crying or pain,
for former things have passed away.

Collect

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just,
by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son
we have been redeemed,
look mercifully on your departed servant N.,
that just as he (she) professed
the mystery of our resurrection
he (she) may merit to receive
the joys of eternal happiness.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make
for the soul of your servant N.,
that, being cleansed by heavenly remedies,
his (her) soul may be ever alive
and blessed in your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11:25; 3:36; 5:24

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me has eternal life
and does not come to judgment,
but will pass from death to life.

Prayer after Communion

Restored by these sacred mysteries,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that your servant N. may be cleansed from all offenses
and merit for all eternity
the precious gift of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

B. Outside Easter Time

Entrance Antiphon

Lord Jesus, grant eternal rest to him (her)
for whom you poured out your precious Blood.

Collect

Send down, we pray, O Lord,
the lasting dew of your mercy
on your servant N.,
whose anniversary we commemorate,
and be pleased to grant him (her)
the company of your Saints.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be attentive, O Lord,
to our prayers for your servant N.,
whose anniversary we observe today,
and through this sacrifice of conciliation and praise
graciously add him (her)
to the company of your Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

You are rest after toil, O Lord, life after death:
grant him (her) everlasting life.

Prayer after Communion

Just as you have lovingly accepted, O Lord,
our prayers and sacrificial offerings
for the soul of your servant N.,
so, we humbly entreat you,
if any stain of sin has clung to him (her)
may it be wiped away
by your merciful forgiveness.
Through Christ our Lord.

C. During the Easter Time

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rom 8:11

God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
will give life also to your mortal bodies,
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son, for our sake,
willingly underwent death in the flesh,
grant mercifully, we pray,
that your servant N. may have part
in the wondrous victory of Christ's Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty and merciful God,
by means of these sacrificial gifts
wash away, we pray, in the Blood of Christ,
the sins of your departed servant N.,
for you purify unceasingly
in your merciful forgiveness
those you once cleansed
in the waters of Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:51-52

I am the living bread who came down from heaven, says the Lord.
Whoever eats of this bread shall live forever,
and the bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament
of your Only Begotten Son,
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,
we humbly implore you, O Lord,
for your departed servant N.,
that cleansed by the paschal mysteries,
he (she) may glory in the gift
of the resurrection to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

D. Other Prayers on the Anniversary

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
through the blessed Passion of your Son,
that your servant N. may receive
the forgiveness for his (her) sins he (she) always desired
so that, knowing you in truth,
he (she) may be worthy to rejoice
at being called to behold you for ever.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We humbly offer you sacrifice, O Lord,
for N. your servant,
that he (she), who by your gift
of the light of faith,
already knew you,
may rejoice in holding fast to you for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food
that renews and gives life,
we pray, O Lord,
that our brother (sister) N.,
strengthened by it and
cleansed from all sins,
may pass over to the company of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

E. Other Prayers on the Anniversary

Collect

O God of all forgiveness,
grant to the soul of your servant N.,
whose anniversary we celebrate,
a place of refreshment, of blessed rest
and resplendent light.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May both our prayer and our offering
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
that, your servant N.,
for whose salvation they are offered,
may gain through them
the fullness of your redemption
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the soul of your servant N.,
for whom we have offered
this sacrifice to your majesty,
may by the power of this Sacrament
be cleansed of all sins
and receive from your mercy
the happiness of perpetual light.
Through Christ our Lord.