

Solemn Funeral Mass for Pope John Paul II
Introit (Entrance Chant): Requiem aeternam

Requiem aeternam

Antiphon:

Requiem aeternum dona eis Domine, et lux
perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi
reddetur votum in Jerusalem: Antiphon

Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro
veniet. Antiphon

Antiphon:

Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest, and may
perpetual light shine upon him.

It is right, O God, to sing to thee a hymn in
Zion, and in Jerusalem render thee a vow:
Antiphon

Thou hearest our prayers, to thee all flesh
must come. Antiphon

Psalm 64 (65), 2-6 may also be sung while the procession continues.

Refrain: To you we owe our hymn of praise, O God in Zion; To you our vows must be fulfilled in
Jerusalem

You who hear our prayers, to you all flesh must come. Refrain: To you we owe our hymn of praise,
O God in Zion; To you our vows must be fulfilled in Jerusalem

We are overcome by our sins; only you can pardon them. Refrain: To you we owe our hymn of
praise, O God in Zion; To you our vows must be fulfilled in Jerusalem

Happy the chosen ones you bring to dwell in your courts. Refrain: To you we owe our hymn of
praise, O God in Zion; To you our vows must be fulfilled in Jerusalem

May we be filled with the good things of your house, the blessings of your holy temple! Refrain: To
you we owe our hymn of praise, O God in Zion; To you our vows must be fulfilled in Jerusalem

You answer us with awesome deeds of justice, O God our savior, The hope of all the ends of the
earth and of far distant islands. Refrain: To you we owe our hymn of praise, O God in Zion; To you
our vows must be fulfilled in Jerusalem

The Celebrant:

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen

Peace with you. R. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act:

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind
our sins.

After a brief pause of silence, all pray together:

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own
fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask
blessed Mary, every virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for
me to the Lord our God.

The Celebrant:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R. Amen
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison

(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy).

Collect (Opening Prayer):

Let us pray. (pause) O God, Father and shepherd of humanity, look upon your family, united in
prayer and grant to your servant and our Pope John Paul who in the love of Christ presided over
your Church to share with the flock entrusted to him the reward promised to the faithful ministers of
the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ who is Son who is God who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43 (Christ is made by God judge of the living and the dead.)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22 (23)

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil I should fear because you are with me. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

In the Lord's house shall I dwell for ever and ever. Refrain: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: Philippians 3:20-4:1 (Christ transforms our body and will conform it to his glorious body.)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

As you well know, we have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself. For these reasons, my brothers, you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown, continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:40

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

This is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him will have eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 21:15-19 (Follow me)

The Lord be with you. R. And also with you.

From the Gospel according John. (21: 15-19) R. Glory to you O Lord.

[At that time when he had manifested Himself to his disciples and] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of the Lord. R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

CREED

The Apostles Creed is used instead of Nicene. The Apostles Creed is probably the baptismal creed of Rome from at least the 2nd century. It is used in baptism for the catechumens to affirm their faith, and in the renewal of baptismal vows. Similar creeds are used in the baptisms of all rites from the earliest days of the Church. The 2002 Roman Missal permits its use as the Creed at Mass during Lent and the Easter Season.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father
almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and
life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Celebrant:

Brothers and sisters, we pray to God, our Father, who today has gathered us to celebrate the paschal mystery of his only begotten Son with the funeral rite for the pastor of the universal Church, so that you welcome him in His peace and offer abundant good to the Church and the world.

Refrain... We beseech you, hear us o Lord.

IN FRENCH: 1. For the deceased - Pope John Paul: so that the Supreme Pastor, who lives always to intercede for us, receives him benevolently in his kingdom of light and peace, we pray to the Lord.

Refrain...

SWAHILI: 2. For the holy Church of God: so that in being faithful to its mandate it is a ferment of renewal of the human family in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Refrain...

TAGALOG (Philippino): 3. For the peoples of all nations: so that with respect for justice, they form one family in peace and that they may be united with sentiments of fellowship, we pray to the Lord.

Refrain...

POLISH: 4. For the souls of the deceased Roman Pontiffs and all those in the Church who proclaimed the Gospel in carrying out their priestly ministry: so that they may be participants of the heavenly liturgy, we pray to the Lord.

Refrain...

GERMAN: 5. For all the deceased faithful: so that they may enter into the heavenly kingdom, we

pray to the Lord.

Refrain...

PORTUGUESE: 6. For all of us gathered here: so that with this Eucharistic celebration, we may one day be called by Christ into his glorious kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

Refrain...

The Celebrant: O God, our salvation, hear our prayer together with all the Saints, and receive in the presence of your elected ones the soul of your servant, our Pope John Paul, who trusted in the prayer of the Church. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Processions of the Gifts:

Offertory Chant: Tu illuminas lucernam meam.

Psalm 17 (18)

2b-3a. I love you, LORD, my strength, LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer

5. The cords of Sheol tightened; the snares of death lay in wait for me.

6a. In my distress I called out: LORD! I cried out to my God.

6b. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry to him reached his ears.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - Roman Canon

Communion Rite

Final Commendation and Farewell

Following the prayer after Communion, the Dean of the College of Cardinals performs the rite of the final commendation and farewell. Standing next to the coffin with the other concelebrants, he invites those present to pray with these words:

Dear brothers and sisters, we entrust to the most gentle mercy of God the soul of our Pope John Paul, Bishop of the Catholic Church, who confirmed his brothers with belief in the resurrection.

We pray to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit for the deceased, so that, ransomed by death, he may be received in his peace and that his body may rise on the last day.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles and savior of the people of Rome, intercede to God for us so that the face of his blessed Son may be shown to our Pope and comfort the Church with the light of the resurrection.

All pray in a moment of silence.

Supplications:

Roman Church: Cardinal Vicar of Rome, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, approaches the remains. The choir sings the Litany of the Saints, after which the Cardinal Vicar concludes the supplications of the Church of Rome praying,

God, you who give just recompense to workers of the Gospel, receive your servant and our Pope John Paul, so that contemplating in eternity the mystery of peace and the love that you, as successor to Peter and pastor of the Church, gave faithful to your family. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Eastern Churches (From the Office for the Deceased of the Byzantine Liturgy – in Greek): The Patriarchs, Major Archbishops and Metropolitans of the Metropolitan Eastern Catholic Churches go to the front of the coffin, facing the altar.

The Patriarch incenses the body of the Pope in the casket while a priest pronounces the following prayer (in Greek)...

Chorus: Grant rest to the soul of your servant our father and bishop, John Paul, the Pope of Rome, o saving God, and bring him to a blessed life with you, friend of all men.

Bring into the place of your rest o Lord, where your Saints repose, the soul of your servant, our father and bishop John Paul, the Pope of Rome, because you alone are immortal. Glory be...

You are our God, who descended into hell and liberated the prisoners from their punishments. Give repose also to the soul of your servant John Paul, the Pope of Rome, o savior. As it was in the beginning...

Blessed Virgin Mary, you alone are pure and immaculate, and without human seed conceived God.

Intercede for the salvation of the soul of your servant.

The Deacon: Have mercy on us o God according to your great mercy. We pray you hear us and have mercy.

Chorus: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: We pray again for the repose of the soul of this servant of God, our father and bishop John Paul, Pope of Rome, that he may be pardoned of every sin, voluntary or involuntary.

Chorus: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: That the Lord God may place his soul where the just have eternal rest. We ask Christ, immortal king and our God, for divine mercy, the kingdom of heaven and the pardon of sins of the deceased.

Chorus: Hear us o Lord.

Prayer of the Patriarch

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

The Chorus: Lord have mercy.

Patriarch: O God of souls and all flesh who have overcome death, who have conquered the devil, and who have given life to the world, grant repose to the soul of this your deceased servant John Paul, Pope of Rome, in a place of light and of joy, in a place ever verdant, in a place of blessedness where there is no more suffering, no more pain, no more weeping.

Pardon every sin committed by him in words, deeds, thoughts, you who are a good God and a friend of man; because there is not a man who lives who does not sin; you alone are in fact without sin, your justice is justice for always, and your word is the truth.

Because you are the resurrection, the life and the repose of your servant John Paul, Pope of Rome, who has fallen asleep, o Christ, our God, we acknowledge your glory with your Father who has no beginning, and with the Holy Spirit, good and giver of life, now and forever, Amen.

Chorus: Your memory is eternal our brother, worthy of blessedness, unforgettable, Amen. (3 times)

Following the supplication of the Eastern Churches, a moment of silent prayer takes place.

The Cardinal Dean, Cardinal Ratzinger, as principal celebrant blesses the remains with Holy Water and incenses it, while the schola sings the responsorial,

“I believe: The Lord is risen and alive, and one day I also will rise with Him. That I may contemplate you, my God and my Savior.

The Cardinal Dean then says the following prayer:

Most merciful Father, we entrust to your mercy our Pope John Paul who you made successor to Peter and pastor of the Church, a courageous witness to your word and faithful dispenser of your divine mysteries.

We pray that you receive him in the sanctuary of heaven, to enjoy eternal glory with all your elect. We give you thanks, Lord, for all the benefits of your goodness which you gave him for the good of your people.

To the Church, deprived of its Pastor, give the comfort of faith and the strength of hope.

To you, Father, source of life, in the living Spirit, through Christ, victorious over death, every honor and glory now and forever.

Amen.

Closing chant: In paradisum

In paradisum

In paradisum deducant te angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam
Jerusalem.

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum

May the Angels conduct you to Paradise:
And at your coming may the Martyrs
receive you. May they lead you to the
holy City of Jerusalem.

May a choir of Angels receive you. And

Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam
habeas requiem.

may you, with Lazarus – once a poor
man – Possess eternal peace.

Translation of the Body and the Burial

The coffin is carried to the place of burial in the Vatican Grotto below St. Peter's to the singing of the Magnificat.

Accompanying the body the Cardinal Camerlengo, the heads of Orders of Cardinals, the Cardinal Archpriest of the Vatican Basilica, the former Cardinal Secretary of State, the Cardinal Vicar of the Diocese of Rome, the Substitute of the Secretariat of State, the Prefect of the Pontifical Household, the Vice-Camerlengo, a representative of the Canons of the Vatican Basilica, and the family of the deceased Supreme Pontiff.

The Cardinal Camerlengo presides wearing a red cope.

The mortal remains of the Supreme Pontiff are carried through the Vatican Basilica into the Vatican Grottoes through the Santa Marta door. [Note: Evidently they will go outdoors to the Piazzale Santa Marta, and enter from a ground level door there. The Piazzale is adjacent to the left rear of the Basilica. The public generally enters through an interior staircase in the St. Andrew's pillar, or, from ground level at the right front side of the Basilica, near the stairs from the Sistine Chapel.]

The scola sings while the body is carried to the tomb.

Psalm 113A (114):

Antiphon: Te suscipiat Christus in paradisum. (Christ will receive you into paradise)

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people etc.

Psalm 117 (118):

Antiphon: Aperite mihi portas iustitiae, et ingressus in eas confitebor Domino (Open to me the gates of justice and entering in I will give thanks to the Lord)

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose love endures forever. etc.

Psalm 41 (42):

Antiphon: Ingrediar in locum tabernaculi admirabilis usque ad domum Dei (In the splendid procession of the saints he will enter the house of God)

As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.

Entombment of the Body of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II (not televised)

The rite begins with Prayer.

The Cyprus wood coffin containing the Pope's remains, is sealed with red ribbons, upon which are impressed the seal of the Apostolic Camera, the prefecture of the Pontifical Household, the Office of Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff, and the Vatican Chapter (the clergy serving the Basilica).

The coffin is placed in the coffin of zinc covered wood, which is immediately sealed, and impressed with the seals of the above offices. Upon the cover is placed the Cross and the Coat of Arms of the deceased Pontiff.

The Remains are placed in the tomb to the singing of the Salve Regina.

The Notary of the Chapter of the Vatican Basilica draws up the authentic act of entombment and reads it before those present.

The End of the Rites