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The paschal candle is carried in the entrance procession as a symbol of the risen Christ.

AT THE ENTRANCE

Outside Easter Season

Give them eternal rest, O Lord, * and may your light shine on them for ever.

During Easter Season

Just as Jesus died and rose, * God will bring forth with him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep. * And just as in Adam all die, * so in Christ all will come to life again, alleluia.

GREETING

PRIEST: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation! He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him. (2 Cor. 1:3-4.)

The priest may then sprinkle the body with holy water saying these or similar words:

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I bless the body of with the holy water that recalls his (her) baptism of which Saint Paul writes: All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. By baptism into his death we were buried together with him, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him by likeness to his death, so shall we be united with him by likeness to his resurrection.

A white pall, in remembrance of the baptismal garment, is then placed on the coffin and all proceed into church. When all are standing in pews priest says:

On the day of his (her) baptism, put on Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, may he (she) be clothed with glory.

Let us pray:

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OPENING PRAYERS

Lord God,

almighty Father, our faith testifies that your Son died for us and rose to life again. May our brother (sister) share in this mystery: as he (she) has gone to his (her) rest believing in Jesus, may he (she) come through him to the joy of the resurrection. (We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first and second readings may be read by relatives or friends of the deceased person.

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FIRST READING: Wis. 3,1-6.9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in 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. 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 the elect. READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 23,1-3.3-4,5,6

- LEADER: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- LEADER: 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.
- ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- LEADER: He guides me in right paths for his name' 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.
- ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- LEADER: You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- LEADER: 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.
- ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Rom. 5,5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

- PRIEST: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- PRIEST: I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord: he who believes in me will not die forever.
 - he who believes in me will not die forever.
- PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 11, 17-27

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PRIEST: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord.

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. The village was not far from Jerusalem - just under two miles - and many Jewish people had come out to console Martha and Mary over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming she went to meet him, while Marv sat at home, Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never had died. Even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask of him." "Your brother will rise again," Jesus assured her. "I know he will rise again," Martha replied, "in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God: He who is to come into the world."

PRIEST:	This is the gospel of the Lord.
ALL:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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HOMILY

PRIEST:	The Lord be with you.
ALL:	And also with you.
PRIEST:	Let us pray.

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save his people, living and dead.

Our brother (sister), _____, was given the promise of eternal life in baptism; Lord, give him (her) communion with your saints for ever.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

ate the bread of eternal life, the body of Christ; raise him (her) up, Lord, at the last day.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our brothers and sisters, our relatives, for all who were close to us and good to us; Lord, give them the reward of their goodness.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died in the hope of rising again; welcome them, Lord, into the light of your presence.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have gathered here to worship in faith; Lord, make us one in your kingdom.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYER

Lord,

hear our prayers for our dead brothers and sisters; forgive them their sins, and bring them to the fullness of your salvation.

(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

It is desirable that members of the family or friends of the deceased person participate in the usual offering of the bread and wine for the celebration of the eucharist, together with other gifts for the needs of the Church and of the poor.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

PEOPLE: Blessed be God for ever.

The priest prays:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

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Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

PEOPLE: Blessed be God for ever.

The priest prays:

Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

Then he washes his hands.

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

- PRIEST: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- PEOPLE: 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 Church.

STAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

PRIEST: O Lord, be merciful to the soul of your servant_____, for whom we offer this sacrifice of praise. We implore your divine majesty to grant him (her) eternal rest through this offering we make in atonement for sin. Through Christ, our Lord. PEOPLE: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
 PEOPLE: And also with you.
 PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.
 PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.
 PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, He is the Word through whom you made the universe. the Savior you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake he opened his arms on the cross: he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we sing (say):

PRIEST AND PEOPLE:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

KNEEL

PRIEST: Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death. a death he freely accepted he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you. When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all men so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

PRIEST: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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PEOPLE: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

> In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brough together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world: make us grow in love, together with our Pope. our bishop, and all the clergy. Remember whom you have called from this life. In baptism he (she) died with Christ: may he (she) also share his resurrection. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

PRIEST: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

The priest says the prayer for peace:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church.

and grant us the peace an unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PRIEST AND PEOPLE:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you.

PRIEST: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Priest and people (once only)

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Before receiving communion, the priest says quietly:

May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life. May the blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

In the United States, communion may be given under both kinds, in accordance with the judgment of the Ordinary to members of the faithful present at funeral Masses.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

An appropriate song may be sung or the people may say: Outside Easter Season

4 Esdr. 2:34,35.May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord: * With your saints forever, for you are merciful. * V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; * and let perpetual light shine upon them. * With your saints forever, for you are merciful.

During Easter Season

Jn. 11:25-26."I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. * "Whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; * and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die," alleluia.

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SILENCE AFTER COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIEST: Let us pray. O almighty God, may this sacrifice purify the soul of your servant _______, which has departed from the world today. Grant that once delivered from his (her) sins, he (she) may receive forgiveness and eternal rest. Through Christ, our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen.

BLESSING

PRIEST:	The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE:	And also with you.
PRIEST:	May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.
PEOPLE:	Amen.
PRIEST:	The Mass is ended, go in peace.
PEOPLE:	Thanks be to God.

Final Commendation and Farewell

With faith in Jesus Christ,

we reverently bring the body of our brother (sister) to be buried in its human imperfection.

Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things, that he will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints. May God give him (her) a merciful judgment and forgive all his (her) sins. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead him (her) safely home to be at peace with God our Father. And may he (she) be happy for ever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

The body is sprinkled with holy water and incensed.

- V. Saints of God, come to his (her) aid! Come to meet him (her) angels of the Lord!
- R. Receive his (her) soul and present him (her) to God the Most High.
- V. May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.
- R. Receive his (her) soul and present him (her) to God the Most High.
- V. Give him (her) eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him (her) for ever.
- R. Receive his (her) soul and present him (her) to God the Most High.

Then the priest says the prayer:

Father,

in Jesus Christ.)

into your hands we commend our brother (sister).
We are confident that with all who have died in Christ
he (she) will be raised to life on the last day and live with Christ for ever.
(We thank you for all the blessings you gave him (her) in this life
to show your fatherly care for all of us
and the fellowship which is ours with the saints

Lord, hear our prayer: welcome our brother (sister) to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith (until we all meet in Christ to be with you and with our brother (sister) for ever.) (We ask this) through Christ our Lord. ALL: Amen. After the prayer, while the body is being taken away, following may be sung:

Hail, thou Queen of the Heavens, Mother of all mercy, Hail thou hope of all sinners, Comfort us in our plea.

To Thee our voices we raise, Poor banished children of Eve; To Thee pleadingly we gaze, Help us, see how we grieve.

Turn then thine eyes toward us all, Who in this vale languish, Lend thy kind ear to our call, Our hearts ache in anguish.

Thou art our hope and refuge, Thou our consolation, Pray for us, dearest Mother, May we gain salvation.

O merciful, most loving, O most holy Mary, May pardon be granted, To all sinners and me.

O Jesus, after our death, May we all be with you, O Mary, reject not Our prayers to you.

In this our final hour, Mother dear, pray for us, That when this life is over, We may live with Jesus.

O Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Saviour trusted, Jesus, thy tender mercy Is never exhausted.

Other hymns in back of book.

At church exit priest prays:

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

AT THE GRAVE OR TOMB

Since almighty God has called our brother (sister) N. from this life to himself, we commit his (her) body to the earth from which it was made. Christ was the first to rise from the dead, and we know that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his in glory.

We commend our brother (sister) to the Lord: may the Lord receive him (her) into his peace and raise up his (her) body on the last day.

PRIEST: Let us pray for our brother (sister) to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the resurrection and the life. The man who believes in me will live even if he dies, and every living person who puts his faith in me will never suffer eternal death."

> Lord, you wept at the death of Lazarus your friend: comfort us in our sorrow. We ask this in faith:

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

You raised the dead to life: give our brother (sister) eternal life. We ask this in faith:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented: bring our brother (sister) to the joys of heaven We ask this in faith:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Our brother (sister) was washed clean in baptism and anointed with the oil of salvation: give him (her) fellowship with all your saints. We ask this in faith:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

He (she was nourished with your body and blood: grant him (her) a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in faith:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of our brother (sister): let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope. We ask this in faith:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

All recite the Lord's Prayer.

PRIEST: Lord,

listen to our prayers for our brother (sister). As he (she) always desired to do your will, so in your mercy forgive whatever wrong he (she) may have done. By his (her) Christian faith he (she) was united with all your believing people. Now, in love and mercy give him (her) a place with your angels and saints. (We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

- V. Give him (her) eternal rest, O Lord,
- R. And may your light shine on him (her) for ever.



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ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O'ER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia 1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; 2. On the third morn he rose again, 3. O risen Lord, all praise to thee,

Now is the victor's triumph won; O let the
 Glorious in majesty to reign; O let us
 Who from our sin hast set us free, That we may

song of praise be sung:
 swell the joyful strain: alleluia!
 live eternally:

LORD, ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER

Lord, accept the gifts we offer At this Eucharistic Feast. Bread and wine to be transformed now Through the action of Thy priest. Take us, too, O Lord, transform us; Be Thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be pure and spotless As the Host of wheat so fine; May all stain of sin be crushed out, Like the grape that forms the wine, As we, too, become partakers In this Sacrifice divine.

Take our gifts, Almighty Father, Living God, eternal, true Which we give through Christ, our Savior, Pleading here for us anew. Grant salvation to all present And our faith and love renew.

WHAT THOU GAVEST

What Thou gavest for the taking Now as works of human making Let us, Lord, give back to Thee.

These our gifts, by Christ made royal Come from hearts contrite and loyal Take them, Father, with our love. May this bread and may this wine, then, Born of earth, be made divine, when They become Christ's sacrifice.

So may foods that quench and nourish Change to make the spirit flourish Pledge of heaven's feast of joy.

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past, Our
 Beneath the shadow of thy throne Thy
 Before the hills in order stood, Or
 A thousand ages in thy sight Are
 O God, our help in ages past, Our

hope for years to come, Our shelter from the
 saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is thine
 earth received her frame, From everlasting
 like an evening gone; Short as the watch that
 hope for years to come, Be thou our guide while

1. stormy blast, And our eternal home: 2. arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3. thou art God, To endless years the same.

4. ends the night Before the rising sun.

5. life shall last, And our eternal home.

LORD WHO AT THY FIRST EUCHARIST

Lord, who at Thy first Eucharist didst pray That all thy Church might be forever one, Grant us at every Eucharist to say With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest sacrament of Unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; Make thour our sad divisions soon to cease; Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace; Thus may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest sacrament of Unity. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold; O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep, Back to the faith which saints believed of old, Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;

Soon may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest sacrament of Unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, May we be one with all thy Church above, One with thy saints in one unbroken peace; One with thy saints in one unbounded love; More blessed still, in peace and love to be One with the Trinity in Unity.

