

Sacramentary



Pastoral Offices

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Pastoral Offices

Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism may be celebrated at the beginning of the Mass before the Opening Acclamations or immediately following the Homily before the Passing of the Peace.

Making the sign of the cross, the Celebrant begins

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: His mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant then continues

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one Baptism;
People: One God and Father of all.
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

With hands extended, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, who by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ turns us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in Him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Presentation and Examination

The Celebrant may address the congregation, instructing them as to the importance and significance of Baptism. The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and Older Children

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their sponsors, as follows:

Sponsor: I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Infants and Younger Children

The Celebrant may address the sponsors, instructing them as to the importance and significance of their vows, and the obligations thereof. When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Sponsor: I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Pre-Baptismal Prayer of Exorcism

Celebrant: O Lord God of hosts, You sent Your only Son into the world to defeat the power of Satan, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness, and bring him into the splendor of Your kingdom of light.

Deliver this *child/person* from all bondage and oppression of the evil one, and make *him/her* a temple of Your glory, and send Your Holy Spirit to dwell within *him/her*. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Presentation and Examination continues.

The Celebrant continues with the following questions of the candidates:

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant continues addressing all those present

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

All Stand

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *him/her* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for *him/her* who has renewed his/her commitment to Christ.]

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader: Deliver *him/her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open *his/her* heart to Your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill *him/her* with Your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep *him/her* in the faith and communion of Your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach *him/her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send *him/her* into the world in witness to Your love.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring *him/her* to the fullness of Your peace and glory.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ Your Son may live in the power of His resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Celebrant: Now sanctify this water, we pray You, by power of the Holy Spirit, that this child(*or, this Your servant*) may receive the full blessing of Your covenant and forever remain in the faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

For a Child, the Celebrant says to the parents

Celebrant: Name this child.

For an Adult, the Celebrant says to the candidate

Celebrant: What is your name?

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or the assistant priest or deacon, who then pours water upon the candidate saying:

Celebrant: N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that by water and the Holy Spirit You have bestowed upon *this/these* Your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in Your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all Your works. Amen.

At a place in full sight of the congregation, the Bishop or priest anoints the newly baptized with sacred chrism and prays over them saying

Celebrant: N., I receive you into the congregation of Christ's flock and sign you with the sign of the cross in token that hereafter you will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and with courage and resolve to fight under His banner against sin, the world and the devil; and to continue as Christ's faithful soldier and servant to your life's end. *Amen.*

Celebrant: N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen.*

Presentation of the Candle

Optional: At this time, a baptismal candle may be lit from the Christ Candle and given to the Candidate (or parents for the baptism of a child) saying:

Celebrant: N., receive the light of Christ as a sign of the new life rekindled within you. Keep the grace of your Baptism, and take the light of Christ forth into the world.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

The Celebrant turns to the congregation.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.

If the Baptism was celebrated at the beginning of the Mass, the Mass continues with the Gloria or Kyrie. If the Baptism was celebrated after the Homily, the Mass continues with the Passing of the Peace.

Confirmation and Reception

(Immediately following the sermon)

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidate(s) will now be presented.
Presenters: Most Reverend Father in God, I present *this/these* person(s) for Confirmation.
or
Most Reverend Father in God, I present *this/these* person(s) to be received into this Communion.
or
Most Reverend Father in God, I present *this/these* person(s) who desire to reaffirm their baptism vows.

The Bishop addresses the candidates:

Bishop Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Answer I do.

Bishop Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation:

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words:

Bishop: Let us join with those who are recommitting themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

(All Stand)

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Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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and born of the Virgin Mary.
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Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank You that by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have overcome sin and brought us to Yourself, and that by the sealing of Your Holy Spirit You have bound us to Your service. Renew in these Your servants the covenant You have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service You set before them; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate:

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, Your servant, N., with Your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for Your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. *Amen.*

Reception

The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate:

Bishop: N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

Reaffirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate:

Bishop: N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace is then exchanged.

Holy Matrimony

PRE-MUSIC...PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

The Celebrant addresses the congregation and says:

Celebrant: Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by His presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and His Church, and Holy Scripture commands it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union N.N. and N.N. now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now, or else forever hold your peace.

Then the Celebrant says to the persons to be married:

Celebrant: I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

The Declaration of Consent

The Celebrant says to the woman:

Celebrant: N., will you have this man to be your husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

The woman answers:

I will.

The Celebrant says to the man:

Celebrant: N., will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

The man answers:

I will.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Response: I (we) do.

The Ministry Of The Word

The Celebrant then says to the people

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O gracious and everliving God, You have created us male and female in Your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to You seeking Your blessing, and assist them with Your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The congregation will be seated.

THE LESSONS

Between the readings a suitable hymn, song, or canticle may be sung or said. The Congregation will stand.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from _____, chapter _____,
beginning at verse _____.

After the reading, the Reader says:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

A Reading from _____.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from _____, chapter _____,
beginning at verse _____.

After the reading, the Reader says:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Gospel

The Congregation will stand

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as
we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint _____.

People: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: We are reading from _____'s Gospel
chapter _____, beginning at verse _____.

After the Gospel reading, the Deacon elevates the book and says:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Vows

If there is a bridal party, the Celebrant instructs the bridal party to come forward to stand with the Bride & Groom.

Celebrant: Take her right hand.

The man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says:

Man: In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Celebrant: Take his right hand.

Then they loose their hands, and the woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says:

Woman: In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

The Rings

They loose their hands. The Priest may ask God's blessing on a ring or rings as follows:

Celebrant:

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The man places the ring on the ring-finger of the woman's hand and says:

Man: N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The woman places the ring on the ring-finger of the man's hand and says:

Woman: N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says:

Celebrant: Now that N. and N. have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of their rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Optional: The Priest joins their hands and ties them with the stole.

The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

People: Amen.

The Prayers

The Celebrant or other person appointed reads the following prayers, to which the people respond, saying, Amen

Please Stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world You have made, and for which Your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom You make one flesh in Holy Matrimony.

Amen.

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy.

Amen.

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in Your will, and their spirits in Your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with You and one another all the days of their life.

Amen.

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and Yours.

Amen.

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair.

Amen.

Bestow on them, if it is Your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know You, to love You, and to serve You.

Amen.

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others.

Amen.

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

Amen.

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all Your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by Your grace, that Your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven where, O Father, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign in perfect unity, now and forever.

Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And with your spirit.

The service continues with the Offertory.

Communion is now distributed to all who are baptized.

After Communion

Celebrant:

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give You thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit, N. and N., in holy Matrimony may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love You; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing Of The Marriage

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Most gracious God, we give You thanks for Your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank You, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of Your blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in Your mercy, bring them to that table where Your saints feast forever in Your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant adds this blessing:

Celebrant: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. Amen

Presentation of the Newlywed Couple

Celebrant: Ladies and Gentleman, I present to you,
Names of newlywed couple

The Burial of the Dead

Reception of the Body

The Celebrant meets the body at the door of the church and says:

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our *brother/sister* N. for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the giver of life, that He will raise *him/her* to perfection in the company of the saints.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says:

Deliver Your servant, N., O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set *him/her* free from every bond, that *he/she*, may rest with all Your saints in the eternal habitations, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of His love.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says:

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of Your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them patience; comfort them with a sense of Your goodness; lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand for the procession. The Celebrant leads, then the body, then the family may follow. While processing the Celebrant says the following. A hymn, psalm, or some other suitable anthem may be sung instead.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die forever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last He will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, He will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of the gathering, and bidding their prayers for the bereaved. If desired, the Celebrant may continue the service with the Opening Acclamation, Collect for Purity, the Gloria, and other songs of praise. Otherwise, the service continues below with the Collect of the Day.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one of the following Collects.

At the Burial of an Adult

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that Your servant _____, being raised with Him, may know the strength of His presence and rejoice in His eternal glory; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

or

O God of grace and glory, we remember before You this day our brother/sister _____. We thank You for giving him/her to us, his/her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by Your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Burial of a Child

O God, whose beloved Son took children into His arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust _____ to Your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant may add the following prayer:

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with _____ in their grief. Surround them with Your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in Your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

Between the readings a suitable hymn, song, or canticle may be sung or said.
If there is to be Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

THE LESSONS

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from _____, chapter _____,
beginning at verse _____.

After the reading, the Reader says:

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chapter _____, beginning at verse _____.

After the Gospel reading, the Deacon elevates the book and says:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Eulogy

You may have a member of the family briefly share.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed may then be said, all standing. The Celebrant may introduce the Creed:

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say:

The Apostles Creed

The Celebrant and the people say together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

If there is not to be Communion, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers of the People, or with one or more suitable prayers.

When there is Communion, the following form of the Prayers of the People is used.

For our *brother/sister* _____, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, You consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for _____, and dry the tears of those who weep.
Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, Your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life and have given to our *brother/ sister* eternal life.
Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented and have brought our *brother/sister* to the joys of heaven.
Hear us, Lord.

Having been washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; You have given *him/her* fellowship with all Your saints.
Hear us, Lord.

Having been nourished with Your Body and Blood, You have granted him a place at the table in Your heavenly kingdom.
Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our *brother/sister*; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.
Hear us, Lord.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with the following or some other prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to You our *brother/sister* _____. Grant that *his/her* death may recall to us Your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in Your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where You have led the way, and where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

**When there is no Communion, the service continues with the Commendation, or with the Committal.*

The service continues with the Offertory.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank You that in Your great love You have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of Your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all Your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

If the body is not present, the service continues with the [blessing and] dismissal.

Unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to Your servant(s) with Your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

People: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind, and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did You ordain when You created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to Your servant(s) with Your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant_____.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb
of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive *him/her* into
the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and
into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

The Celebrant, or the Bishop if present, may then bless the people, and a Deacon or other
Minister may dismiss them, saying:

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be said.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving
life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who
sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away
the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name,
saying, "Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for
you."

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs
receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

The Committal

The following anthem is said or sung:

Everyone the Father gives to Me will come to Me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in Me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through His indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Consecration of a Grave

If the grave is in a place that has not previously been set apart for Christian burial, the Celebrant may use the following prayer, either before the service of Committal or at some other time.

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that *he/she* whose body is (is to be) buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to Your heavenly kingdom; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *brother/sister N.*, and we commit *his/her* body to the ground; * earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *him/her* and keep *him/her*, the Lord make his face to shine upon *him/her* and be gracious to *him/her*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *him/her* and give *him/her* peace. Amen.

**Or the deep, or the elements, or its resting place.*

The Celebrant says:

The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then may be said

Rest eternal grant to *him/her*, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him/her.

May *his/her* soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.