

Office for the Dead

All stand and make the Sign of the Cross where indicated.



and will be for ev- er. A- men. In Easter add: Al- le- lu- ia.

Hymn

A suitable hymn may be sung. Following the hymn, please be seated.

#### Psalmody

Antiphon 1



- *Lead:* The LORD will keep you *from* all evil. \* He will guard *your* soul.
- All: Repeat antiphon.

# Psalm 121 (120) Levavi oculos meos in montes

- *Side 1:* I lift up my eyes *to* the mountains; \* from where shall come *my* help?
- *Side 2:* My help shall come *from* the LORD, \* who made heaven *and* earth.
- *Side 1:* He will keep your *foot* from stumbling. \* Your guard will never *slum*ber.
- *Side 2:* No, he sleeps *not* nor slumbers, \* Isra*el's* guard.
- *Side 1:* The *LORD* your guard, \* the LORD your shade at your *right* hand.
- *Side 2:* By day the sun *shall* not smite you, \* nor the moon in *the* night.
- *Side 1:* The LORD will guard *you* from evil; \* He will guard *your* soul.
- *Side 2:* The LORD will guard your go*ing* and coming, \* both now and *for*ever.
- *Side 1:* Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son, \* and to the Ho*ly* Spirit.
- *All:* As it was in the begin*ning*, is now, \* and will be forever. *A*men.

*All:* The LORD will keep you *from* all evil. \* He will guard *your* soul.

Antiphon 2



- *Lead:* If you kept a record *of* our sins, \* Lord, who could escape con*dem*nation?
- All: Repeat antiphon.

Psalm 130 (131) De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine

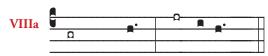
- Side 1: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; \* LORD, hear my voice!
- *Side 2:* O let your ears *be* attentive \* to the sound of *my* pleadings.
- *Side 1:* If you, O LORD, should *mark* iniquities, \* LORD, who *could* stand?
- *Side 2:* But with you is *found* forgiveness, \* that you may be *re*vered.
- *Side 1:* I long for *you*, O LORD, \* my soul longs for *his* word.
- *Side 2:* My soul hopes *in* the LORD \* more than watchmen *for* daybreak.
- *Side 1:* More than watchmen *for* daybreak, \* let Israel hope for *the* LORD."
- *Side 2:* For with the LORD *there* is mercy, \* in him is plentiful *re*demption.
- *Side 1:* It is he who will redeem *Is*rael \* from all its *in*iquities.

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- *Side 2:* Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son, \* and to the Ho*ly* Spirit.
- *All:* As it was in the begin*ning*, is now, \* and will be forever. *A*men.

*All:* If you kept a record *of* our sins, \* Lord, who could escape con*dem*nation?

Antiphon 3



- *Lead:* As the Father raises the dead and gives them *life*, \* so the Son gives life to whom *he* wills.
- All: Repeat antiphon.

Canticle: Philippians 2:6–11 Qui cum in forma Dei

- *Side 1:* Though he was in the form of God, † Jesus did not deem equality with *God* \* something to *be* grasped at.
- *Side 2:* Rather, he emptied himself, † and took the form of a *slave* \* being born in the likeness *of* men.
- *Side 1:* He was known to be of human e*state*, \* and it was thus that he humbled *hims*elf,
- *Side 2:* obediently accepting even *death*, \* death on *a* cross!
- *Side 1:* Because of *this*, \* God highly exalt*ed* him
- *Side 2:* and bestowed on him the *name* \* above every o*ther* name.

- *Side 1:* so that at Jesus' name every knee must *bend* \* in the heavens, on the earth, and under *the* earth,
- *Side 2:* and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the *Fa*ther: \* JESUS CHRIST *IS* LORD!
- *Side 1:* Glory to the Father, and to the *Son*, \* and to the Ho*ly* Spirit,
- *All:* as it was in the beginning, is *now*, \* and will be for ever. *A*men.

*All:* As the Father raises the dead and gives them *life*, \* so the Son gives life to whom *he* wills.

#### Reading

# 1 Corinthians 15:55–57

*Lector:* A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its sting from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence is observed.





Lector: LORD, in your steadfast love, \* give them eternal rest.

*All:* LORD, in your *stead* fast love, \* give them eter*nal* rest.

Lector: You will come to judge the living and the dead \*

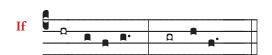
*All:* give them eter*nal* rest.

*Lector:* Glory to the Father, and *to* the Son, \* and to the Ho*ly* Spirit.

*All:* LORD, in your *stead* fast love, \* give them eter*nal* rest.

### GOSPEL CANTICLE

Please stand. Antiphon



*Lead:* Outside of Easter Season: All that the Father gives me will *come* to me, \* and whoever comes to me I shall not turn *a*way.

Easter Season:

Our crucified and risen Lord \* has redeemed us, alleluia.

All: Repeat antiphon.

# Canticle of Mary

Gospel of Saint Luke 1:46–55

Magnificat

All make the sign of the cross when indicated.

- *Side 1:* My soul ₩ proclaims the greatness *of* the Lord, \* my spirit rejoices in God *my* Savior
- Side 2: for He has looked with favor \* on His lowly servant.
- *Side 1:* From this day all *gen*erations \* will call *me* blessèd:

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- *Side 2:* the Almighty has done great *things* for me, \* and holy is *His* Name.
- Side 1: He has mercy on those who fear Him \* in every generation.
- *Side 2:* He has shown the strength *of* His arm, \* He has scattered the proud in their *con*ceit.
- *Side 1:* He has cast down the mighty *from* their thrones, \* and has lifted up *the* lowly.
- *Side 2:* He has filled the hungry *with* good things, \* and the rich He has sent a*way* empty.
- *Side 1:* He has come to the help of His *ser*vant Israel \* for He has remembered His promise *of* mercy,
- *Side 2:* the promise He made *to* our fathers, \* to Abraham and His children *for* ever.
- Side 1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:
- *All:* as it was in the begin*ning*, is now, \* and will be for ever. *A*men.

All: Outside of Easter Season:

All that the Father gives me will *come* to me, \* and whoever comes to me I shall not turn *a*way.

# Easter Season:

Our crucified and risen Lord \* has redeemed us, alleluia.

# INTERCESSIONS

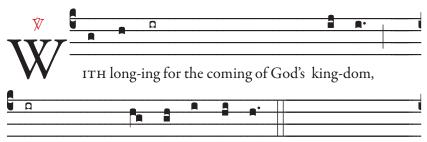
- Lead: We acknowledge Christ the Lord through whom we hope that our *low*ly bodies \* will be made like His in glory, and we say:
- *All:* LORD, you are the life and resurrection.
- *Lead:* Christ, Son of the living God, who raised up Lazarus, your friend, *from* the dead,
  —raise up to life and glory the dead whom you have redeemed by your *pre*cious blood.
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- *All:* LORD, you are the life and resurrection.
- *Lead:* Christ, consoler of those who mourn, you dried the tears of the family of Lazarus, of the widow's son, and the daugh*ter* of Jairus,

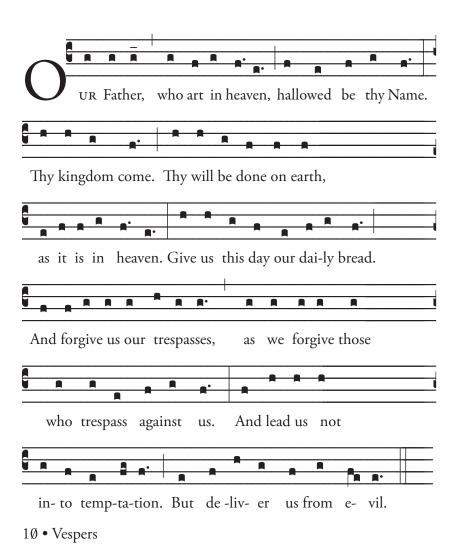
-comfort those who mourn *for* the dead.

- *All:* LORD, you are the life and resurrection.
- *Lead:* Christ, Savior, destroy the reign of sin in our earthly bodies, so that just as through sin we *de*served punishment, —so through you we may gain *eternal* life.
- *All:* LORD, you are the life and resurrection.
- *Lead:* Christ, redeemer, look on those who have no hope because they *do* not know you,
  —may they receive faith in the resurrection and in the life of the *world* to come.
- *All:* LORD, you are the life and resurrection.
- *Lead:* You revealed yourself to the blind man who begged for the light *of* his eyes,—show your face to the dead who are still deprived *of* your light.
- *All:* LORD, you are the life and resurrection.
- *Lead:* When at last our earthly home *is* dissolved, —give us a home, not of earthly making, but built of eternity in heaven.
- *All:* LORD, you are the life and resurrection.

# The Lord's Prayer



let us offer our prayer to the Fath-er.



### Concluding Prayer

# Lead: One of the following:

O God, almighty Father, who have strengthened us by the mystery of the Cross and promise us a share in the mystery of your Son's Resurrection, mercifully grant, we pray, that your departed servant *N*. may be gathered into the company of your chosen ones.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Or: Incline your ear, O Lord, to our prayers, by which we humbly entreat your mercy, that, as you graciously numbered your servant N. among your people in this world, you may now set him (her) in a place of peace and light and grant him (her) a share in the company of your Saints.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

For the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son, having conquered death, should pass over into the realm of heaven, grant, we pray, to your departed servants that, with the mortality of this life overcome, they may gaze eternally on you, their Creator and Redeemer.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

### CONCLUSION AND DISMISSAL

- $\mathbb{R}$ . And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- **₽**. Amen.

### When a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people:

- R. And with your spirit.
- May almighty God bless you, the Father, ₩ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- **₿**. Amen.
- **<math>\checkmark**. Go in peace.
- $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ . Thanks be to God.

# In the absence of a priest or deacon:

