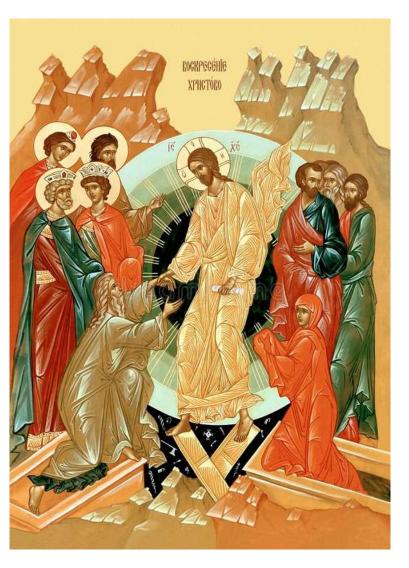
# Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

(Liturgy 1)

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Antiphon (1 Thess 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22)

R. Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

## Greeting

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## R. Amen.

V. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

# R. And also with you.

## PENITENTIAL RITE (A)

# Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

V To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

## Pause for silent reflection.

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 ever-Virgin
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

W May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

# **Kyrie Eleison**

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

# **Opening Prayer**

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and console us.
As we renew our faith in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters
will share in his resurrection,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

# **Reading 1** (Wis 3:1-9)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the 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.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;

they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever.

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 his elect.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **R.** Thanks be to God.

# **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6)

# R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

# R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

#### **CONCLUDING RITES**

# Solemn Blessing (20)

V. The Lord be with you.

## R. And also with you.

V. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

In his great love, the God of all consolation gave mankind the gift of life. May he bless you with faith in the resurrection of his Son, and with the hope of rising to new life.

#### R. Amen.

To us who are alive may he grant forgiveness, and to all who have died a place of light and peace.

#### R. Amen.

As you believe that Jesus rose from the dead, so may you live with him for ever in joy.

#### R. Amen.

V. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

## R. Amen.

#### Dismissal

ŷ. The Mass is ended; let us go faithfully to love and to serve the Lord.

#### **R**. Thanks be to God.

#### **Communion Meditation** (Jn 11:25-26)

R. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies, he will live.
Anyone who lives and believes in me, will not die.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this eucharist bring the departed faithful to the peace of your eternal home.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

#### R. Amen.

He guides me in right paths for his name's 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.

# **R**. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

# R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

# R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

# **Reading 2** (*Rom 5:5-11*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

though perhaps for a good person

one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Home much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that,

be we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- V. This is the Word of the Lord.
- **R**. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (Mt 25:34)

# R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

# R. Alleluia, alleluia!

# Gospel (Jn 5:24-29)

V. The Lord be with you.

# R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

# R. Glory to you Lord.

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will life.

For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment,

because he is the Son of Man.

## **Exchange of Peace**

V. 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 and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

- R. Amen.
- V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- R. And also with you.
- V. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

- R. 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

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

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

To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:

V. The body and blood of Christ.

## R. Amen.

## **Eucharistic Prayer** (III)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

V. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

R. Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.

R. Amen.

#### COMMUNION LITURGY

# The Lord's Prayer

V. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:

R. 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.

V. 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.

**R**. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Do not be amazed at this,

because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.

- V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Offering of the Gifts

V. 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.

#### R. Blessed be God for ever.

V. 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.

#### R. Blessed be God for ever.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

V. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. 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.

Lord,
we are united in this sacrament
by the love of Jesus Christ.
Accept these gifts
and receive our brothers and sisters
into the glory of your Son
who is Lord for ever and ever.

#### R. Amen.

## **Preface and Sanctus** (Christian Death I)

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- 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 to give him thanks and praise.

#### The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In him, who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality.

Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

R. 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.