



*Rite of Funerals*

*The Catholic Parishes  
of Millbury*

*St. Brigid Parish*

*and*

*Our Lady of the  
Assumption Parish*

*For I AM CONVINCED  
that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future,  
nor any powers,  
neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God that is in  
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.*

*Romans 8: 38-39*



## **Funerals**

Death is the final act of every person's life. It brings change, separation, fear of the unknown, and the deep ache of sadness. Yet, in the face of death, the Church proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life. As our loving Father, God embraces His children in the Person of His Son, Jesus, whose cross and resurrection deprived death of its mortal sting and lasting victory.

At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith began in baptism's waters and was nourished at the Eucharistic banquet, the Church gathers to pray. We pray for the one who has passed from this life, that a new birth to eternal life might soon follow. We pray for those who sorrow, that the word of God might give comfort and the Eucharist might give strength and new hope. We pray that, one day, all of us might gather as the glorious community of God's family in the heavenly mansion where there will be "no more tears, no more sadness."

The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the focal point of the Christian funeral. It is the great celebration of the believer's passage from death to life. It is the culmination of a life of faith; it begins the life of glory.

Welcome to the Mass of the Resurrection ...

# **THE FUNERAL MASS**

## **Words of Remembrance (Sit)**

A friend or family member of the one who has died may offer words of remembrance and gratitude for support to those gathered before the liturgy begins.

## **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

### **Greeting (Stand)**

The priest and assisting ministers go to the church door and receive the body of the one who has died. As the procession moves toward the sanctuary, the celebrant greets those present.

**Priest:** The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

### **Sprinkling With Holy Water (Stand)**

The priest then sprinkles the coffin with holy water to recall the waters of baptism, saying:

**Priest:** In the waters of baptism, N. died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he/she now share with Him eternal glory.

### **Placing Of The Pall (Stand)**

The pall, recalling the white robe of baptism, is placed over the coffin by family, friends, or others. The priest may say:

**Priest:** On the day of his/her baptism, N. put on Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, may he/she be clothed in glory.

### **Placing Of The Christian Symbol (Stand)**

A symbol of the Christian life is placed on the coffin. The priest may say:

**Priest:** Receive the (symbol) of Jesus Christ. May the One whom you served in this life welcome you to Paradise.

### **Paschal Candle (Stand)**

The lighted Easter candle is placed beforehand at the head of the center aisle. Christ, our Light, has dispelled the shadows of death by His own loving death and glorious Resurrection. It is the prayer of the Church that His light will lead the one who has died to heaven's new day.

### **Opening Song (Stand)**

In worship, music can set a tone which affects our feelings and the atmosphere in which we pray. The musical selections, while respecting the sadness of loss, invite us to trust in the promises of our Risen Savior. One of the following may be sung:

#### **I. Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte**

**Verse 1** I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

**Refrain:** **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Verse 2** I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

**Verse 3** I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

**II. I Know That My Redeemer Lives Duke Street**

**Verse 1** I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everliving head!

**Verse 2** He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives in majesty above;  
He lives to guide his church in love.

**Verse 3** He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

**Verse 4** He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

**III. Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas Dorsey**

**Verse 1** Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Verse 2** When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone;  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Verse 3** When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**IV. O God, Our Help in Ages Past Isaac Watts**

- Verse 1** O God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal Home.
- Verse 2** Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
- Verse 3** A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
- Verse 4** Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.
- Verse 5** O God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Be thou our Guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal Home.

**Opening Prayer (Stand)**

**Priest:** Let us pray ...

**ALL:** AMEN.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading (Sit)**

One of the following selections from the Old Testament is read.

#### **I. Wisdom 3: 1-9**

**LECTOR:** 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.  
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.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

II. Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

**LECTOR:** A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
The web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:  
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the Lord for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**



**III. Lamentations 3: 17-26**

**LECTOR:** A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the Lord.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
as my reason to have hope:  
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;  
therefore will I hope in him.  
Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**



## **Responsorial Psalm (Sit)**

One of the following musical settings is sung in response to hearing God's word.

### **I. Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord Joseph Gelineau, SJ**

**Refrain: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.**

**Verse 1** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (Refrain)

**Verse 2** He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
No evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff;  
With these you give me comfort. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing.  
(Refrain)

**Verse 4** Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (Refrain)

**Verse 5** To the Father and Son give glory, give glory to the Spirit.  
To God who is, who was, and who will be for ever and ever. (Refrain)

### **II. Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light David Haas**

**Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid,  
of whom should I be afraid?**

**Verse 1** The Lord is my light and my help; whom should I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom should I shrink?

**Verse 2** There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long:  
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Verse 3** I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living;  
Hope in him, and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

III. Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God Marty Haugen

**Refrain:** Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,  
from death into life.

**Verse 1** God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (Refrain)

**Verse 2** Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of your Name. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil,  
For you are at my side,  
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (Refrain)

**Verse 4** You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. (Refrain)

**Verse 5** Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. (Refrain)

IV. Shelter Me, O God Bob Hurd

**Refrain:** Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
You alone are my hope.

**Verse 1** When my foes surround me, set me high above their reach.  
Hear me when I call your name. (Refrain)

**Verse 2** As a mother gathers her young beneath her care,  
Gather me into your arms. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** Though I walk in darkness, through the needle's eye of death,  
You will never leave my side. (Refrain)

V. The King of Love My Shepherd Is St. Columba

- Verse 1** The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
And he is mine forever.
- Verse 2** Where streams of living water flow  
With gentle care he leads me,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With heav'nly food he feeds me.
- Verse 3** Perverse and foolish I have strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
- Verse 4** In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With you, dear Lord, beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still,  
Your cross before to guide me.
- Verse 5** You spread a table in my sight,  
Your saving grace bestowing;  
And O what joy and true delight  
From your pure chalice flowing!
- Verse 6** And so through all the length of days  
Your goodness fails me never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
Within your house forever.

The Lord  
IS MY Shepherd  
Psalm 23

## **Second Reading (Sit)**

One of the following selections from the New Testament is read.

### **I. Romans 6: 3-4; 8-9**

**LECTOR:** A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **II. 1 John 3: 1-2**

**LECTOR:** A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### III. Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

**LECTOR:** A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

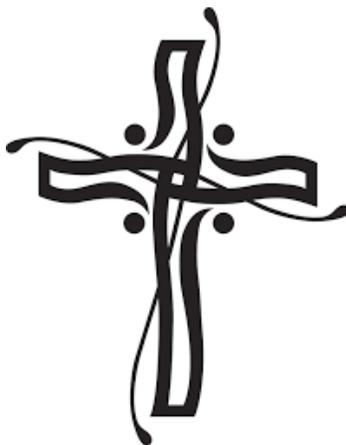
The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### Gospel Acclamation (Stand)

We welcome Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, present as we stand and sing the ancient Hebrew word "Alleluia" or another appropriate phrase.



### **Gospel (Stand)**

The priest or deacon proclaims a suitable gospel passage. Before the reading he shall say:

**Priest/Deacon:**

The Lord be with you.

**ALL:       AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

**Priest/Deacon:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *(Name)*.

**ALL:       GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

At the conclusion of the passage, he shall say:

**Priest/Deacon:**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:       PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

### **HOMILY (Sit)**

The priest/deacon will give a brief homily based on the scriptures. While not a eulogy, the homily should integrate the personal with the universal. We are comforted in our grief and challenged in our own faith practice.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (Stand)**

We pray for the Church, the world, our local needs, and the one who has died.

**LEADER:** .... We pray to the Lord.

**ALL:       LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Sit)**

Members of the family or others may bring wine, water, and bread to the Table of the Lord.

## **PREPARATION SONG (Sit)**

One of the following may be sung:

### **I. You Are Mine David Haas**

**Verse 1** I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,  
Be still and know I am here.

**Verse 2** I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,  
Come and rest in me.

**Refrain:** **Do not be afraid, I am with you.**  
**I have called you each by name.**  
**Come and follow me, I will bring you home;**  
**I love you and you are mine.**

**Verse 3** I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name. (Refrain)

**Verse 4** I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk, and live! (Refrain)

II. Amazing Grace New Britain

- Verse 1**     Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
                  That saved a wretch like me!  
                  I once was lost, but now am found,  
                  Was blind but now I see.
- Verse 2**     'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
                  And grace my fears relieved;  
                  How precious did that grace appear  
                  The hour I first believed!
- Verse 3**     The Lord has promised good to me,  
                  His word my hope secures;  
                  He will my shield and portion be  
                  As long as life endures.
- Verse 4**     Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
                  I have already come;  
                  'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
                  And grace will lead me home.
- Verse 5**     When we've been there ten thousand years,  
                  Bright shining as the sun,  
                  We've no less days to sing God's praise  
                  Than when we'd first begun.

BLESSED  
*by the amazing grace of God*

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III. Prayer of St. Francis Sebastian Temple

- Verse 1** Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- Verse 2** Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.
- Verse 3** O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
- Verse 4** Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

IV. Be Not Afraid Bob Dufford

- Verse 1** You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.
- Refrain** **Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.**
- Verse 2** If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. (Refrain)
- Verse 3** Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you! (Refrain)

**V. We Walk By Faith Marty Haugen**

**Verse 1** We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

**Verse 2** We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice  
And cry "My Lord and God!"

**Verse 3** Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
And may our faith abound;  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found:

**Verse 4** That when our life of faith is done  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are  
In full and endless sight.

**Verse 5** We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

**INCENSING THE BODY (Sit)**

During this song (or at another suitable time in the Liturgy), the priest walks around the casket and incenses the body as a sign of our respect for this temple of the Holy Spirit, and as a symbol of our prayers for the one who has died rising to the throne of God.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Altar (Stand)

**Priest:** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**ALL:** **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 HOLY CHURCH.**

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (Stand)

The priest says the Prayer over the Offerings; following this, all respond:

**ALL:** **AMEN.**

### Preface (Stand)

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:** **IT IS RIGHT AND JUST.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy (Stand)

All sing or say:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD OF HOSTS.  
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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer (Kneel)**

**Memorial Acclamation (Kneel)**

All sing or say one of the following:

**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD,  
AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION  
UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**

**WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP,  
WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD,  
UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**

**SAVE US, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD,  
FOR BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION  
YOU HAVE SET US FREE.**

**Great Amen (Kneel)**

All sing or say:

**AMEN.**

**Lord's Prayer (Stand)**

All sing or say:

**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.**

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** **FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOREVER.**

### **Greeting of Peace (Stand)**

We embrace or clasp hands with those around us as a sign of Christian solidarity and love.

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ALL:** **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

**Priest/Deacon:**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**GREETING:**

**PEACE BE WITH YOU.**

**ALL:** **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

### **Lamb of God (Stand)**

All sing or say:

**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 Rite (Kneel)**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**ALL:** **LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF,  
BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.**

## **Reception of the Eucharist (Stand)**

The believers now approach the Table of the Lord to eat of the bread become His Body, to drink of the wine become His Blood. We extend the invitation to our non-Catholic brethren to also come forward at this time (if it is comfortable) to receive a blessing. In this gesture, the heartache of our separation is raised up as a prayer for unity. Simply approach the Minister of Holy Communion with hands crossed over the heart, and be blessed.

## **Communion Song (Sit)**

One of the following may be sung:

### **I. I Am the Bread of Life Suzanne Toolan, RSM**

**Verse 1** I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

**Refrain:** **And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.**

**Verse 2** The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever,  
You shall live forever. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
You shall not have life within you. (Refrain)

**Verse 4** I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die,  
You shall live forever. (Refrain)

**Verse 5** Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
The son of God,  
Who has come into the world. (Refrain)

II. Eye Has Not Seen Marty Haugen

**Refrain:** Eye has not seen, ear has not heard  
What God has ready for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,  
Teach us the wisdom of God.

**Verse 1** When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,  
Forgive the weakness of our faith,  
And bear us up within your peaceful word. (Refrain)

**Verse 2** Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,  
Yet all our days are in your hands,  
So we return in love what love has made. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,  
Reflected in the faces of all the poor  
And lowly of the world. (Refrain)

**Verse 4** We sing a myst'ry from the past, in halls where saints have trod,  
Yet ever new the music rings to Jesus,  
Living Song of God. (Refrain)



III. Gift of Finest Wheat Omer Westendorf

**Refrain:** You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gift of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
The bread of life to eat.

**Verse 1** As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your fam'ly Lord,  
We follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

**Verse 2** With joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav'nly food. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
Our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)

**Verse 4** The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell. (Refrain)

**Verse 5** You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name  
In truth and charity. (Refrain)



IV. We Have Been Told David Haas

**Refrain:** We have been told, we've seen his face  
And heard his voice alive in our hearts;  
"Live in my love with all your heart,  
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

**Verse 1** "I am the vine, you are the branches,  
And all who live in me will bear great fruit." (Refrain)

**Verse 2** "You are my friends, if you keep my commands,  
No longer slaves, I call you friends." (Refrain)

**Verse 3** "No greater love is there than this:  
To lay down one's life for a friend." (Refrain)

V. J'Irai La Voir Un Jour

**Verse 1** J'irai la voir un jour, au ciel, dans la patrie.  
Oui j'irai voir Marie, ma joie et mon amour.

**Refrain:** Au ciel, au ciel, au ciel, j'irai la voir un jour,  
Au ciel, au ciel, au ciel, j'irai la voir un jour.

**Verse 2** J'irai la voir un jour, j'irai m'unir aux anges,  
Pour chanter ses louanges et pour former sa cour. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** J'irai la voir un jour, cette vierge si belle.  
Bientot j'irai pres d'elle, lui dire mon amour. (Refrain)

**Verse 4** J'irai la voir un jour, j'irai pres de son trone.  
Recevoir ma couronne dans l'eternel sejour. (Refrain)

**Verse 5** J'irai la voir un jour, j'irai loin de la terre,  
Sur le coeur de ma mere, reposer sans retour. (Refrain)

Prayer After Communion (Stand)

The Communion Rite concludes with a prayer to which we respond:

**ALL: AMEN.**

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer (Stand)

Moment of Silence (Stand)

Song of Farewell (Stand)

One of the following may be sung:

I. O Loving God – Londonderry Air

**Verse 1** O loving God, we send your daughter (son) home to you,  
Home to a place of everlasting love,  
To join there with the angel choirs and blessed saints,  
And to behold your glorious holy face.

**Refrain:** Receive her/his soul and let eternal light shine,  
Eternal light forever on her/his soul,  
So she/he may be forever in your dwelling place,  
And be at rest in peace until we meet her/him there.

**Verse 2** O loving God, have mercy and forgiveness  
Upon your servant's now departed soul,  
And may your grace and love enfold her/him evermore,  
So she/he may dwell in paradise at last. (Refrain)

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**II. Song of Farewell – Old Hundredth**

**Verse 1**      Come to his/her aid, O saints of God;  
Come meet him/her, angels of the Lord.  
Receive his/her soul, O holy ones;  
Present him/her now to God, Most High.

**Verse 2**      May Christ, who called you, take you home,  
And angels lead you to Abraham.  
Receive his/her soul, O holy ones;  
Present him/her now to God, Most High.

**Verse 3**      Give him/her eternal rest, O Lord.  
May light unending shine on him/her.  
Receive his/her soul, O holy ones;  
Present him/her now to God, Most High.

**Verse 4**      I know that my Redeemer lives;  
The last day I shall rise again.  
Receive his/her soul, O holy ones;  
Present him/her now to God, Most High.

**III. Song of Farewell – May the Choirs of Angels   Ernest Sands**

**Refrain:**      **May the choirs of angels come to greet you.**  
**May they speed you to paradise.**  
**May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.**  
**May you find eternal life.**

**Prayer of Commendation (Stand)**



## **Recessional Song (Stand)**

One of the following may be sung:

### **I. For All the Saints Ralph Vaughn Williams**

- Verse 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who you by faith before the world confessed,  
Your Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- Verse 2** O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one within your great design.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- Verse 3** The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon to the loyal faithful comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise so blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- Verse 4** But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- Verse 5** From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of heav'n streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

II. How Great Thou Art Stuart K. Hine

**Verse 1** O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**Refrain:** **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**Verse 2** When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

**Verse 3** And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)

**Verse 4** When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! (Refrain)



### III. Sing With All the Saints in Glory - Hymn of Joy

**Verse 1** Sing with all the saints in glory,  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness, people waking,  
Know the everlasting peace.

**Verse 2** Oh, what glory, far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading,  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
There on high our welcome waits;  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,  
Christ has passed th' eternal gates.

**Verse 3** Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:  
Jesus lives who once was dead;  
Join with all the heav'nly voices;  
Child of God, lift up your head!  
Patriarchs from distant ages,  
Saints all longing for their heav'n,  
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,  
All await the glory giv'n.

**Verse 4** Life eternal! O what wonders  
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders,  
Saints shall stand before the throne!  
Oh, to enter that bright portal,  
See that glowing firmament,  
Know, with you, O God immortal,  
Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

IV. On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas

**Verse 1** You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:** **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**Verse 2** The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

**Verse 4** For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Refrain:** **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**Last Prayer and Sprinkling (Stand)**

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