



MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Sister Rose Michele O'Rourke, OP

Celebrating New Life

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✠ PRAYER BEFORE THE BODY OF THE DECEASED ✠

Celebrant: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation!
God comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us
to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation
we have received from God.

[The priest sprinkles the body with holy water.]

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

✠ PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL ✠

**[A white pall, in remembrance of the baptismal garment,
is placed over the coffin.]**

Celebrant: On the day of her baptism, Sister Rose Michele put on Christ.
On the day of Christ's coming, may she be clothed with glory.

Opening Song: **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard, and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Reflection: Sister Mary Murray, OP, President

Opening Prayer - Lord, welcome into your presence your daughter, Sister Rose Michele, whom you have called from this life. Release her from all her sins, bless her with eternal light and peace, raise her up to live forever with all your saints in the glory of the resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm: PSALM 23

My Shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

My shepherd is the Lord; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose.
Near restful waters you lead me, to revive my drooping spirit.

You guide me along the right path; you are true to your 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.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-23a

General Intercessions: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

Preparation of the Gifts

All: O God, we thank you for the future you have promised us,
for we know that death is but a passing moment
which leads from life to life.

We set before you bread and wine which we offer in
Sister Rose Michele's memory, we speak our loving trust in you,
and we ask you to bless us and our world.

At this meal which we share in the name of your Son, we hear
once more your pledge of life which will never come to an end.
So may we bless your name with him now and forever. Amen.

Presentation Song: I HAVE LOVED YOU

*I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.*

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

**Memorial Acclamation: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.***

Great Amen

✠ COMMUNION RITE ✠

The Lord's Prayer

Rite of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Song: **YOU ARE MINE**

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.

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.

***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.***

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*)

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*)

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Meditation Song: **OUR LADY OF KNOCK**

ALL: *Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland,
all our cares and troubles cease.
As we kneel with love before you,
Lady of Knock, our Queen of Peace.*

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Recalling that in Christ, God has made us sisters and brothers to one another, let us pray...

All: O God, you have put us on this earth, not to live alone, but with each other, to bear one another's burdens and to share one another's joys. Others touch our lives and share of themselves with us and we grow closer to you together with them.

We thank you for the time that Sister Rose Michele spent among us, for the gift of her love and friendship. We ask that her soul be purified by this holy sacrifice, and that we may be comforted until that day when we will all be joined together again forever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL ✠

Celebrant: With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our Sister Rose Michele to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things that God will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints.

May God give her a merciful judgment and forgive all her sins. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead her safely home to be at peace with God. And may she be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Receive her soul and present her to the Most High.

Receive her soul and present her to the Most High.

Saints of God, come to her aid.

Come to meet her, angels of the Lord.

Receive her soul and present her to the Most High.

May Christ who called you take you to himself.

May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

Receive her soul and present her to the Most High.

Give her eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on her forever.

Receive her soul and present her to the Most High.

Celebrant: Peace be with those who have left us and have gone to God.
May Sister Rose Michele be at peace. May she be with God.

All: ***May she be with the living God,
may she be with the immortal God, may she be in God's hands.***

Celebrant: May she sleep in peace.

All: ***May she live in peace.***

Celebrant: May she be where the great name of God is.

All: ***May she be with the living God, now and on the day of judgment.
May she live with God, may she live in eternal light.***

Celebrant: May she live in the peace of the Lord.

All: ***May she live forever in peace, with God in peace.***

Celebrant: We commend our Sister Rose Michele to you, Lord.
Now that she has passed from this life, may she live on
in your presence. In your mercy and love, forgive whatever
sins she may have committed through human weakness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SONGS OF THE ANGELS

May songs of the angels welcome you
and guide you along the way.

May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own
as darkness turns into day.

Ev'ry fear will be undone and death will be no more,
as songs of the angels bring you home
before the face of God.

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Closing Prayer: Listen, O God, to the prayers of your Church
on behalf of the faithful departed, and grant to your servant,
Sister Rose Michele, whose funeral we have celebrated today,
the inheritance promised to all your saints. We ask this
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional: **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

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.

***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!***

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!

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