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During the past few months permission has been granted to several local Ordinaries to engage in this experiment in their respective Dioceses.

The full text of the Experimental Funeral Rite is here provided with permission of Episcopal Commission on Liturgy and solely for purposes of information.

THIS RITE MAY BE USED ONLY WHERE AUTHORIZED BY A LOCAL ORDINARY WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXPERIMENT.
INTRODUCTION

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Experiment must be carried out according to the instructions of the Post-Conciliar Commission on the Liturgy, as herein outlined. One is not permitted to experiment with the Experiment.

2. Within the Rite itself, much freedom is allowed the Celebrant in the selection of various Readings and Prayers, to allow greater variety according to the circumstances of the individual funeral. Priests are encouraged to try as many variations as may be consistent with the pastoral needs of each celebration.

3. Priests will be asked to report every three months, according to a questionnaire to be provided, which Readings and Prayers have been found most suitable, as well as the difficulties encountered, the successes achieved, the opinions of those who took part, and suggestions for the future.

4. The Experiment is to be conducted with that degree of secrecy which is possible under the circumstances. Above all, news of the experiments must not be released to newspapers, radio or television.

5. The colour of the vestments will be WHITE or VIOLET.

6. The length of time of the Experiment has yet to be determined.

THE RITE ITSELF:

1. The Order of the Rite is not very different from what we have been accustomed to. There are three Stations: at the Home or Funeral Home; at the Church; and at the Cemetery.

2. Ceremonies and rubrics will be as usual, unless otherwise stated.

3. Holy water and incense may be used or not, according to one's pastoral judgment.

THE SPIRIT OF THE RITE:

1. In the funeral rites of her children the Church celebrates the paschal mystery of Christ with faith that those who by means of baptism have been incorporated in the dead and risen Christ may pass with him from death to life, and may be purified in soul and taken up to heaven with the saints and the elect, while looking forward in the body to the blessed hope of Christ's coming and the resurrection of the dead. Holy Mother Church, therefore, offers the eucharistic sacrifice of the Pasch of Christ for the liberation of the dead and pours forth prayers and petitions for them. Thus, in the communion of all the members of Christ, what benefits some by way of petition may be a consoling hope for others.
2. When priests commend the dead to God in the funeral liturgy, they should remember that it is also their duty to strengthen the hope of those present and to foster their faith in the paschal mystery and in the resurrection of the dead. This is to be done in such a way that the compassionate kindness of Mother Church and the consolation of faith which they proffer may lighten the burden of believers without offending those who mourn.

3. Priests should also pay special attention to those non-Catholics or Catholics who seldom or never participate in the Eucharist, or seem to have lost their faith but who on the occasion of funerals assist at liturgical celebrations or hear the gospel, for priests are the ministers of the gospel of Christ to all men.

4. In this Experimental Rite, those texts which suggest an unduly fearsome concept of death have been avoided. The emphasis now is one Christian hope and joy in the resurrection. The formularies used have a richer scriptural orientation.

5. The rite which until now has been called the Absolution will hereafter be called **Commendation and Farewell**. It has been reformed so that from now on it will clearly stand out not as a purification of the deceased (which ordinarily has been already achieved by the eucharistic sacrifice), but as a last farewell with which the Christian community salutes its member before the body is taken away. This is in harmony with the primitive meaning of the rite in Roman Liturgical tradition, as well as with the final salutation in the Oriental rites which is given with a kiss. In connection with this rite the following passage is relevant: “Then comes the final salutation which is sung for their departure from this life and their separation from us; yet there remain communion and unity, since we shall never be separated from each other in death. We shall all pass the same way and be found in the same place, and we shall never be separated, for we shall live in Christ and are now united to Christ, as we go forward to Him... In the resurrection, in the communion of the true faith, all of us who are believers will be one in Christ.” (Simeon of Thessalonica). The theological depth of these words suggests the twofold meaning of this farewell: it is at once a separation and not a separation, because the members of Christ are one in Him and are not separated by death. In fact, Christians derived this usage of a final farewell from the pagans, and rightly so, for the usage itself is not pagan but deeply human. But the meaning of the usage has been transformed by the hope of eternal life, for Christians do not say to their dead simply: “Farewell”, but: “Farewell in Christ”.

**PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE:**

1. The success of this Experiment will depend upon the careful preparation and instruction of the people of the parish. The meaning and spirit of the new rite may be taught through sermons, talks to parish societies, school, bulletin, etc.
2. A careful explanation of the rite and the people's part in it should be given at each Wake.

3. Every effort must be made to teach parishioners the hymns and antiphons chosen for the Rite, so that they may participate as fully as possible.

4. A funeral choir must be formed (some parishes already have a special choir for this purpose) to prepare and render the psalms required and to lead the people in the hymns.

5. A Lay Reader should be prepared to read the First Lesson, the Prayer of the Faithful, and to lead the congregation in participation.

I. STATION AT THE HOME OR FUNERAL HOME

1. The Priest, vested in surplice and white or violet stole, greets those present in a sympathetic manner and offers them the consolation of faith.

2. The Rite to be used is found in *Bible Devotions For A Christian Wake*, edited by Liturgical Commission of Diocese of London, Ontario, and published by *Catholic Book Publishing Co., New York*.

3. In addition to the Readings found in *Bible Devotions For A Christian Wake*, the following may also be used:
   1) Ezechiel 37: 1-14
   2) Romans 8: 12-23
   3) Romans 14: 7-9
   4) 2 Cor. 4:10 — 5:1
   5) Apocalypse 21: 2-5
   6) Luke 16: 19-31
   7) John 11: 1-45
   8) John 14: 1-6
   9) John 17: 24-26

4. A homily must be given to explain the significance of the New Rites.

5. Those present should be encouraged to receive Holy Communion at the Funeral Mass. If possible, an opportunity for Confession might be provided.

6. The following *Prayer For The Bereaved* may be substituted for the one on page nine:

   Father of all pity and God of all consolation: You love us with an everlasting love. You turn the shadow of death into the dawn of life. Look, we pray You, on Your servants in their mourning and distress.
Lord, be our Saviour and our strength. From the darkness and grief of this desolation raise us to the light and peace of Your presence. And because Your Son, Our Lord, by dying has destroyed death for us and by rising again has given us new life, Grant us, we beg You, that we may run towards Him; and when our life on earth is ended, may we one day be reunited with our brothers where every tear shall be wiped away from our eyes. Through Christ Our Lord.

R\textsuperscript{y}. Amen.

7. One of the following prayers may be substituted for the \textit{Selected Prayer}:

1.

Lord, Holy Father, all powerful, Everlasting God, we Humbly pray for the soul of your servant N., whom You have bidden to come to You from this life. Be pleased to grant him a place of cool repose, of light and peace. May he pass through the gates of death and remain in the dwelling of the Saints and in that Holy Light from which of old You promised to Abraham and his children. May his soul suffer no harm; but on that Great Day Of Resurrection And Reward, be pleased to raise him with Your Saints and Chosen. Pardon all his faults and sins; and let him come to immortal life with You in the Eternal Kingdom. Through Christ Our Lord.

R\textsuperscript{y}. Amen.

2.

To You, Lord, we humbly commend our brother. In this mortal life you loved Him always with a great love. Now that he has been freed from all evils, bid him enter into Eternal Rest.

We pray You in Your mercy that, when the first things have passed away, of Your goodness You will bring him to Your Paradise, where there is no more grief or mourning or sadness but peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

R\textsuperscript{y}. Amen.

3.

Lord, Our Redeemer, You gave Yourself to death so that all men might be saved and pass from death into life. We humbly beg for Your Most Merciful Love. Be mindful of Your servants who mourn and pray for their dear brother. Forgive him all his sins. Lord, You alone are Holy and most compassionate. Through death You opened the gates of life for those who believe in You. Do not permit our brother to be parted from You, but by Your Glorious Power, grant him a place of light, of Heavenly joy and peace. You who live and reign.
2. STATION AT THE CHURCH

1. Reception at the Entrance to the Church:

The priest, vested in White or Violet for Mass and wearing the chasuble, accompanied by the usual servers, meets the funeral at or near the entrance to the Church. He may sprinkle the body with Holy Water, and then reads ONE of the following two prayers, taking care not to repeat one used at the Wake:

Y. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray:

1.

Father of all pity and God of all consolation. You love us with an everlasting love. You turn the shadow of death into the dawn of life. Look, we pray You, on Your servants in their mourning and distress. Lord, be our Saviour and our strength. From the darkness and grief of this desolation raise us to the light and peace of Your presence. And because Your Son, Our Lord, dying has destroyed death for us and by rising again has given us new life, grant us, we beg You, that we may run towards Him; and when our life on earth is ended, may we one day be reunited with our brothers where every tear shall be wiped away from our eyes. Through Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

2.

Lord, Our Redeemer, You gave Yourself to death so that all men might be saved and pass from death into life. We humbly beg for Your most merciful love. Be mindful of Your servants who mourn and pray for their dear brother. Forgive him all his sins. Lord, You alone are Holy and most compassionate. Through death You opened the gates of life for those who believe in You. Do not permit our brother to be parted from You, but by Your glorious power, grant him a place of light, of Heavenly joy and peace. You who live and reign, world without end.

R. Amen.

II. ENTRANCE PSALM:

As the Choir sings the Entrance Psalm, the people repeating the Antiphon, the priest and servers lead the funeral procession up the aisle. The Celebrant takes his place at the President's Chair. He does not read the
Introit, but may sing the Kyrie with the people.

After the Kyrie, the priest reads the Prayer. He may use the one in the Missal, or either of the following:

\[ \text{Y.} \quad \text{The Lord be with you.} \]
\[ \text{R\textsuperscript{Y}.} \quad \text{And with your spirit.} \]

Let us pray:

1.

God, all things that die live in You. Through You our bodies do not perish by death, but are gloriously changed. We beg You to command that the soul of Your servant N. may be carried by the hands of Your friend, to be raised up again at the last day of the great judgment. For every fault that he has committed during his life on earth, by Your love absolve him. Through Our Lord.

\[ \text{R\textsuperscript{Y}.} \quad \text{Amen.} \]

2.

Lord, we humbly beg for Your mercy. Graciously receive the soul of Your servant N. Grant him Your pity in full measure. By Your love cleanse whatever he has done amiss on earth. Free him from the chains of death and make him worthy to enter into life. Through Our Lord.

\[ \text{R\textsuperscript{Y}.} \quad \text{Amen.} \]

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

1. **EPISTLE:**

The Epistle may be read by the Lay Reader. It may be chosen from any Mass for the dead found in the Roman Missal, or one of the following texts may be used:

1) Ezechiel 37: 1-14
2) Romans 8: 12-23
3) Romans 14: 7-9
4) 1 Cor. 15: 12-22
5) 2 Cor. 4:10 — 5:1
6) 2 Cor. 5: 1-10
7) Apocalypse 21: 2-5
2. **GRADUAL PSALM:**

The Celebrant remains seated at the President's Chair as the choir sings the Gradual Psalm, the people repeating the Antiphon. The Celebrant does not read the Gradual or Tract. *The Dies Irae* is always omitted.

3. **GOSPEL:**

The Celebrant reads the Gospel from the Ambo. It may be chosen from any Mass for the dead found in the Roman Missal, or one of the following texts may be used:

1) Matt. 25: 31-46
2) Luke 12: 35-40
3) Luke 16: 19-31
5) John 5: 21-24
6) John 11: 1-45
7) John 12: 23-28
8) John 14: 1-6
9) John 17: 24-26

4. **HOMILY:**

A brief homily should be given after the gospel, but without any kind of funeral eulogy.

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**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

The Prayer of the Faithful follows the Homily. It may be led by the Lay Reader, but the Celebrant always reads the concluding prayer. Choose ONE of the two introductions and five or six intentions from the many provided. Other intentions composed by the Celebrant may also be used.

\[ \text{The Lord be with you.} \]
\[ \text{R. And with your spirit.} \]

Let us pray:

1.

God, the Almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead. Let us therefore call upon Him with confidence to save the living and the dead.
Brethren, let us now pray together not only for our brother who has died, but also humbly implore the Lord Our God for the church, the peace of the world and our own salvation.

1. That the Christian people may be established in faith and unity, let us pray to the Lord:

R'. Hear us, Lord, and have mercy.

2. That the world may be rid of war and all its evils, let us pray to the Lord:

3. That God may show Himself a Father to all our fellow men who have no work, or food, or home, let us pray to the Lord:

4. That N., given the seed of immortal life in baptism, may be granted eternal fellowship with the saints, let us pray to the Lord:

5. That he may be raised up on the last day, for the Body of Christ, the Bread of Eternal Life, has been his food, let us pray to the Lord:

6. That God may reward our brethren, relatives and benefactors for the work they have done, let us pray to the Lord:

7. That God may welcome into the light of His presence all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

8. That He may gather into His glorious kingdom all who are assembled here in faith and devotedness, let us pray to the Lord:

9. For the pastors of the church throughout the world, that their preaching may be reinforced by their own example, let us pray to the Lord:

10. For all rulers of states, that they may promote justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

11. For all who are in agony of mind or body, that they may never think that God has deserted them, let us pray to the Lord:

12. That God may rescue the soul of N., His departed servant, from the power of darkness and from the realms of punishment, let us pray to the Lord:

13. That God in His mercy may consign his sins to everlasting oblivion, let us pray to the Lord:

14. That God may grant him a home of light and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

15. That God may give him happiness and fellowship with all His saints and elect, let us pray to the Lord:

16. For our departed relatives and benefactors, that God may welcome them into the brightness of His light, let us pray to the Lord:

17. For all the faithful departed, That God may give them a place in the Kingdom of Heaven, let us pray to the Lord:
1.

Lord, may the prayers of Your suppliant people avail the souls of Your servants. Forgive them all their sins, and make them share in the redemption You have won for them. Through Christ Our Lord.

Rv. Amen.

2.

God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your departed servants the forgiveness of all their sins. May our loving prayers obtain for them the pardon they have always desired. You Who live and reign forever and ever.

Rv. Amen.

The remainder of the Funeral Mass is as usual.

3. COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

After the eucharistic liturgy the priest proceeds to the Rite of Commendation and Farewell. The priest continues to wear the White or Violet chasuble. The servers are arranged as formerly for the Absolution.

INTRODUCTION:

The celebrant reads ONE of the two following introductions:

1.

As is the custom of believers, we bring the human body to burial. To God all living things are bound. Let us pray that He will raise again this body of our brother (which we must bury in its imperfection) to the perfection and condition of His saints; and that He will summon his soul to take its place with the saints and believers. May he be redeemed from death and forgiven his sins. May he be at peace with the Father, and brought home on the shoulder of the Good Shepherd. May he deserve everlasting joy, and the companionship of the saints in the court of the Eternal King.

2.

Our brother has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ. In the faith and hope of Eternal Life, let us commend him to the most loving mercy of Our Father. Let our prayers go with him that he, who by baptism became one of God's adopted sons, and who so often stood to be fed at the Lord's table, may now be summoned to the table of God's children in Heaven. With the saints may he inherit the everlasting promise. Let us pray also to the Lord for ourselves.
In time to come may we, who now mourn and weep, be able to go with our brother to meet Christ, when He Himself, who is our life, shall appear in His Glory.

RESPONSORY:

One of the following three Responsories is to be recited by all. (Later, when suitable music has been prepared, it is to be sung by choir and people), with Holy Water and incensed.

1.

Choir: I believe that my Redeemer lives and at the last day I shall rise from the dust. And in my flesh I shall see God, my Saviour.

All: And in my flesh I shall see my God, my Saviour.

Choir: My very self shall see Him, my own eyes shall gaze on Him.

All: And in my flesh I shall see My God, my Saviour.

Choir: This hope of mine is cherished in my heart.

All: And in my flesh I shall see my God, my Saviour.

Choir: Lord grant that he may have Eternal rest; for ever in the radiance of Your light.

All: And in my flesh I shall see my God, my Saviour.

2.

Choir: Come to his aid, You Saints of God; hasten to meet him, You Angels of the Lord. Receive his soul and present it in the sight of the Most High.

All: Receive his soul and present it in the sight of the Most High.

Choir: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself; may Angels escort you to Abraham's side.

All: Receive his soul and present it in the sight of the Most High.

Choir: Lord grant that he may have Eternal rest; for ever in the radiance of Your Light.

All: Receive his soul and present it in the light of the Most High.

3.

Choir: We pray You, Lord Our God, to take to yourself the soul of this dead man for whom You shed Your blood. Remember, Lord, that we are dust; man is like grass and like the flower of the field.

All: Remember, Lord, that we are dust; man is like grass and like the flower of the field.
Choir: The Lord is merciful and kind, patient and rich in mercy.

All: Remember, Lord, that we are dust; man is like grass and like the flower of the field.

Choir: Lord grant that he may have Eternal rest; for ever in the radiance of Your Light.

All: Remember, Lord, that we are dust; man is like grass and like the flower of the field.

Prayer: The priest reads ONE of the following prayers:

1.

Let us pray:

To You, Lord, we commend the soul of Your servant N. He has passed from this life; may he live for You. Blot out the sins which he has committed through the frailty of his human nature by the pardon of Your Most Merciful Love. Through Christ Our Lord.

R/. Amen.

2.

Let us pray:

Most Merciful Father, into Your hands we commend the soul of our brother, for we are sustained by the sure hope that he will rise again on the last day with all those who have died in Christ. We give You thanks for all the good things. You heaped upon Your servant in this mortal life as signs for us of Your goodness and of the communion of saints in Christ. Lord, in Your great pity accept our prayer that the Gates of Paradise may be opened for Your servant. And in our turn, may we too be comforted by the words of faith until we hasten to meet Christ when we may all be forever with the Lord and with our brother. Through that same Lord.

R/. Amen.

The ceremony in the Church concludes with everyone singing the Recessional hymn. The priest may accompany the procession to the door of the Church, if such is the custom. Then priest and servers return to the sacristy.

4. STATION AT THE GRAVE

The priest, vested in surplice and white or violet stole, meets the funeral at the grave.

1. While the body is being placed on the grave, the priest prays:

"Since it has pleased Almighty God to call back our brother from this life to Himself, we commit his body to the earth, that it may return to
that from which it was made. Christ was the first to rise from the dead, and He will remake our imperfect bodies to be like His glorious body. Let us entrust our brother to the Lord that He may raise him again at the last day and make him one of His saints in His kingdom.”

2. If the grave has not been blessed, the prest blesses it, using any ONE of the following four prayers:

1.

Let us pray:

God, by Whose mercy the souls of the faithful have rest, be pleased to bless this grave; and send Your Holy Angel to watch over it. Release from the chains of sin, the soul whose body is buried in this place, so that in You, with all Your saints, he may find everlasting joy. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

2.

Lord Jesus Christ, by the three days You lay in the tomb, You have made holy the graves of all who believe in You. Though their bodies must be buried, their hope of resurrection is increased. Be pleased to grant that Your servant may sleep and rest in peace in this grave until You, Who are the Resurrection and the Life, raise him up and give him light. Then in the light of Your presence he will see the Light of Your face that shines forever in Heaven. You Who live and reign.

All: Amen.

3.

God, You have made the earth and formed the Heavens. You have set the stars in their places. When man was caught in the snare of death, You set him free by baptism. At Your command, Our Lord Jesus Christ broke the snares of death, rose again for the salvation of those who believe in Him, and restored Himself and the bodies of His own to life. Lord, look down on this grave, that at Your command it may be for Your servant a place of quiet sleep. And at Your day of Judgment may he indeed rise again with all Your saints. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

4.

God, You have justly passed sentence of death on the man who breaks Your law. You have revealed that by penance and the resurrection at the last day He shall live. You gave a place of burial to Abraham Our
Father in the Promised Land. You inspired the just man Joseph to bury the body of the Lord in the tomb which he was making ready for himself. We beg you with contrite hearts and earnest prayer to look down in Your love and bless this grave which has been prepared for the burial of Your servant. When his body has been laid in the earth, may his soul be received into Paradise. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

3. Next follows a form of the Prayer of the Faithful. The people should be instructed to answer each petition by repeating the words, "We beg You, hear us". Use ONE of the two forms provided.

1. Let us pray for our brother, pray to Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who said: I am the Resurrection and Life: the man who believes in Me, even though he die, shall live: and every living person who believes in Me shall never die Eternally."

   1. You wept for Lazarus when he was dead. Yet wipe the tears from our eyes. We beg You, hear us.
      All: We beg You, hear us.

   2. You raised the dead to life: give then Eternal life to this our brother. We beg You, hear us.
      All: We beg You, hear us.

   3. You promised Paradise to the repentant thief; so take him, then, our brother, into Heaven. We beg You, hear us.
      All: We beg You, hear us.

   4. To our brother, washed in the waters of baptism and sealed with Holy anointing, grant a place with Your saints and elect. We beg You, hear us.
      All: We beg You, hear us.

   5. To our brother, who was nourished at the sacred banquet of Your Body and Blood, grant a place at the table of Your Heavenly Kingdom. We beg You, hear us.
      All: We beg You, hear us.

   6. Bring comfort to us in our sorrow at the loss of our brother. May the Faith be our consolation, and Eternal Life our hope. We beg You, hear us.
      All: We beg You, hear us.
2.

Dearest brothers, let us humbly implore God, Our Most Merciful Father, for this brother of ours who has died a Holy death in the Lord.

1. Mercifully forgive him all his sins. We beg You, hear us.
   All: We beg You, hear us.

2. Accept the good that he has done. We beg You, hear us.
   All: We beg You, hear us.

3. Bid him enter Eternal Life. We beg You, hear us.
   All: We beg You, hear us.

4. Let us pray for all who are in mourning for this man's death. Comfort them in their grief. We beg You, hear us.
   All: We beg You, hear us.

5. Fill the void in their hearts with the solace of Your love. We beg You, hear us.
   All: We beg You, hear us.

6. Increase their faith: strengthen their hope. We beg You, hear us.
   All: We beg You, hear us.

7. Let us also pray for ourselves who continue this life's pilgrimage. Strengthen and preserve us in Your Holy Service. We beg You, hear us.
   All: We beg You, hear us.

8. Lift up our hearts to Heavenly desires. We beg You, hear us.

4. Then the priest begins the Lord's Prayer: OUR FATHER, which all continue together.

   All: We beg You, hear us.

5. The service in the cemetery concludes with one or more of the following prayers, to be chosen according to the priest's pastoral judgment.

1.

We beg You, Lord, to show this mercy to Your servant who is dead, that he be not made to suffer for the wrong he may have done, for his
desire was always to do Your Will. As the True Faith was the bond that united him here to Your Faithful Followers, so may Your mercy hereafter give Him a place among the choirs of angels. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

2.

God, You listen to the supplication of a just man. You care for Holy Prayers. Today we have completed the solemn rite of burial for Your servant. Grant him a share of the Blessed Reward with Your Saints and Chosen. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

3.

God, You give life and resurrection to the bodies of men, You desire the prayers of sinners. Hear the prayer which in our grief we offer for the soul of Your servant, N. Be pleased to deliver him from death, and give him a place in the ranks of Your Saints. Grant him Immortal Life and the joys of Paradise. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

4.

God, Your days are without end, Your mercies too many to count. Cause us never to forget that our life is short and uncertain. Let Your Holy Spirit lead us through this present world in Holiness and Justice all the days of our life. And after we have served You on earth in communion with Your Church, in confidence of a sure faith, in the comfort of Holy hope and in perfect charity with all men, may we joyfully come to Your Kingdom. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

5.

Almighty God, through the death of Jesus Christ Your Son upon the cross, You have destroyed death for us. Through His burial and glorious Resurrection from the dead, You have made the grave a Holy place, and wonderfully given back to us immortal life. Hear the prayers we offer for those who have died and been buried with Christ, and who wait for the blessed hope of the Resurrection. In Your goodness grant that those who were Your faithful believers on earth may praise You forever among the Blessed in Heaven. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

6. Priest: Lord grant that he may have Eternal rest.
   All: For ever in the radiance of Your Light.