

Funeral Mass Booklet

CELEBRANT: _____

ENTRANCE HYMN:

OPENING PRAYER:

Priest: O God, glory of believers and life of the just, by the death and resurrection of your son, we are redeemed:
have mercy on your servant _____, and make him/her worthy to share the joys of paradise for he/she believed in the resurrection of the dead. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

BLESSING OF THE COFFIN AND SYMBOLS:

Placing of Christian symbols

Sprinkling with Holy Water:

In the waters of baptism, _____ died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he/she now share with Christ eternal glory.

Placing of the Pall:

The Pall placed over the coffin is a reminder of the baptismal garment of _____, a sign of his/her Christian dignity.

The Book of the Gospels:

In life _____ cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet him/her with these words of eternal life: Come, blessed of my Father!

A Cross:

In baptism _____ received the sign of the cross. May he/she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

A Burning Candle:

The burning candle represents the faith _____ had in Christ. This candle was given to _____ in his baptism, to be kept burning brightly. May he/she now find Christ waiting for him/her in heaven.

Priest: Let us pray,

Almighty God the Father, it is our certain faith that your Son who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant _____ who has gone to rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through our lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

Eulogy.

(Please be seated)

First Reading. *([please choose one Old Testament reading](#))*

Responsorial Psalm. *([the psalm may be either read or sung](#))*

Second Reading. *([please choose one New Testament reading](#))*

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel. *([please choose one](#))*

(Please be seated)

Homily.

(Please stand)

Prayers of the faithful.

Priest: Let us come to our loving Father, asking him to give eternal rest to _____ and comfort and hope to the living.

(Prayers to be read by the reader [please choose four](#))

Priest: Compassionate and loving God, hear the prayers of all who mourn the death of _____, and be with them in the hour of need. We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN.

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY HYMN.

Preparation of the gifts: *(gifts to be presented by family members)*

Prayer over the gifts:

(Please stand)

Priest: Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our brother / sister _____ into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Preface.

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.

All: 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.

Acclamation.

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again

Communion Rite:

(Please stand)

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by Divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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 distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Priest: 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 graciously grant us the peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: AMEN.

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

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Communion:

All: 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, your take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

(Please 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..

Communion antiphon:

All: May eternal light shine upon him, O Lord with all your saints forever, for you are rich in mercy.

Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him forever, for you are rich in mercy.

Communion Song

Reflection Hymn

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Lord God, May the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, bring our brother/sister the peace of you eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN.

Final Commendation and Farewell

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for _____ and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see _____ again and enjoy his friendship.

Although we will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom.

Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

(all pray quietly in silence)

Signs of Farewell:

The coffin is now sprinkled with holy water. This sprinkling reminds us of _____'s baptism here he/she was adopted by God as his son / daughter, he/she became a brother / sister of Jesus Christ, his/her Lord and Saviour. He/she was made a living temple of God's Spirit and was incorporated into the Communion of Saints.

After the sprinkling, the coffin is incensed. This shows our respect for the body which had within it the Spirit of God. Also as the smoke rises towards heaven so do our prayers for _____ and ourselves.

Priest: Saints of God, come to his/her aid.

Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord.

All: Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the most high.

Priest: May Christ, who called you _____, take you to himself: may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the most high.

Priest: Eternal rest, grant unto him/her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

All: Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the most high.

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother / sister _____ in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he/she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon _____ in this life, they are signs to us of goodness and our fellowship with the saints of Christ Merciful Lord turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother /sister _____ forever.

Priest: In peace let us take our brother /sister _____ to his/her final rest.

Procession to the hearse:

Additional Miscellaneous material

A. Thank you

Thank you to all who shared in _____'s life.

May his beautiful life and memories give our heart wings to rise above our loss.

Special thanks to the priests and all who helped to make this such a loving, caring and memorable ceremony.

Thank you to all who visited _____ in his last days in hospital, and to all who sent sympathy cards and flowers and phone calls to the family.

B. Refection: Ready for the Journey.

I have got my leave.

Bid me farewell, my brothers.

I bow to you all and take my departure.

Here I give back the keys of my door,

and I give up all claims to my house.

I only ask for last kind words from you.

We were neighbours for long,

but I have received more than I could give.

Now the day has dawned

and the lamp that lit my dark corner is out.

A summons has come

and I am ready for my journey.

C. Reflection on Saint Joseph.

What a humble and holy man was Joseph, the man whom God had chosen to be his own foster Father. He did few things that anyone would think extraordinary. But he did everything with a great love for God and for his family. Today, we pray to St. Joseph the patron saint of _____ to be with us and with people we love at the moment of death. We pray that he will watch and protect the church, the "family" of Jesus, as he watched over and protected his own family. St. Joseph was a quiet man. He knew what God wanted him to do, and he was happy to do it. He is the special friend of all Fathers who work hard to care for their families.