

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

¶For funerals of friars and sisters of our Order, one of the Masses contained in the Roman Missal according to the liturgical seasons may be celebrated, or the following Mass proper to our Order.

Entrance Antiphon

Outside the Easter Season:

May Christ receive him (her) into his Father's house,
where there is neither death nor mourning, but joy that lasts forever.

In the Easter Season:

Just as Jesus died and rose, so also God, through Jesus,
will bring forth with him those who have fallen asleep. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Assembly

Almighty God,
giver of life and destroyer of death,
receive your servant, N.,
who today leaves our brotherhood (community)
to come to you.
May that light which never fades shine upon him (her).
While travelling the path of the Gospel,
through the darkness and labours of this world,
he (she) lived as a follower of your Son
and dedicated himself (herself) to the service of Mary.
May he (she) now receive eternal rest.
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.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord,
we offer you these gifts for our brother (sister) N.
By your power convert them
into the sacrament of redemption,
by which the sins of the whole world are forgiven
and the promise of future resurrection
is given to our brother (sister).
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface for a Deceased Servite at Funeral or Anniversary

In the Father's house where Our Lady reigns and her servants rejoice

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

As the destroyer of sin and death,
Christ enables his disciples,
who live and conquer by grace,
to eat from the promised tree of life.

As the Lord who has died for his servants,
he prepares a place for them in your house,
where Our Lady reigns and her servants rejoice.

As the merciful judge
who will come at the end of time,
he carries to heaven his brothers and sisters,
born to new life,
where there will be true freedom,
a lasting treasure and undying love.
Therefore, we, too, with all the angels
praise you, and in joyful exultation, saying: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon **Outside the Easter Season** John 12, 26

If anyone would serve me, let him follow me;
and where I am, there my servant will be, says the Lord.

During the Easter Season Philippians 3, 20-21

We eagerly await our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will renew this lowly body of ours and remake it
according to the pattern of his glorified body.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord,
we have received the food of everlasting life.
May the mysteries we have shared
be of help to our brother (sister) N.
who, as a Servant of Mary,
committed himself (herself) to witness the Gospel
and be at the service of the Church and all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

MASS ON ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH¹

Entrance Antiphon **outside the Easter Season** Revelation 21, 4

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain,
for the former world has passed away.

During the Easter Season Romans 8, 11

God, who raised Christ from the dead, will bring our mortal
bodies to life also, through his Spirit dwelling in us.

Prayer of the Assembly

Merciful and compassionate God,

¹ On the anniversary of death or the thirtieth day after burial

today we celebrate
the **anniversary of the death**² of our brother (sister) N.,
a faithful servant of Saint Mary.
Give him (her) a place of rest,
clarity of vision,
and the blessed companionship
of our glorious Lady and all her servants.
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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Listen, Lord, to our prayers
for your servant N.,
whose **anniversary of death**³ we celebrate today
that, by this sacrifice of homage and praise,
you may kindly receive him (her)
into your house of beauty, light, and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

outside the Easter Season John 11, 25; 3, 36, 5, 24

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.

² or "the thirtieth day after the burial of our brother (sister) N. "

³ or "whose thirtieth day after burial we celebrate today"

Those who believe in me shall have eternal life,
and not be judged but pass from death to life

Or

Lord, you are rest after labour and life after death;
give them eternal rest.

in the Easter Season John 6, 51-52

I myself am the living bread come down from heaven.
If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread I will give is my
flesh, for the life of the world. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, we have been nourished
with life-giving sacraments.
Our brother (sister) N.,
whose **anniversary of death**⁴ we are celebrating,
was a companion on our earthly pilgrimage,
We ask that the doors of the holy city be opened,
that he (she) may enjoy forever
the light of your countenance
and praise you forever
with the Blessed Virgin and all your saints.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Note: Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>

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