

# The Order for Funerals

*The typical order for funerals consists of:*

*The Reception of the Body, p. 99.*

*The Office of the Dead, Vespers, p. 103 or Lauds, p. 110  
according to the time of day.*

*The Requiem Mass according to the form found in the Orthodox  
Missal.*

*The Absolution of the Departed, p. 119.*

*Then at the grave:*

*The Blessing of the Grave (if not already blessed), p. 133.*

*The Committal, p. 134.*

*Note that if the body remains in the Church through the night, psalms  
may be sung continually.*

# The Reception of the Body

*At the appointed time the clergy and others assemble in the church, and candles are distributed to the clergy and lighted. The priest and acolytes go to the doors of the church to meet the body. As the priest sprinkles the body with Holy Water, he sings the antiphon and Psalm on one note:*

*Antiphon:* If thou, \* Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:  
O Lord, who may abide it?

## PSALM 130 *De profundis*

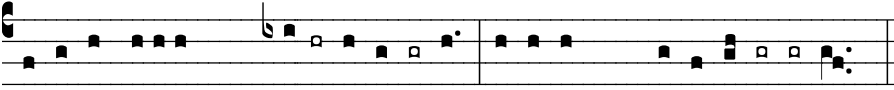
- Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; \* Lord, hear my voice.  
2. O let thine ears consider well \* the voice of my complaint.  
3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?  
4. For there is mercy with thee; \* therefore shalt thou be feared.  
5. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; \* in his word is my trust.  
6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.  
7. O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, \* and with him is plenteous redemption.  
8. And he shall redeem Israel \* from all his sins.  
Rest eternal \* grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let light perpetual \* shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* If thou, \* Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:  
O Lord, who may abide it?

*Then, as the body is brought into the church, the antiphon is intoned:*



The bones which have been broken shall re-joice un-to the Lord.



- HAVE MERcy upon me, O God, after / thy great goodness; \*  
 according to the multitude of thy mercies do away / mine  
 offenses.
2. Wash me thoroughly / from my wickedness, \* and / cleanse me from  
 my sin.
  3. For I ac/knowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ev/er before me.
  4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this / evil in thy sight; \*  
 that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and / clear when thou  
 shalt judge.
  5. Behold, I was / shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my mo/ther  
 conceived me.
  6. But lo, thou requirest truth / in the inward parts, \* and shalt make me  
 to understand / wisdom secretly.
  7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and / I shall be clean; \* thou shalt  
 wash me, and I shall be / whiter than snow.
  8. Thou shalt make me hear of / joy and gladness, \* that the bones  
 which thou hast / broken may rejoice.
  9. Turn thy / face from my sins, \* and put / out all my misdeeds.
  10. Make me a / clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spi/rit  
 within me.
  11. Cast me not a/way from thy presence, \* and take not thy holy /  
 Spirit from me.
  12. O give me the comfort / of thy help again, \* and stablish me with /  
 thy free Spirit.
  13. Then shall I teach thy ways / unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall be  
 con/verted unto thee.
  14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, † thou that art the / God  
 of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing / of thy righteousness.
  15. Thou shalt / open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth / shall show  
 thy praise.
  16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else / would I give it thee; \* but thou  
 delightest not / in burnt-offerings.
  17. The sacrifice of God is a / troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite  
 heart, O God, / shalt thou not despise.

18. O be favorable and gracious / unto Zion; \* build thou the walls / of Jerusalem.

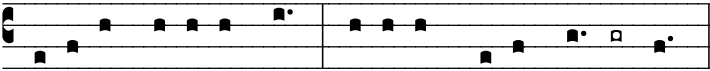
19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, † with the burnt-offerings / and oblations; \* then shall they offer young bullocks up/on thine altar.

- / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:*

The bones which have been broken shall rejoice unto the Lord.

*Then follows the Responsory, the cantors beginning, and the clergy answering.*



*Cantor:* Come to *his (her)* / aid, \* ye Saints of God, come to meet *him* ye / Angels of the Lord:

*Choir:* Receiving *his (her)* / soul:

*Clergy:* Offering it in the sight / of the Most High.

*The Cantor then sings on one note:*

May Christ receive thee, who hath called thee: and may the Angels lead thee unto Abraham's bosom.

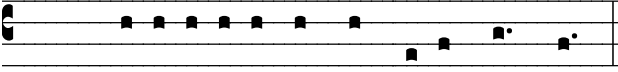


*Choir:* Receiving *his (her)* / soul: \*

*Clergy:* Offering it in the sight / of the Most high.

*The Cantor then sings on one note:*

Rest eternal grant unto *him (her)*, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon *him (her)*.



Clergy: Offering it in the sight of the Most High.

*The bier is set down in the midst of the Church, so that the feet of the departed, unless he be a Priest, are toward the High altar; but if he be a Priest, his head is towards the altar; then candles being lighted about the body straightway follows the Office of the Dead.*

# Vespers of the Departed

*The Office begins with the antiphon.*

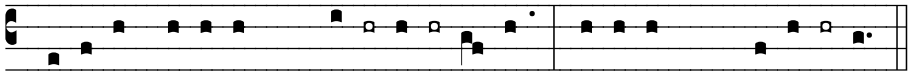


I will walk be -fore the Lord in the land of the liv-ing.

*The congregation sings the even numbered verses of the Psalms.*

PSALM 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

Tone III B 4



- MY DELight / is in the Lord; \* because he hath heard the voice / of my prayer;
2. Because he hath inclined his / ear unto me; \* therefore will I call upon him as long / as I live.
  3. The snares of death / compassed me round about, \* and the pains of hell gat hold / upon me.
  4. I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the / Name of the Lord; \* O Lord, I beseech thee, deliv/er my soul.
  5. Gracious is the / Lord, and righteous; \* yea, our God / is merciful.
  6. The Lord pre/serveth the simple: \* I was in misery, and / he helped me.
  7. Turn again then unto thy / rest, O my soul; \* for the Lord hath / rewarded thee.
  8. And why? thou hast de/livered my soul from death, \* mine eyes from tears, and my feet / from falling.
  9. I will / walk before the Lord \* in the land of / the living.
- / Rest eternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.  
And let / light perpetual \* shine / upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* I will walk before the Lord \* in the land of the living.

*Antiphon:*



Woe is me, for my so-journ-ing is pro-long-ed.

PSALM 120 *Ad Dominum*

Tone II 1



WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the / Lord, \* and / he heard me.

2. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from / lying lips, \* and from a de/ceitful tongue.

3. What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false / tongue? \* even mighty and sharp arrows, with / hot burning coals.

4. Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with / Mesech, \* and to have my habitation among the tents / of Kedar!

5. My soul hath long dwelt a/mong them \* that are enemies / unto peace.

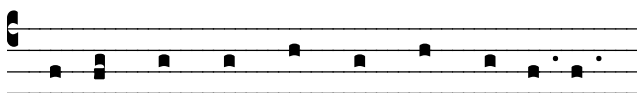
6. I labor for peace; but when I speak unto them there/of, \* they make them ready / to battle.

Rest e/ternal \* grant unto / them, O Lord.

And let light per/petual \* shine / upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* Woe is me, for my sojourning is prolonged.

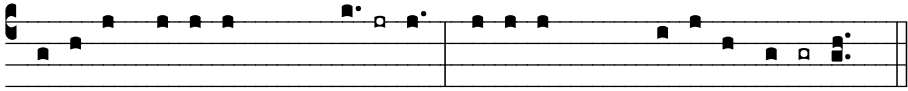
*Antiphon:*



The Lord shall pre-serve thee from all e - vil:



yea it is ev-en he that shall keep thy soul.



I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the / hills; \* from whence / cometh  
my help?

2. My help cometh even from the / Lord, \* who hath made / heaven  
and earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be / moved; \* and he that keep/eth thee  
will not sleep.

4. Behold, he that keepeth / Israel \* shall neither / slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord himself is thy / keeper; \* the Lord is thy defense up/on thy  
right hand;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by / day, \* nei/ther the moon by  
night.

7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all / evil; \* yea, it is even he / that  
shall keep thy soul.

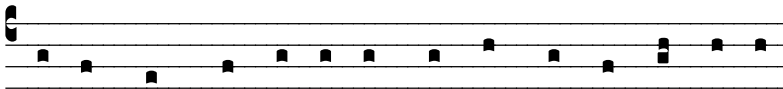
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming / in, \* from  
this time / forth forevermore.

Rest e/ternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.

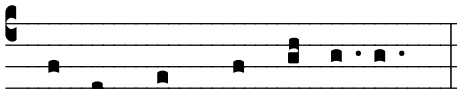
And let light per/petual \* - / shine upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* The Lord shall preserve thee \* from all evil:  
yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

*Antiphon:*



If thou, Lord, wilt be ex-treme to mark what is done a-miss:



O Lord, who may a - bide it?



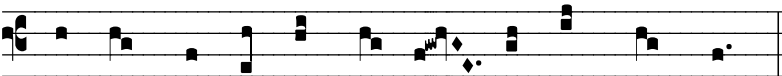


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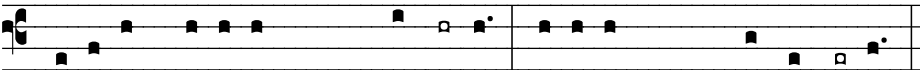
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  8. And he shall redeem / Israel \* - / from all his sins.
- Rest e/ternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
And let light per/petual \* - / shine upon them.

*The Antiphon is repeated:* If thou, \* Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

*Antiphon:*



De-spise not, O Lord, the works of thine own hands.



I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my / whole heart; \* even before the gods will I sing praise / unto thee.

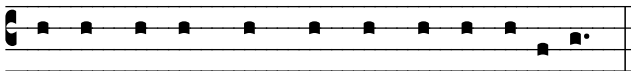
2. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and / truth; \* for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, / above all things.

3. When I called upon thee, thou / heardest me; \* and enduedst my soul / with much strength.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O / Lord; \* for they have heard the words / of thy mouth.
5. Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the / Lord, \* that great is the glory / of the Lord.
6. For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the / lowly; \* as for the proud he beholdeth them / afar off.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou re/fresh me; \* thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand / shall save me.
8. The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness / toward me; \* yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works / of thine own hands.

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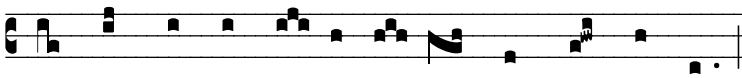
*The Antiphon is repeated:* Despise not, \* O Lord, the works of thine own hands.



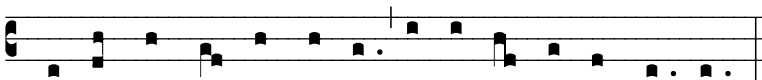
*V.* I heard a voice from heaven saying un/to me.

**R. Blessed are the dead which die in / the Lord.**

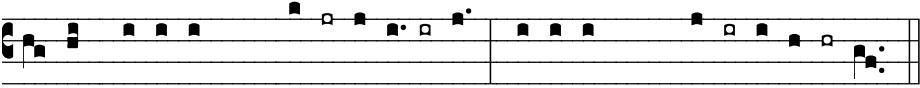
*Antiphon:*



All that the Fa - ther giv-eth me shall come to me



and him that com-eth to me I will in no wise cast out.



MY SOUL doth / magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in /  
 God my Savior.  
 FOR HE / hath regarded \* the lowliness of / his handmaiden.  
 FOR BE/hold from henceforth \* all generations shall / call me blessed.  
 FOR HE that is mighty hath / magnified me; \* and / holy is his Name.  
 AND HIS mercy is on / them that fear him \* throughout all /  
 generations.  
 HE HATH showed / strength with his arm; \* he hath scattered the  
 proud in the imagi/nation of their hearts.  
 HE HATH put down the / mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted  
 the / humble and meek.  
 HE HATH filled the / hungry with good things; \* and the rich he hath  
 sent / empty away.  
 HE REMembering his mercy † hath holpen his / servant Israel; \* as he  
 promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his / seed for ever.  
 - / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
 And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* All that the Father giveth me shall come to me: and him that  
 cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

*Then shall be said:* Our Fa/ther...

*And the prayer continues in silence as far as:*

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* From the gate / of hell.

*R.* **Deliver his soul, / O Lord.**

*V.* May *he* rest / in peace.

*R.* **Amen.**

*V.* O Lord, hear / my prayer.

*R.* **And let my cry come un/to thee.**

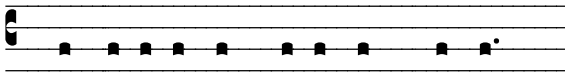
V. The Lord be with / you.

R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

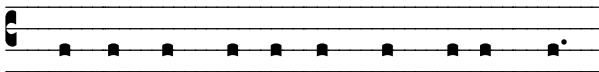
Let us pray: Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)*, *N.*, that being dead to the world, *he (she)* may live to thee; and whatsoever through carnal frailness *he (she)* hath committed in *his (her)* earthly conversation, do thou by the pardon of thy most merciful goodness cleanse away. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid)* *N.*, from every bond of sin: that in the glory of the resurrection *he (she)* may be raised up amid thy Saints and elect unto newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the giver of pardon and lover of man's salvation: we beseech thee of thy mercy to grant; that the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world, may at the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



V. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



R. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**



V. May they rest in peace. R. **A-men.**

# Cauds of the Dead

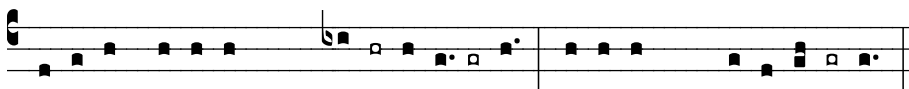
*The Office begins with the antiphon.*



The bones which thou hast broken shall rejoice in the Lord.

PSALM 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Tone I B 2



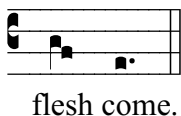
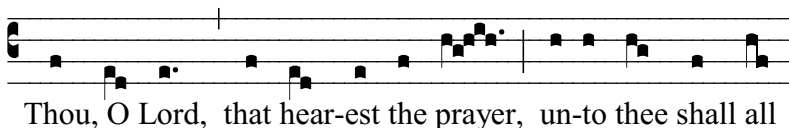
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offenses.

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my sin.
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that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and / clear when thou  
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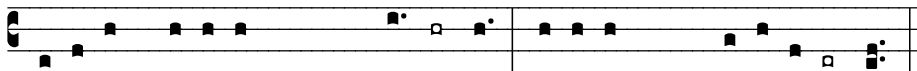
*The Antiphon is repeated:* The bones which thou hast broken shall rejoice in the Lord.

*Antiphon:*



PSALM 65 *Te decet hymnus*

Tone VIII 5

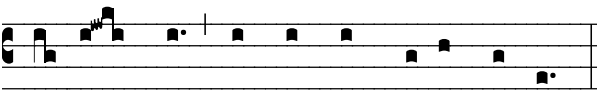


- THOU O God art praised in / Sion; \* and unto thee shall the vow be performed / in Jerusalem.
2. Thou that hearest the / prayer, \* unto / thee shall all flesh come.
3. My misdeeds prevail a/gainst me: \* O be thou merciful / unto our sins.

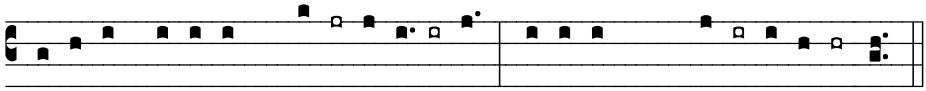
4. Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receivest / unto thee: \*  
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures  
of thy house, even of thy / holy temple.
  5. Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of  
our sal/vation; \* thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth,  
and of them that remain / in the broad sea.
  6. Who in his strength setteth fast the / mountains, \* and is gird/ed  
about with power.
  7. Who stilleth the raging / of the sea, \* and the noise of his waves and  
the madness / of the peoples.
  8. They also that dwell in the uttermost part of the earth shall be  
afraid at thy / tokens, \* thou that maketh the out-goings of the  
morning and eve/ning to praise thee.
  9. Thou visitest the earth and / blessest it; \* thou maketh it / very  
plenteous.
  10. The river of God is full of / water: \* thou preparest their corn, for so  
thou pro/videst for the earth.
  11. Thou waterest her furrows; † thou sendest rain into the little valleys  
there/of; \* thou maketh it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest  
the / increase of it.
  12. Thou crownest the year with thy / goodness; \* and thy / clouds drop  
fatness.
  13. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the / wilderness; \* and the  
little hills re/joyce on ev'ry side.
  14. The folds shall be / full of sheep; \* the valleys also shall stand so  
thick with corn, that / they shall laugh and sing.
- Rest e/ternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
And let light per/petual \* - / shine upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Thou, O Lord, that hearest the prayer, unto  
thee shall all flesh come.

*Antiphon:*



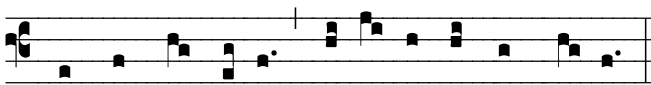
Thy right hand hath up-hold-en me, O Lord.



- O GOD, -- / thou art my God; \* early / will I seek thee.
2. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also / longeth after thee, \* in a barren and dry land / where no water is.
  3. Thus have I looked for thee in the / sanctuary, \* that I might behold thy / power and glory.
  4. For thy loving-kindness is better / than the life itself: \* my / lips shall praise thee.
  5. As long as I live will I magnify thee / in this manner, \* and lift up my / hands in thy Name.
  6. My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with / marrow and fatness, \* when my mouth praiseth / thee with joyful lips.
  7. Have I not remembered / thee in my bed, \* and thought upon thee when / I was waking?
  8. Because thou hast / been my helper; \* therefore under the shadow of thy / wings will I rejoice.
  9. My soul / hangeth upon thee; \* thy right hand / hath up-holden me.
  10. These also that seek the / hurt of my soul, \* they shall go / under the earth.
  11. Let them fall upon the / edge of the sword, \* that they may be a / portion for foxes.
  12. But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall / be commended; \* for the mouth of them that / speak lies shall be stopped.
- / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.  
And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Thy right hand hath upholden me, O Lord.

*Antiphon:*



From the gate of hell, de-liv-er my soul, O Lord.

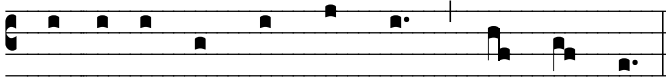




- I SAID in the cutting off / of my days, \* I shall go to the gates / of the grave:
2. I am deprived of the residue of my / years: \* I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of / the living:
  3. I shall behold man no / more \* with the inhabitants / of the world.
  4. Mine age is de/parted, \* and is removed from me as / a shepherd's tent:
  5. I have cut off like a weaver my / life: \* he will cut me off with pin/ing sickness:
  6. From day even to / night \* wilt thou make / an end of me.
  7. I reckoned till morning, † that, as a lion, so will he break all my / bones: \* from day even to night wilt thou make / an end of me.
  8. Like a crane or a swallow, † so did I / chatter: \* I did mourn / as a dove:
  9. Mine eyes fail with looking / upward: \* O LORD, I am oppressed; un/dertake for me.
  10. What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath / done it: \* I shall go softly all my years in the bitter/ness of my soul.
  11. O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my / spirit: \* so wilt thou recover me, and make / me to live.
  12. Behold, for peace I had great / bitterness: \* but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins / behind thy back.
  13. For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not cele/brate thee: \* they that go down into the pit cannot hope / for thy truth.
  14. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this / day: \* the father to the children shall make / known thy truth.
  15. The LORD was ready to / save me: \* therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house / of the LORD.
- Rest e/ternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.  
And let light per/petual \* shine / upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* From the gate of hell, deliver my soul, O Lord.

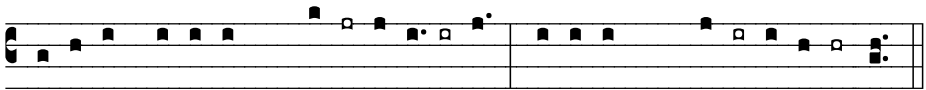
*Antiphon:*



Let ev-ery-thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

PSALM 150 *Laudate Dominum*

Tone VII 2



O PRAISE God in his / sanctuary: \* praise him in the / firmament of his power.

2. Praise him / in his noble acts: \* praise him according to his / excellent greatness.

3. Praise him in the / sound of the trumpet: \* praise him up/on the lute and harp.

4. Praise him in the / timbrels and dances: \* praise him up/on the strings and pipe.

5. Praise him upon the / well-tuned cymbals: \* praise him up/on the loud cymbals.

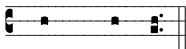
6. Let every/thing that hath breath \* - / praise the Lord<sup>1</sup>.

- / Rest eternal \* grant / unto them, O Lord.

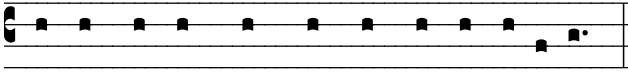
And let / light perpetual \* - / shine upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

<sup>1</sup>*The second half of verse six above is sung as follows:*

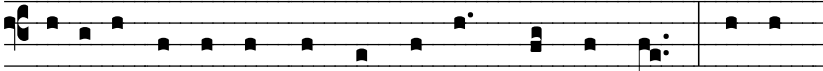


\* praise the Lord.

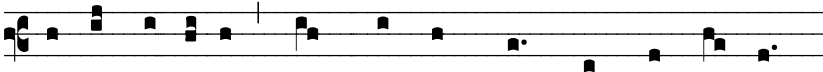


V. I heard a voice from heaven saying un/to me.

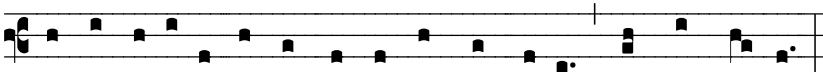
R. **Blessed are the dead which die in / the Lord.**



I am the re-sur-rec-tion and the life, saith the Lord: he that



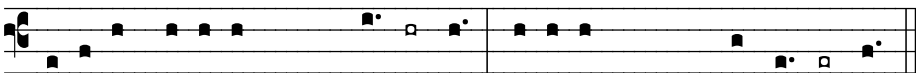
be-liev-eth in me, though he were dead, yet, shall he live:



and whosoever liv-eth and be-liev-eth in me shall nev-er die.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS

Tone II 1



✠ BLESSED be the Lord God of / Israel, \* for he hath visited and  
 redeemed / his people;  
 AND HATH raised up a mighty salvation / for us \* in the house of his  
 ser/vant David,  
 AS HE spake by the mouth of his holy / prophets, \* which have been  
 since / the world began:  
 THAT WE should be saved from our / enemies, \* and from the hand of  
 all / that hate us;  
 TO PERform the mercy promised to our / forefathers, \* and to  
 remember his ho/ly covenant;  
 TO PERform the oath which he sware to our forefather / Abraham, \*  
 that he / would give us,  
 THAT WE being delivered out of the hand of our / enemies \* might  
 serve him / without fear,

IN HOLiness and righteousness be/fore him, \* all the days / of  
our life.  
AND THOU, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest, \* for  
thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to / prepare his ways;  
TO GIVE knowledge of salvation unto his / people \* for the remis/sion  
of their sins,  
THROUGH THE tender mercy of our / God, \* whereby the dayspring  
from on high hath vis/ited us;  
TO GIVE light to them that sit in darkness † and in the shadow of /  
death, \* and to guide our feet into / the way of peace.  
Rest e/ternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.  
And let light per/petual \* shine / upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* I am the resurrection and the life, saith the  
Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet, shall he live:  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

*Then shall be said:* Our Fa/ther...

*And the prayer continues in silence as far as:*

V. And lead us not into tempta/tion.  
R. **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*When Lauds is said at a time other than the day of death or burial,  
Psalm 130 (p. 99) is sung here without the Gloria Patri. It may be sung  
on one note. Then, at all times, follows:*

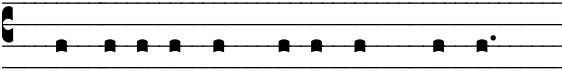
V. From the gate / of hell.  
R. **Deliver his (her) soul, / O Lord.**  
V. May he (she) rest / in peace.  
R. **Amen.**  
V. O Lord, hear / my prayer.  
R. **And let my cry come un/to thee.**  
V. The Lord be with / you.  
R. **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy *servant*  
(*handmaid*), N., that being dead to the world, *he (she)* may live to thee;

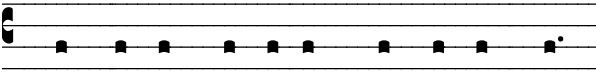
and whatsoever through carnal frailness *he (she)* hath committed in *his (her)* earthly conversation, do thou by the pardon of thy most merciful goodness cleanse away. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy *servant (handmaid) N.*, from every bond of sin: that in the glory of the resurrection *he (she)* may be raised up amid thy Saints and elect unto newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

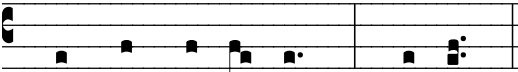
O God, the giver of pardon and lover of man's salvation: we beseech thee of thy mercy to grant; that the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world, may at the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



*V.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



*R.* And let light perpetual shine upon them.



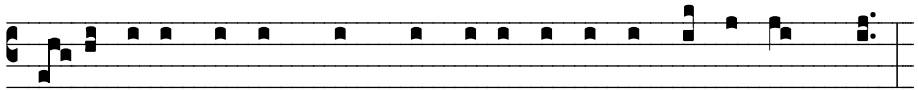
*V.* May they rest in peace. *R.* **A-men.**

# The Absolution of the Departed

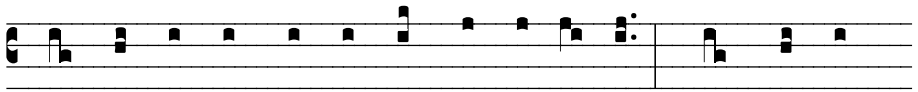
*After Mass, the Priest, vested in black cope, and other ministers take their places at the bier. The Priest stands at the foot of the bier; the crucifer stands at the head of the bier, between two acolytes bearing lighted candles. The Priest says the following prayer, which is not altered when said for a woman:*

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified, except thou grant him remission of all his sins. Therefore, we beseech thee, let not the sentence of thy judgment fall upon him, whom the faithful prayer of Christian people commendeth unto thee: but, by the succor of thy grace, let him who, while he lived, was sealed with the sign of the Holy Trinity, may be found worthy to escape the avenging judgment. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

*This Responsory is then said or sung by the cantor(s).*



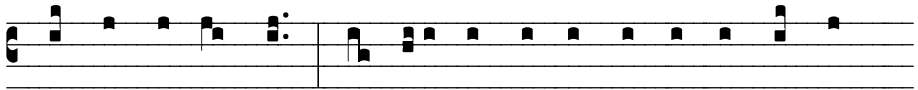
De-liv-er me, O Lord, from death e-ter-nal in that day tre-men-dous:



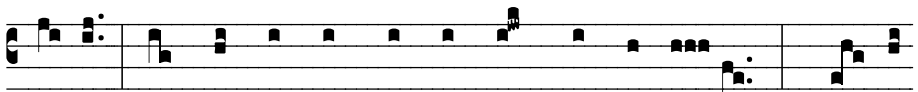
when the hea-vens and the earth shall be sha-ken: when thou shalt



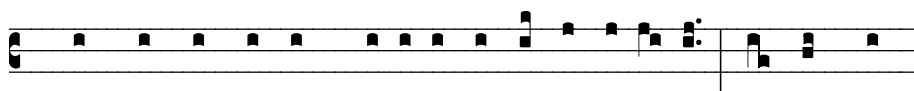
come to judge the world by fire. *V.* Trem-bling hath laid hold on



me, and fear-ful-ness, while I a-wait the sift-ing and the com-ing



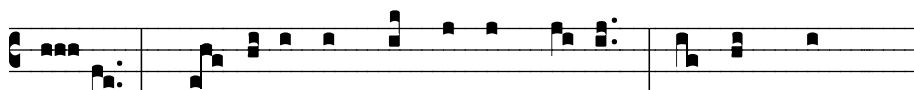
ang-er: when the hea-vens and the earth shall be sha-ken. *R.* Day of



mourn-ing, day of wrath, of ca-la-mi-ty and mi-se-ry; that great day



and ex-ceed-ing bit-ter! When thou shalt come to judge the world

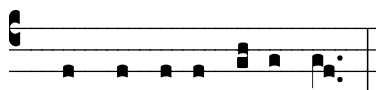


by fire. *V.* Rest e-ter-nal grant to them, O Lord: and may light



per-pe-tu-al shine up-on them. De-li-ver me, O Lord...

*Then follows:*



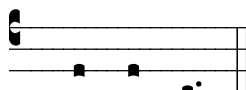
*V.* Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



*R.* Chris-te e-le-i-son.

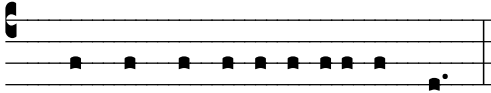


*All* Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

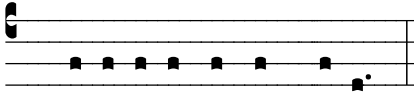


*V.* Our Fath-er....

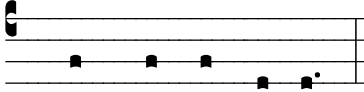
*And the remainder of the prayer is said silently as the priest censes the pall and sprinkles it with holy water, until*



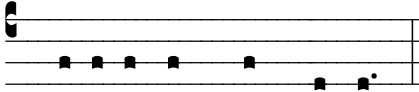
*V.* And lead us not into tempta-tion.



*R.* But deliver us from e-vil.



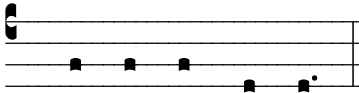
*V.* From the gates of hell.



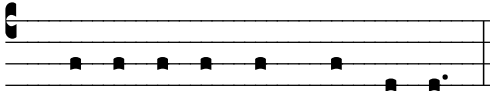
*R.* Deliver their souls, O Lord.



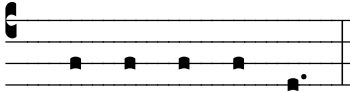
*V.* May they rest in peace. *R.* A-men.



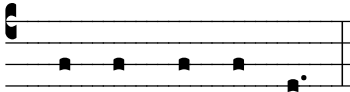
*V.* O Lord hear my prayer.



*R.* And let my cry come un-to thee.



*V.* The Lord be with you.

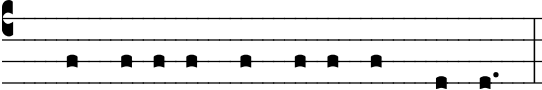


*R.* And with thy spi-rit.

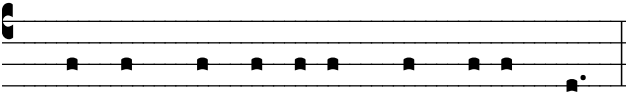
Let us pray: O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions, for the soul of thy *servant*



*(handmaid) N.*, whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world: deliver *him (her)* not into the hand of the enemy, neither forget *him (her)* forever; but command thy holy Angels to receive *him (her)* and bring *him (her)* into the country of paradise; that forasmuch as *he (she)* hoped and believed in thee, *he (she)* may not suffer the pains of hell, but possess the joys of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*V.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



*R.* And may light perpetual shine upon them.

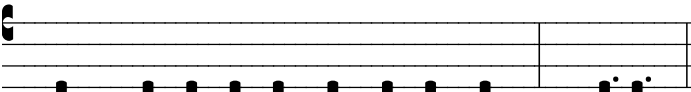


*V.* May they rest in peace. *R.* A - men.

*Again making the sign of the cross over the bier, the Priest sings*

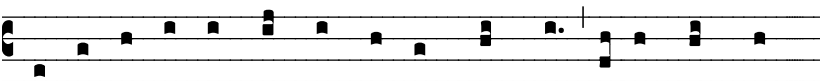


May *his (her)* soul, ☩ and the souls of all the faithful departed,



through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* **Amen.**

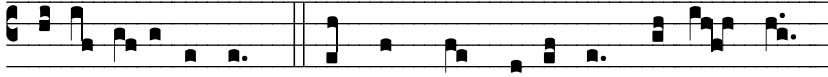
*While the body is being borne from the church, the following anthem is sung.*



In-to par-a-dise may the An-gels lead thee: at thy com-ing



may the Mar-tyrs re-ceive thee, and bring thee in-to the ho-ly



ci-ty Je-ru-sa-lem. May the choirs of An-gels re-ceive thee,



and with La-za-rus, once poor, may'st thou have e - ter-nal rest.

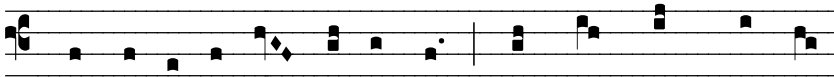
*The Gradual Psalms 120-134 may be sung.*

# The Burial of Children

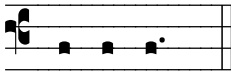
*The following service is to be used at the burial of children who die before they come to years of discretion (that is, normally, under eight years of age). At the funeral of such children the church bells should be rung joyfully, not tolled as for adults. When a Child who has been baptized, but has not reached the years of discretion, dies, he should be clothed suitably according to age; and a crown of flowers or aromatic and sweet-scented herbs - signifying the integrity and virginity of his body - should be placed upon the head.*

*The Parish Priest, vested in surplice and white stole, accompanied by a Clerk bearing holy Water, and with others of the Clergy, if any be present, preceded by a Cross borne without its staff, shall come to the place where the dead Child is, and sprinkling the body with holy Water, shall say:*

*Antiphon:*



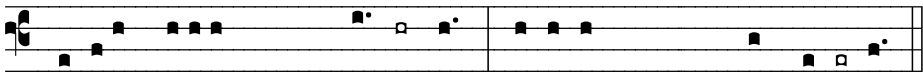
Bless-ed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for



ev-er-more.

PSALM 113 *Laudate, pueri*

Tone II 1



PRAISE THE Lord, ye / servants; \* O praise the Name / of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the Name of the / Lord \* from this time forth / for ever more.
3. The Lord's Name is / praised \* from the rising up of the sun unto the going down / of the same.
4. The Lord is high above all / nations, \* and his glory above / the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so / high, \* and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in hea/ven and earth!
  6. He taketh up the simple out of the / dust, \* and lifteth the / poor out / of the mire;
  7. That he may set him with the / princes, \* even with the princes of / his people.
  8. He maketh the barren woman to keep / house, \* and to be a joyful mother / of children.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and to / the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever / shall be, \* world with/out end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

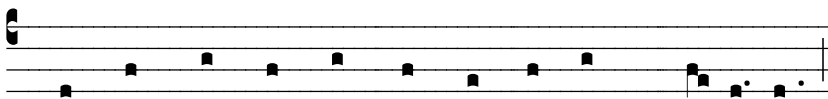
*While the body is being borne to the Church Psalm 119, 1-16; and 17-32 (each part with Glory be, etc.) may be said or sung. But if the Priest does not go to the house this is omitted and in such case the sprinkling with holy Water is done at the Church door and Psalm 113 recited.*

*If Mass is to be celebrated, a Votive mass of the Holy Angels, if the rubrics permit, may be said, otherwise Mass of the Day.*

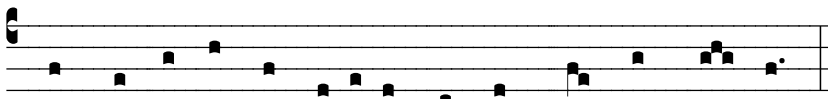
*Then the Priest and Assistants shall stand around the body, as at the Absolution, and there shall be said the antiphon:*



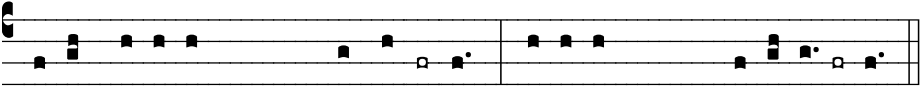
He (she) shall re-ceive the bless-ing from the Lord,



and right-ous-ness from the God of his (her) sal-va-tion:



for this is the gen-er-a-tion of them that seek the Lord.



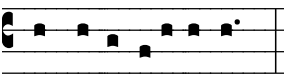
THE EARTH is the Lord's, and all / that therein is; \* the compass of the world, and / they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded it / upon the seas, \* and stablished / it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of / the Lord? \* or who shall rise up / in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a / pure heart; \* and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to de/ceive his neighbor.
5. He shall receive the bless/ing from the Lord, \* and righteousness from the God of / his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them / that seek him; \* even of them that seek thy face, O / God of Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlast/ing doors; \* and the King of / glory shall come in.
8. Who is this King of / glory? \* It is the Lord strong and migh/ty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlast/ing doors; \* and the King of / glory shall come in.
10. Who is this King of / glory? \* Even the Lord of hosts, he is the / King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* - / world without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated: He (she) shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his (her) salvation: for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.*

*The Priest then says:*



Ky-ri-e, e-lé-i-son.

*And the Choir continues:*



**Chris-te, e-lé-i-son. Ky-ri-e, e-lé-i-son.**

*Priest:* Our Fa/ther...

*Meanwhile he sprinkles the body.*

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* For mine innocency's sake thou hast received / me.

*R.* **And hast set me before thy face for ev/er.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

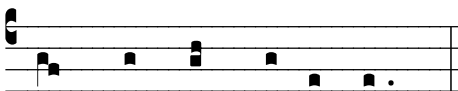
*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, who dost grant everlasting life unto all infants who have been regenerated in the font of baptism, as they pass from the world, and that without any merit of their own, as we believe that thou hast done this day unto the soul of this child: grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints, that we may serve thee here with clean hearts, and be for ever numbered with the little ones who rejoice in Paradise. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

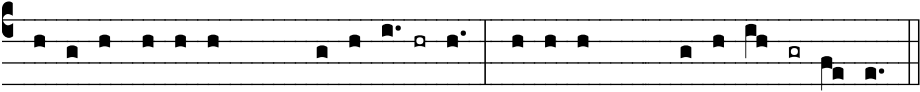
*Whilst the body is being borne to the grave, or in the same place, if it be not then borne, the following shall be said or sung the antiphon:*



Young men and maid-ens, old men and child-ren,



praise the Name of the Lord.



- O PRAISE the Lord / from the heavens: \* - / praise him in the heights.
2. Praise him, all ye an/gels of his: \* - / praise him, all his host.
  3. Praise him, / sun and moon: \* praise him, / all ye stars and light.
  4. Praise him, / all ye heavens, \* and ye waters / that are above the heavens.
  5. Let them praise the Name / of the Lord: \* for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, / and they were created.
  6. He hath made them fast for ev/er and ever: \* he hath given them a law / which shall not be broken.
  7. Praise the Lord / from the earth, \* ye / dragons and all deeps;
  8. Fire and hail, / snow and vapors, \* wind and / storm, fulfilling his word;
  9. Mountains / and all hills; \* fruitful / trees and all cedars;
  10. Beasts / and all cattle; \* creeping / things and flying fowls;
  11. Kings of the earth, / and all peoples; \* princes, and all / judges of the world;
  12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, † praise the Name / of the Lord: \* for his Name only is excellent, and his praise / above heaven and earth.
  13. He shall exalt the horn of his people: † all his / saints shall praise him; \* even the children of Israel, even the peo/ple that serveth him.
- Glory be to the Father, and / to the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated:* Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord.

*At the grave, the following Psalm and Scripture reading may be read, if desired.*



THE LORD is my / shepherd; \* therefore can / I lack nothing.

2. He shall feed me in a green / pasture, \* and lead me forth beside the  
wa/ters of comfort.

3. He shall convert / my soul, \* and bring me forth in the paths of  
righteousness / for his Name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no / evil; \* for thou art with me; thy rod and / thy staff  
comfort me.

5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that  
trou/ble me; \* thou hast anointed my head with oil, and / my cup  
shall be full.

6. Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of / my life; \* and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world  
with/out end. Amen.

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

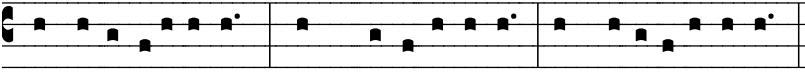
*V.* ☩ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel ac/cording to Mark.

*R.* **Glory be / to thee, O Lord.**

At that time: They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of god. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them (*St. Mark 10:13-16*). *R.* **Praise be / to thee, O Christ.**



*Then follows:*



Ky-ri-e, e-lé-i-son. **Chris-te, e-lé-i-son. Ky-ri-e, e-lé-i-son.**

Our Father...

*V.* And lead us not into tempta/tion.

*R.* **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*V.* Suffer the little children to come un/to me.

*R.* **For of such is the kingdom of hea/ven.**

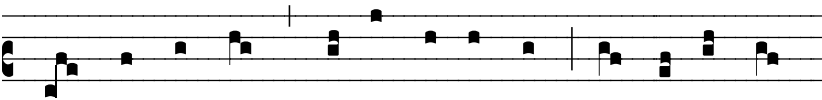
*V.* The Lord be with /you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, the lover of holy purity, who hast this day mercifully deigned to call the soul of this child into the kingdom of heaven: vouchsafe likewise, O Lord, so to deal with us in thy mercy; that, by the merits of thy most holy Passion and the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints, thou wouldest make us evermore to rejoice in the same kingdom with all thy Saints and elect. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest shall sprinkle the body with holy Water, and cense it, and likewise the grave: afterwards the body shall be buried.*

*When they return from the grave to the Church, or approach the Altar, the following antiphon is said:*



Bless ye the Lord, all ye his el - ect, keep a day of



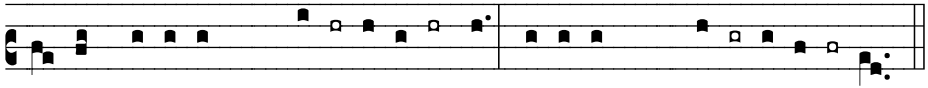
glad-ness, and give thanks un-to him.

BENEDICITE

Tone VII 1

Daniel 3:57-88 and 56.

*Song of the Three Children*



- O all ye works of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord: \* praise him and magnify / him for ever.
- Ye Angels of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye heavens, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye waters that be above the firmament, / bless ye the Lord: \* O all ye Powers of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye sun and moon, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye stars of heaven, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye showers and dew, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye winds of God, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye fire and heat, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye winter and summer, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye dews and frosts, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye frost and cold, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye ice and snow, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye nights and days, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye light and darkness, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye lightnings and clouds, / bless ye the Lord.
- O let the earth / bless the Lord: \* yea, let it praise him and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye mountains and hills, / bless ye the Lord: \* O all ye green things upon the earth, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye wells, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye seas and floods, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye fowls of the air, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye beasts and cattle, / bless ye the Lord: \* praise him and magnify / him for ever.
- O ye children of men, / bless ye the Lord: \* O Israel, / bless ye the Lord.
- O ye priests of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye servants of the Lord, / bless ye the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, / bless ye the Lord: \* O ye holy  
and humble men of heart, / bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, / bless ye the Lord: \* praise him and  
magnify / him for ever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son / with the Holy Ghost: \* let us  
praise him and magnify / him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firma/ment of heaven: \* and worthy to  
be praised and glorious, and magnified above / all for ever.

*The Gloria Patri is not said.*

*The antiphon is repeated:* Bless ye the Lord, all ye his elect, keep a day  
of gladness, and give thanks unto him.

*Then before the Altar the Priest says:*

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, who dost ordain the services of Angels and men in  
a wonderful order: mercifully grant; that they who alway stand before  
thee and do thee service in heaven, may by thy appointment defend our  
life on earth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing of a Grave

*The following antiphon may be sung or said (the chant is found on p. 122).*

Into paradise may the Angels lead thee: at thy coming may the Martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of Angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, once poor, mayest thou have eternal rest.

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

*R.* **Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*V.* The Lord be with / you.

*R.* **And with thy spi/rit.**

Let us pray: O God, by whose mercy the souls of the faithful are at rest, vouchsafe to ☩ bless this grave, and appoint thy holy angel to guard it: and absolve from every bond of sin the soul of *him (her)* whose body is buried herein: that in thee and with thy saints *he (she)* may rejoice everlastingly. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then shall the priest sprinkle with Holy Water and then incense the body of the departed and the grave.*

# The Committal

*The burial may continue with the Benedictus and antiphon, or with the following prayers.*

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then, if a scripture reading and brief homily are desired they may be given here.*

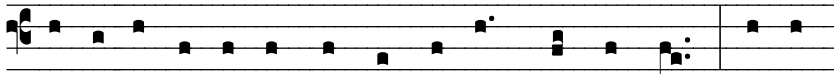
*The Burial Sentences may be said, as follows:*

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also quicken our mortal bodies, by His Spirit that dwelleth in us. Where my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin in the form of a cross, the Priest may say these words.*

Unto almighty God, we commend the soul of *N.* our *brother (sister)* departed, we commit *his (her)* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certian hope of the Resurrection unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord; at whose coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and make like unto His own glorious Body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

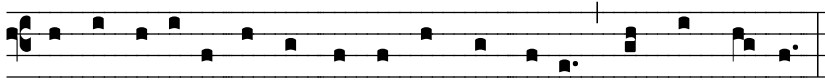
*Then follows the antiphon and Benedictus.*



I am the re-sur-rec-tion and the life, saith the Lord: he that



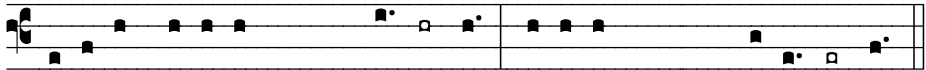
be-liev-eth in me, though he were dead, yet, shall he live:



and whosoever liv-eth and be-liev-eth in me shall nev-er die.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS

Tone II 1



✠ BLESSED be the Lord God of / Israel, \* for he hath visited and  
redeemed / his people;  
AND HATH raised up a mighty salvation / for us \* in the house of his  
ser/vant David,  
AS HE spake by the mouth of his holy / prophets, \* which have been  
since / the world began:  
THAT WE should be saved from our / enemies, \* and from the hand of  
all / that hate us;  
TO PERform the mercy promised to our / forefathers, \* and to  
remember his ho/ly covenant;  
TO PERform the oath which he sware to our forefather / Abraham, \*  
that he / would give us,  
THAT WE being delivered out of the hand of our / enemies \* might  
serve him / without fear,  
IN HOLiness and righteousness be/fore him, \* all the days / of our life.  
AND THOU, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest, \* for  
thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to / prepare his ways;  
TO GIVE knowledge of salvation unto his / people \* for the remis/sion  
of their sins,  
THROUGH THE tender mercy of our / God, \* whereby the dayspring  
from on high hath vis/ited us;

TO GIVE light to them that sit in darkness † and in the shadow of /  
death, \* and to guide our feet into / the way of peace.

Rest e/ternal \* grant un/to them, O Lord.

And let light per/petual \* - / shine upon them.

*The antiphon is repeated:* I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

*The Priest then says:*



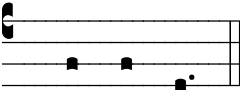
*V.* Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



*R.* Chris-te e-le-i-son.

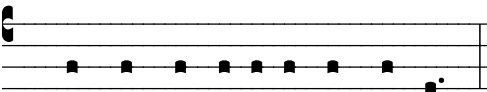


*All* Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

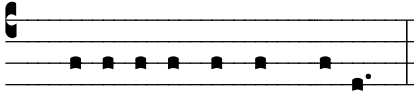


*V.* Our Fath-er...

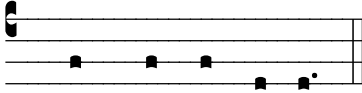
*And the remainder of the prayer is said silently as the priest censes sprinkles the body with holy water, until*



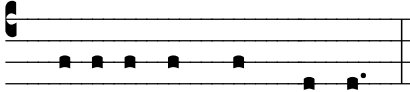
*V.* And lead us not into tempta-tion.



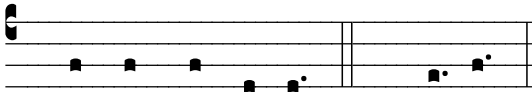
**R. But deliver us from e-vil.**



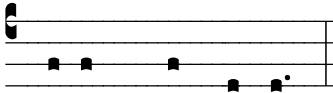
**V. From the gates of hell.**



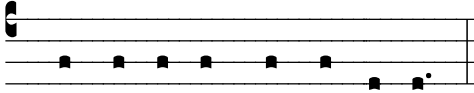
**R. Deliver their souls, O Lord.**



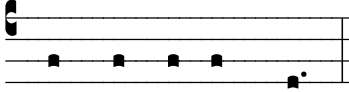
**V. May they rest in peace. R. A-men.**



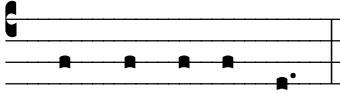
**V. O Lord, hear my prayer.**



**R. And let my cry come un-to thee.**



**V. The Lord be with you.**



**R. And with thy spi-rit.**



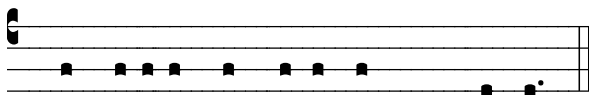
**V. Let us pray...**

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, this mercy to thy *servant (handmaid)* departed; that, forasmuch as *he (she)* desired to do thy will, *he (she)* may not suffer the punishment of *his (her)* misdeeds: that, as true faith



joined *him (her)* to the company of the faithful here below, so in heavenly mercy may number *him (her)* among the angelic choirs. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

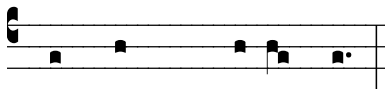
*Then the Priest, making a Cross with his right hand over the bier, says:*



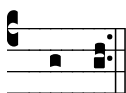
*V.* Rest eternal grant unto *him (her)*, O Lord.



*R.* And let light perpetual shine upon *him (her)*.



*V.* May *he (she)* rest in peace.



*R.* **A-men.**



*V.* ✠ May *his (her)* soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**