Post-Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITE

Final Commendation:  Songs of the Angels

May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way.
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own as darkness turns into day.
Every fear will be undone and death will be no more,
as songs of the angels bring you home before the face of God.

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Dismissal

Sending Forth:  Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim, All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign!
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign!

2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn; Angel choirs now are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

3. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery!
And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery!

Text: 78 77 77 with repeat; Te Deum laudamus, ca. 3rd cent.; Groszer Gott, wir loben dich, tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1750-1790; Holy God, we praise thee, tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900. Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774.

Mass of Christian Burial

Maureen A. Soeder
July 03, 1963 - June 16, 2015

St. Monica Church
Garfield Hts., Ohio
Mass of Christian Burial for Maureen A. Soeder

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting at the Door

Entrance Chant: On Eagle’s Wings

And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust.”

2. The snare of the fowler shall never capture you, and famine shall bring you no fear; under his wing your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you they shall not come.

4. For to his angels he’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them, and found them worthy of himself.

The Covenant Hymn by Rory Cooney and Gary Daigle is based on Ruth 1:16-17a. In the biblical context, the relationship between Ruth and Naomi (daughter-in-law to mothir-in-law) is a reflection of the faithful love of God offered to Israel and to us in the gift of covenant. Their story illustrates the power of mutual commitment between persons. When we choose to surrender to loving another person, we form a relationship that testifies to God's faithfulness and not just our own.

Ruth and Naomi also shared a mutual commitment to survival (both widows). Sometimes a great and necessary mission can be the place where we discover our own gifts and in the process discover God's abiding and creative presence with us. Faithful love is an abiding mark of the covenant; few stories capture that lesson better than this one.

Hymn of Praise: Covenant Hymn

1. Wherever you go, I will follow, wherever you live is my home. Though days be of blessing or sorrow, though house be of canvas or stone, though Eden be lost to the past, though mountains before us be vast, wherever you go, I am with you, I never will leave you alone.

2. Whatever you dream, I am with you, when stars call your name in the night. Though shadows and mist cloud the future, together we bear there a light. Like Abram and Sarah we stand, with only a promise in hand. But lead where you dream: I will follow. To dream with you is my delight.

3. And though you should fall, you will find me, when no other friend can you claim, when foes beat you down or betray you and others desert you in shame. When home and dreams aren’t enough, and you run away from my love, I’ll raise you from where you have fallen. Faithful to you is my name.

4. Wherever you die, I will be there to sing you to sleep with a psalm, to soothe you with tales of our journey, your fears and your doubts I will calm. We’ll live when journeys are done forever in memory as one. And we will be buried together, and waken to greet a new dawn.

5. Wherever you go, I will follow. Behold! The horizon shines clear. The possible gleams like a city: Together we’ve nothing to fear. So speak with words bold and true the message my heart speaks to you. You won’t be alone, I have promised. Wherever you go, I am here.

Mystery of Faith: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Conclusion: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of Bread:

Invitation to Communion:
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 Chant: We Will Rise Again

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide in him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 27: The Goodness of the Lord

I believe, I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud cry from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of St. Paul the Apostle

Gospel: John 14:1-6

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going, you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Chant: Our God

Our God is greater, our God is stronger. God, you are higher than any other. Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God!

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind. There’s no one like you, none like you. Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise. There’s no one like you, none like you.

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Sanctus: Mass of St. Paul the Apostle

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.

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.