

# ***BLESSING OF THE BODY AT THE ENTRANCE***

## ***HYMN***

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.*

***PLACING OF THE CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS***

***PENITENTIAL RITE***

*Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart. Lord, have mercy.*

***All: Lord have mercy.***

*Priest: You came to call the sinners. Christ, have mercy.*

***All: Christ have mercy.***

*Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us.*

*Lors, have mercy.*

***All: Lord have mercy***

***OPENING PRAYER***

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### *First Reading*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

*Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear, for the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my Saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name! Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. The Word of the Lord.*

***All: Thanks be to God.***

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### **PSALM 25**

***Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul***

*Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your kindness are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.*

*R:*

*Relieve the troubles of my heart; And bring me out of my distress. Put an end to my affliction and my suffering; and take away all my sins.*

*R;*

*Preserve my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, Because I wait for you, O Lord.*

*R;*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Glory and Praise to you, O Christ! LK4:17***

*The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim  
liberty to captives.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

***All: and with your spirit.***

*Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel*

***All: Glory to you, O Lord.***

**GOSPEL**

*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord*

***All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

**HOMILY**

***Eulogy - Fr Luke***

*Words of remembrance - John Hartnett*

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Please stand*

*Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.*

*Reader: For Denis who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord hear us.*

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Reader: For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. Lord hear us.*

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord hear us.*

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Reader: For all the family and friends, that we may be consoled in our grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord hear us.*

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Reader: We ask Mary, Help of the Christians to pray for us as we say:  
**Hail Mary...***

*Priest: Father, fill our hearts with a lively faith in the resurrection of your Son, that we may draw hope and consolation in our time of sorrow and farewell. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.*

***All: Amen***

# **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

## **HOLY COMMUNION HYMN**

*I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,  
Casting its shadows near.  
And on this morning bright though it be,  
I feel those shadows near me.*

*But you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.*

*I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,  
Warming the earth below.  
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:  
I feel your brightness near me.*

*I watch the sunset fading away,  
Lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes its eyes,  
I feel your presence near me.*

*I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
Waiting till morning comes.  
The air is silent, earth is at rest  
Only your peace is near me.*

*Yes, you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.*

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

**Please stand**

*Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Denis 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 Denis again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation 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.*

### **Song of Farewell**

*Priest: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!*

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

*Priest: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.*

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

*Priest: Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High**

## **PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

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

**All: Amen**

## **PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL**

*Priest: In peace, let us take our brother to his place of rest.*

## **Hymn**

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

***Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?*