

FUNERAL MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING *(at the door of the church) (stand)*

Priest: May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you. All: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Book of the Gospels or Bible

Priest: In life Caroline cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet her with these words of eternal life:

All: Come, blessed of my Father!

Cross

Priest: In baptism Caroline received the sign of the Cross.

All: May she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

Rosary Beads

Priest: In life Carolione prayed the mystery of Christ through the Rosary.

All: May Christ now welcome her to the throne of grace.

COLLECT

Priest: Almighty God and 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 Caroline, who has gone to her 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.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

*A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.*

*A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.*

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.*

*A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.*

*A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.*

*A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.*

*A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace*

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. ± v.1. Alt. ± v.13

Response. The Lord is my light and my help

THE SECOND READING **Geo Geo Hanson & Sons, Hucnal**
2 Corinthians 4:14–5:1

*We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life
will raise us with Jesus in our turn,
and put us by his side and you with us.
You see, all this is for your benefit,
so that the more grace is multiplied among people,
the more thanksgiving there will be,
to the glory of God.*

*That is why there is no weakening on our part,
and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into
decay,*

*the inner man is renewed day by day.
Yes the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little,
train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory
which is out of all proportion to them.*

*And so we have no eyes for things that are visible,
but only for things that are invisible;
for visible things last only for a time,
and the invisible things are eternal.*

*For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded
up,*

*there is a house built by God for us,
an everlasting home not made by human hands,
in the heavens.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung; stand*)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to N. . . .

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

HOMILY (sit)
EULOGY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL/GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (stand)

Introduction: (Priest)

Reader: For Caroline who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For Caroline who was nourished at the table of the Saviour. That she may be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord in your mercy..

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the family and friends of Caroline that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Reader: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord in our mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Reader: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Hail Mary

Concluding prayer (Priest)

All: AMEN.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS (*bread and wine*)

Hymn, -Be still for the presence of the Lord
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

*Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. (stand)*
*All: 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 OFFERING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*sung or said*)

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. (kneel)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*sung or said*)

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. AMEN

COMMUNION RITE THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The priest continues with

For the kingdom, the power and the glory and yours now and for ever.

RITE OF PEACE

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

All: And with your spirit.

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, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

(kneel)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMUNION PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Here I am Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save*

CHORUS

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

*I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus

*I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
Chorus*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*stand*)

All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

SILENCE

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

(sprinkling and incensing of the coffin)

SONG OF FAREWELL *(sung)*

Priest/Cantor: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her angels of the Lord!

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Caroline, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. [We give you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon Name in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in 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 all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister for ever.

All: Amen!

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Priest: In peace let us take our sister to her place of rest.

(The symbols of the Christian life are now removed from the coffin by those who placed them.)