

*“May the road rise up  
to meet you.  
May the wind be  
always at your back.  
May the sun shine  
warm across your face;  
the rain fall soft upon  
your fields and  
until we meet again,  
may God hold you  
in the palm of His hand”*

***RECEPTION OF COFFIN  
INTRODUCTION & PLACING OF SYMBOLS***

(Please stand)

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

***Abide With Me***

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour,  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***THE OPENING PRAYER***

(Please stand)

***THE FIRST READING***

(Please sit)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7-12)

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;

if we live, we live for the Lord;

and if we die, we die for the Lord,

so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life,

it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God;

as scripture says:

By my life — it is the Lord who speaks —

every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God.

It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

***RESPONSORIAL PSALM***

Reader: The response in the Psalm is:  
The Lord is  
my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**All: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

**All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want.**

Reader: He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

**All: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Reader: You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the site of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**All: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Reader: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**All: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***

(Please stand)

Reader: Alleluia

Reader: God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son;  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

**All: Alleluia**

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.**

Priest: Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here  
my brother would not have died, but I know  
that even now, whatever you ask of God he  
will grant you'. 'Your brother,' said Jesus to  
her, 'Will rise again'. Martha said, 'I know  
that he will rise again at the resurrection on the  
last day'.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies  
he will live, and whoever lives and believes in  
me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes,  
Lord', she said, 'I believe that you are the  
Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to  
come in to this world.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## ***THE BIDDING PRAYERS***

(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 Declan, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For Declan, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all 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.**

Reader: For all Declan's family and friends; 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: Let us ask Our Lady, the Mother of Sorrows to pray with us as we say:

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Reader: In a moment of silence let us make our own prayers to the Lord who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people, hear the prayer we offer for our departed brother/sister N. Cleanse him/her and all the faithful departed of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

***THE OFFERTORY***  
***The Old Rugged Cross***

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Chorus:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see,  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me.

Chorus:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.



Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**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.**

***THE 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.**

**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.**

***THE EURCHARISTIC PRAYER***

(If you are able to do so please kneel,  
otherwise please sit)

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

***THE COMMUNION RITE***

(Please stand)

Priest: At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**All: 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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**All: 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.**

(If you are able to do so, please kneel, otherwise please sit)

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.

The Distribution of Holy Communion. If you are a Catholic and would normally receive Holy Communion when you attend Mass, you are most welcome to do so. Alternatively, you are most welcome to come forward to receive a Blessing. If you would like to receive a Blessing then please join the queue; please cross your arms across your chest to indicate that you wish to receive a Blessing. Thank you.

(If you are able to do so, please kneel, otherwise please sit)

***The Prayer after Communion***

(Please stand)

***The Commendation***

(Please stand)

***The Procession from the church***

May the angels lead Declan into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome him  
and take him to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.