

“All that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God.”

PURGATORY IS not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. It may be prolonged for centuries in the case of the more guilty souls, or of those who, being excluded from the Catholic communion, are deprived of the suffrages of the Church, although by the divine mercy they have escaped hell. But the end of the world, which will be also the end of time, will close forever the place of temporary expiation. God will know how to reconcile His justice and His goodness in the purification of the last members of the human race, and to supply by the intensity of the expiatory suffering what may be wanting in duration. But, whereas a favorable sentence at the particular judgment admits of eternal beatitude being suspended and postponed, and leaves the bodies of the elect to the same fate as those of the reprobate; at the universal judgment, every sentence, whether for heaven or for hell, will be absolute, and will be executed immediately and completely. Let us, then, live in expectation of the solemn hour, when “the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God.” He that is to come will come, and will not delay, as the Doctor of the Gentiles reminds us; His arrival will be sudden, as that of a thief, we are told, not only by St. Paul, but also by the prince of the apostles and the beloved disciple; and these in turn are but echoing the words of our Lord Himself: “As lightning cometh out of the east and appeareth even unto the west: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

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Life is changed, not taken away.

Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

All Souls Day
(The First Mass)

Introit (4 Esdr. 2: 34, 35)

RÉQUIEM ÆTÉRNAM dona eis, Dómine: et lux perpétua luceat eis. *Ps. 64:2-3.* Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi reddétur votum in Jérusalem: exáudi oratiónem meam, ad te omnis caro véniet. — Réquiem ætérnam ...

ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them. *Psalm.* A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Sion; and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem: hear my prayer; all flesh shall come to Thee. — Eternal rest ...

Collect

FIDÉLIUM, Deus, ómnium cón-ditor et redémptor: animábus famulórum famularúmque tu-árurum remissiónem cunctórum tribue peccatórum; ut indul-géntiam, quam semper optav-érunt, piis supplicatióibus consequántur. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate Spíritus Sancti Deus: per ómnia sáecula sáeculórum.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful: grant to the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens the remission of all their sins: that through pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon, which they have always desired: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Lesson (I Corinthians 15: 51–57)

FRATRES: Ecce mystérium vo-bis dico: Omnes quidem resurgémus, sed non omnes immutábimur. In mómento, in ictuóculi, in novíssima tuba: canet enim tuba, et mórtui resúrgerent incorrúpti: et nos immutábimur. Opórtet enim corrúptibile hoc indúere incorruptiónem: et mortále hoc indúere immortalitátem. Cum autem mortále hoc indúerit immortalitátem, tunc fiet sermo, qui scriptus est: Absórpta est mors in victória. Ubi est, mors, victória tua? Ubi est, mors, stímulus tuus? Stímulus autem mortis peccátum est:

BRETHREN: Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall all indeed rise again, but we shall all not be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall rise again incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. And when this mortal hath put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory: O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? Now the sting of

death is sin: and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual (4 Esdr. 2 : 34, 35)

ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them. (Ps. III:7.) The just shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear the evil hearing.

Tract

ABSOLVE, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin. And by the help of Thy grace may they be enabled to escape the avenging judgment. And enjoy the bliss of everlasting light.

Sequence

THE DAY of wrath, that awful day, shall reduce the world to ashes, as David and the Sibyl prophesied. * How great will be the terror, when the Judge shall come to examine all things rigorously! * The trumpet, with astounding blast, echoing over the sepulchers of the whole world, shall summon all before the throne. * Death and nature will stand aghast, when the creature shall rise again, to answer before his Judge. * The written book shall be brought forth, containing all for which the world must be judged. * When, therefore, the Judge shall be seated, whatsoever is hidden shall be brought to light; nought shall remain unpunished. * What then shall I, unhappy man, allege? Whom shall I invoke as protector? when even the just shall hardly be secure. * O King of awful majesty, who of Thy free gift savest them that are to be saved, save me, O fount of mercy!

virtus vero peccati lex. Deo autem grátias, qui dedit nobis victóriam per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum.

RÉQUIEM ÆTÉRNAM dona eis, Dómine: et lux perpétua líceat eis. In memória ætérna erit Justus: ab auditióne mala non timébit.

ABSÓLVE, Dómine, animas ómnium fidélium defunctorum ab omni vínculo delictórum. Et grátia tua illis succurrénte, mereántur evádere júdicium ultiónis. Et lucis ætérnae beatitúdine pérfrui.

DIES IRÆ, dies illa,
Solvét sœc'lum in favilla:
Teste David cum Sibýlla.

Quantus tremor est futúrus,
Quando Judex est ventúrus,
Cuncta stricte discussúrus!

Tuba, mirum spargens sonum,
Per sepúlchra regiónum,
Coget omnes ante thronum.

Mors stupébit, et natúra,
Cum resúrget creatúra,
Judicánti responsúra.

Liber scriptus proferétur,
In quo totum continétur,
Unde mundus judicétur.

Judex ergo cum sedébit,
Quidquid latet, apparébit:
Nil unúltum remanébit.

Quid sum miser tunc dictúrus?
Quem patrónum rogáturus
Cum vix Justus sit secúrus?

Rex treméndæ majestátis,
Qui salvándos salvas gratis,
Salve me, fons pietátis.

“For this corruptible must put on incorruption.”

WHILE THE SOUL is supplying in purgatory for the insufficiency of her expiations, the body she has quitted returns to the earth in virtue of the sentence pronounced against Adam and his race from the beginning of the world. But, with regard to the body as well as the soul, justice is full of love; its claims are a prelude to the glory which awaits the whole man. The humiliation of the tomb is the just punishment of original sin; but in this return of man to the earth from whence he sprang, St. Paul would have us recognize the sowing necessary for the transformation of the seed, which is destined to live again under very different conditions. For “flesh and blood cannot possess the kingdom of God” [1 Cor. 15:50]; neither can corruptible members aspire to immortality. The body of the Christian, which St. Ignatius of Antioch calls the wheat of Christ, is cast into the tomb, as it were into the furrow, there to leave its own corruption, the form of the first Adam with its heaviness and infirmity; but by the power of the new Adam reforming it to His own likeness, it shall spring up all heavenly and spiritualized, agile, impassible, and glorious. Blessed be He, who willed to die for us in order to destroy death and to make His own victory ours!

Ÿ. Dread and trembling have laid hold on me, and I fear exceedingly because of the judgment and of the wrath to come.

℞. When the heavens shall be moved ...

Ÿ. On that day, that day of wrath, of sore distress and of all wretchedness, that great day and exceeding bitter.

℞. When Thou shalt come to judge ...

Ÿ. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

℞. Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal ... Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father ... (*silently*).

Ÿ. And lead us not into temptation.

℞. But deliver us from evil.

Ÿ. From the gate of hell.

℞. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

Ÿ. May they rest in peace.

℞. Amen.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. — Absolve, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens from every bond of sin, that they may be raised up in the glory of the resurrection and live amongst Thy Saints and Elect. Through Christ Our Lord. ℞. Amen.

Ÿ. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

℞. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ÿ. May they rest in peace.

℞. Amen.

Ÿ. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. ℞. Amen.

Ÿ. Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo, dum discussio venerit, atque ventura ira.

℞. Quando cœli movendi ...

Ÿ. Dies illa, dies iræ, calamitatis et miseriæ: dies magna et amara valde.

℞. Dum veneris iudicare ...

Ÿ. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpétua luceat eis.

℞. Libera me, Domine ...

Kýrie, eléison.

Christe, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison.

Pater noster ... (*secretò*).

Ÿ. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

℞. Sed libera nos a malo.

Ÿ. A porta inferi.

℞. Érue, Domine, ánimas eórum.

Ÿ. Requiéscant in pace.

℞. Amen.

Ÿ. Domine, exáudi orationem meam.

℞. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Ÿ. Dominus vobiscum.

℞. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus. — Absólve, quæsumus, Domine, ánimas famulórum famularúmque tuárum ab omni vínculo delictórum: ut, in resurrectionis glória, inter Sanctos et electos tuos resuscitati respírent. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. ℞. Amen.

Ÿ. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine.

℞. Et lux perpétua luceat eis.

Ÿ. Requiéscant in pace.

℞. Amen.

Ÿ. Ánimæ eórum et ánimæ ómnium Fidélium defunctorum per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace. ℞. Amen.

Recordáre, Jesu pie,
Quod sum causa tuæ viæ:
Ne me perdas illa die.

Quærens me, sedísti lassus:
Redemísti, crucem passus:
Tantus labor non sit cassus.

Iuste Judex ultiónis,
Donum fac remissionis,
Ante diem ratiónis.

Ingemisco, tamquam reus:
Culpa rubet vultus meus:
Supplicánti parce, Deus.

Qui Mariám absolvísti,
Et latrónem exaudísti,
Mihi quoque spem dedísti.

Preces meæ non sunt dignæ:
Sed tu bonus fac benigne,
Ne perénni cremer igne.

Inter oves locum præsta.
Et ab hædis me sequéstra,
Státuens in parte dextra.

Confutáris maledictis,
Flammis ácribus addictis,
Voca me cum benedictis,

Oro supplex et acclínis,
Cor contrítum quasi cinis,
Gere curam mei finis.

Lacrimósa dies illa,
Qua resúrget ex favilla.

Judicándus homo reus.
Huic, ergo, parce Deus:

Pie Jesu Domine,
Dona eis requiem. Amen.

Gospel (John 5:25–29)

IN ILLO TÊMPORE: Dixit Jesus turbis Judæórum: Amen, amen dico vobis, quia venit hora, et nunc est, quando mórtui áudient vocem Filii Dei: et qui audierint, vivent. Sicut enim Pater habet vitam in semetipso, sic dedit et Filio habere vitam in semetipso: et potestatem dedit ei iudicium fácere quia Filius hóminis est. Nolíte mirári, hoc, quia venit hora, in

Remember, O loving Jesus, 'twas for my sake Thou camest on earth: let me not, then, be lost on that day. * Seeking me Thou satest weary; Thou redeemedst me by dying on the cross: let not such suffering be all in vain. * O righteous Awarder of punishment, grant me the gift of pardon before the reckoning-day. * I groan as one guilty, while I blush for my sins: Oh! spare Thy suppliant, my God! * Thou didst absolve Mary Magdalen, and didst hear the prayer of the thief: to me, then, Thou hast also given hope. * My prayers deserve not to be heard; but Thou art good: grant, in Thy kindness, that I may not burn in the unquenchable fire. * Give me a place among Thy sheep, separating me from the goats and setting me on Thy right hand. * When the reprobate, covered with confusion, shall have been sentenced to the cruel flames, call me with the blessed. * Prostrate in supplication I implore Thee, with a heart contrite as though crushed to ashes; Oh! have a care of my last hour! * A mournful day that day shall be, when from the dust shall arise, * Guilty man, that he may be judged; spare him, then, O God! * O tender Lord Jesus, give them eternal rest. Amen.

AT THAT TIME: Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews, Amen, amen, I say unto you, that the hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in Himself, so He hath given to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He hath given Him power to do judgment, because He is the Son of man. Wonder not at this, for the hour cometh

wherein all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that have done good things shall come forth unto the resurrection of life, but they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.

Offertory

O LORD Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the bottomless pit: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell swallow them not up, that they fall not into darkness, but let the standard-bearer holy Michael lead them into that holy light; which Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and to his seed. We offer to Thee, O Lord, sacrifices and prayers: do Thou receive them in behalf of those souls of whom we make memorial this day. Grant them, O Lord, to pass from death to that life, which thou didst promise of old to Abraham and to his seed.

Secret

MERCIFULLY regard, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the Sacrifice which we offer Thee for the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens: that to those to whom Thou didst grant the favor of the Christian Faith Thou wouldst also grant due reward. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Preface of the Dead

IT IS TRULY meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, through Christ our Lord: in whom the hope of a blessed resurrection hath beamed upon

qua omnes, qui in monumentis sunt, audient vocem Filii Dei: et procedent, qui bona fecerunt, in resurrectionem vitae: qui vero mala egerunt, in resurrectionem iudicii.

DÓMINE Jesu Christe, Rex glóriæ, libera animas omnium fidélium defunctorum de pœnis inférni et de profundo lacu: libera eas de ore leónis, ne absorbeat eas tártarus, ne cadant in obscurum: sed signifer sanctus Michael repræsentet eas in lucem sanctam: * Quam olim Abráhæ promisisti, et sémini ejus. *Ÿ.* Hóstias et preces tibi, Dómine, laudis offerimus: tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hódie memóriam fácimus: fac eas, Dómine, de morte transire ad vitam. * Quam olim Abráhæ promisisti et sémini ejus.

HÓSTIAS, quæsumus, Dómine, quas tibi pro animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum offerimus, propitiatus inténde: ut, quibus fidei cristiánæ méritum contulisti, dones et præmium. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum ...

VERE DIGNUM et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æternæ Deus, per Christum Dóminum nostrum. In quo nobis spes beátæ resurrectionis effúlsit:

ut quos contrístat certa moriéndi conditio, eósdem consolétur futúre immortalitátis promissio. Tuis enim fidélibus, Dómine, vita mutátur, non tollitur: et dissolúta terréstris hujus incolátus domo, æterna in cœlis habitatio comparátur. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia cœlestis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicentes: — *Sanctus.*

Communion (4 Esdr. 2:35,34)

LUX ÆTÉRNA lúceat eis, Dómine: * Cum Sanctis tuis in ætérnum: quia pius es. *Ÿ.* Réquiem ætérnam dona eis, Dómine: * et lux perpétua lúceat eis: * Cum Sanctis tuis in ætérnum: quia pius es.

ANIMÁBUS, quæsumus, Dómine, famulorum, famularumque tuarum oratio proficiat supplicántium: ut eas et a peccátis omnibus exuas, et tuæ redemptionis fácias esse partícipes: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate Spíritus Sancti Deus ...

us: so that those who are saddened by the certainty of dying may be consoled by the promise of a future deathless life. For to Thy faithful people, Lord, life is changed, not taken away; and when the home of this earthly sojourn is dissolved, an eternal dwelling is made ready in heaven. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy praise, evermore saying: — *Sanctus.*

MAY LIGHT eternal shine upon them, O Lord, * With Thy Saints for evermore, for Thou art gracious. *Ÿ.* Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them: * With Thy Saints for evermore, for Thou art gracious.

Postcommunion

MAY THE prayer of Thy suppliant people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, avail the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens: that Thou mayest deliver them from all their sins and make them sharers in Thy Redemption: Who livest and reignest ...



Form of the Rite of Absolution When the Body Is Not Present

Ŕ. LÍBERA ME, Dómine, de morte ætérna, in die illa treménda:

QUANDO CÆLI movéndi sunt et terra:

DUM VENÉRIS judicáre sæculum per ignem.

Ŕ. DELIVER ME, O Lord, from death eternal in that awful day:

WHEN THE HEAVENS and the earth shall be moved:

WHEN THOU SHALT come to judge the world by fire.