

**SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS
AND
DIVINE OFFICE**



for

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Noël Treanor DD

Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union
Bishop Emeritus of Down and Connor

Saint Peter's Cathedral
Belfast

Celebrant

The Most Reverend Alan McGuckian SJ
Bishop of Down and Connor

Tuesday 20th August 2024



Archbishop Noël Martin Treanor
25 December 1950 – 11 August 2024

The procession of the clergy in choir, concelebrants and the Bishop enters the Cathedral. When the procession reaches the Sanctuary, the Bishop reverences the altar and then incenses it. Meanwhile, the following hymn is sung.

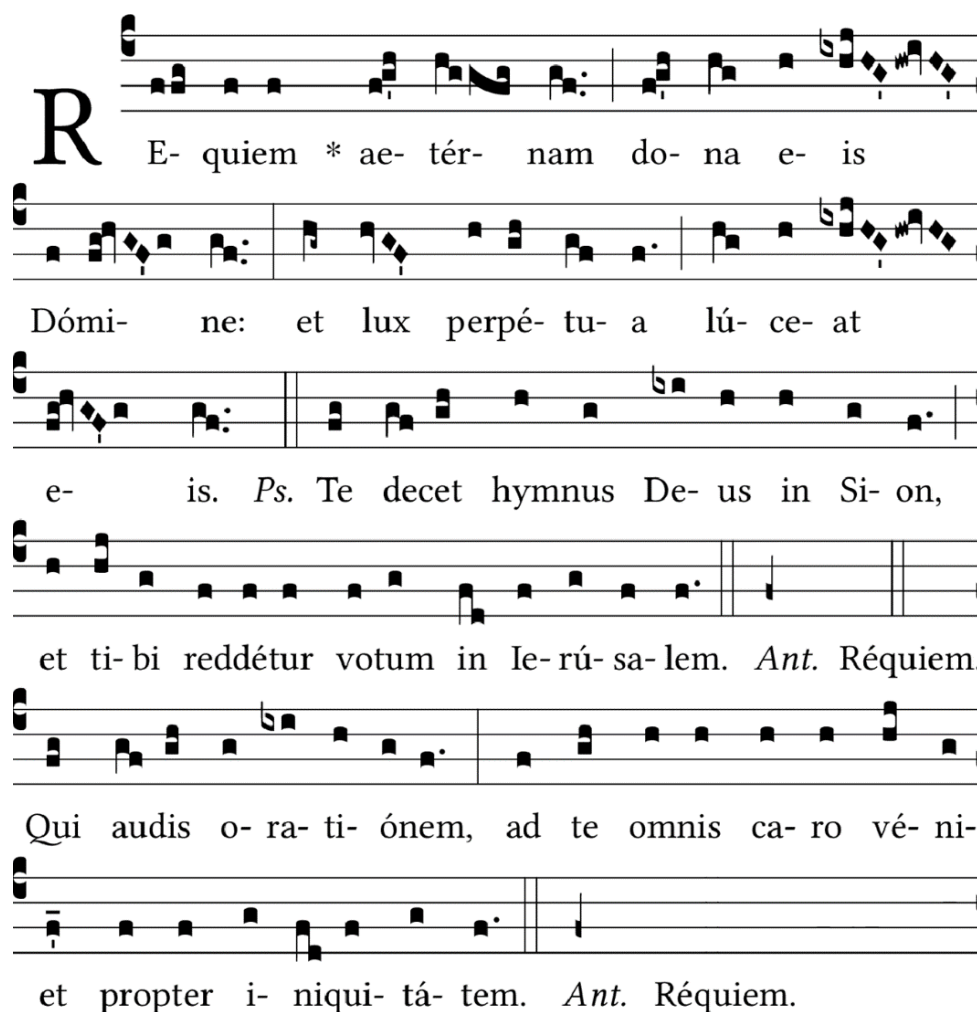
ENTRANCE HYMN

As one body we are wed,
by partaking of the self-same Bread,
and Jesus Christ of that body is the Head;
the holy Church of God.

Jean-Paul Lécot (b.1947)

Then follows the Introit proper to the Requiem Mass.

INTROIT



R E- quiem * ae- tér- nam do- na e- is
Dómi- ne: et lux perpé- tu- a lú- ce- at
e- is. *Ps.* Te decet hymnus De- us in Si- on,
et ti- bi reddétur votum in Ie- rú- sa- lem. *Ant.* Réquiem.
Qui audis o- ra- ti- ónem, ad te omnis ca- ro vé- ni-
et propter i- niqui- tá- tem. *Ant.* Réquiem.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

People: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

THE MIDDAY OFFICE

Antiphon:

Lord, heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

Psalm 69

O God, make haste' to my **rescue**,
Lord come' to my **aid!**

Let there be shame' and confusion
on those who' seek my **life**.

O let them turn back' in confusion
who delight' in my **harm**.

Let them retreat, co'vered with **shame**,
who jeer' at my **lot**.

Let there be rejoy'cing and **gladness**
for' all who **seek** you.

Let them say forever' 'God is **great**',
who love your' saving **help**.

As for me, wret'ched and **poor**,
come to' me, O **God**.

You are my rescu'er, my **help**,
O Lord, do' not **delay**.

Give praise to the Fa'ther almighty,
to his Son Jesus' Christ the **Lord**,

to the Spirit who dwells' in our **hearts**
both now and fore'ver. **Amen**.

Psalm 84

O Lord, you once fa'voured your **land**
and revived the fort'unes of **Jacob**,

you forgave the guilt' of your **people**
and covered' all their **sins**.

You averted' all your **rage**,
you calmed the heat' of your **anger**.

Revive us now, God, our **helper!**
Put an end to your grievance **against** us.

Will you be angry with us for **ever**,
will your anger never **cease**?

Will you not restore a'gain our **life**
that your people may re'joice in **you**?

Let us see, O' Lord, your **mercy**
and give us your' saving **help**.

I will hear what the Lord God' has to **say**,
a voice that' speaks of **peace**,

peace for his people' and his **friends**
and those who turn to him' in their **hearts**.

His help is near for' those who **fear** him
and his glory will dwell' in our **land**.

Mercy and faithful'ness have **met**;
justice and peace' have **embraced**.

Faithfulness shall spring' from the **earth**
and justice look' down from **heaven**.

The Lord will' make us **prosper**
and our earth shall' yield its **fruit**.

Justice shall' march **before** him
and peace shall follow' his **steps**.

Give praise to the Fa'ther **almighty**,
to His Son, Jesus' Christ the **Lord**.

to the Spirit who dwells' in our **hearts**,
both now and for'ever. **Amen**.

Turn your ear, O Lord, 'and give **answer**
for I am' poor and **needy**.

Preserve my life, for I am **faithful**;
save the servant who trusts in **you**.

Psalm 85

You are my God, have mercy' on me, **Lord**,
for I cry to you all' the day **long**.

Give joy to your ser'vant, O **Lord**,
for to you I lift' up my **soul**.

O Lord, you are good' and forg**iving**,
full of love to' all who **call**.

Give heed, O Lord', to my **prayer**
and attend to the sound' of my **voice**.

In the day of distress' I will **call**
and surely you' will **reply**.

Among the gods there is none like' you, O **Lord**;
nor work to com'pare with **yours**.

All the nations shall come' to **adore** you
and glorify your' name, O **Lord**:

for you are great and do mar'vellous **deeds**,
you who a'lone are **God**.

Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk' in your **truth**.
Guide my heart to' fear your **name**.

I will praise you, Lord my God, with' all my **heart**
and glorify your' name for **ever**;

for your love to me' has been **great**:
you have saved me from the depths' of the **grave**.

The proud have risen against me; ruthless men' seek my **life**;
to you they' pay no **heed**.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in' love and **truth**,†
turn and take pi'ty on **me**.

O give your strength' to your **servant**
and save your' handmaid's **son**.

Show me the sign of your favour
that my foes may see' to their **shame**†
that you console me and give' me your **help**.

Give praise to the Fa'ther **almighty**,
to His Son, Jesus' Christ the **Lord**.

To the Spirit who dwells' in our **hearts**,
both now and for'ever. **Amen**.

Antiphon: **Lord, heal my soul for I have sinned against you.**

THE COLLECT

Bishop: Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the soul of your departed servant, Archbishop Noël, to whom you committed the care of your family, may, with the manifold fruit of his labours, enter into the eternal gladness of his Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

(3:1-9)

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation: but they are in peace. If they experienced punishments as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with Him; He has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for His visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their King forever. They who trust in Him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with Him in love; for grace and mercy await those He has chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 122)

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'**

THE SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

(8:14-18)

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit Himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well; heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing His suffering so as to share His glory.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Sung)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

(14:1-6)

✠ Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Most Rev. Alan McGuckian SJ
Bishop of Down and Connor

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Bishop: My brothers and sisters, God, the almighty Father, raised His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to save all His people, living and dead.

Reader: For Archbishop Noël, who ministered as priest and Bishop: may the Good Shepherd receive him into the peace and light of Paradise.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For the family and close friends of Archbishop Noël, that they may find comfort in their faith and in the support of the Church community.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Down and Connor and the Diocese of Clogher, that they may continue to grow in faith and service.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For the Apostolic Nunciature to the European Union, that it may continue its important work of dialogue and diplomacy. We pray for the staff at the Nunciature, and the staff of Lisbreen, who supported Archbishop Noël in his ministry. May the Lord reward them for their assistance.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For the causes of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, which Archbishop Noël championed, that they may continue to progress.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For all students and young people: may they strive with all their hearts to walk as children of the light, and use their gifts from God for the good of his people.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bishop: Lord, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Text: Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

Music: George Minne (1924-2021)

Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Deacon: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Bishop: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Bishop: Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Bishop: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**People: 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 PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bishop: We humbly beseech your boundless mercy, Lord, that this sacrifice, which your departed servant and Bishop, Noël, while in the body, offered to your majesty for the salvation of the faithful, may now bring him, too, your pardon.

Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



THE FIRST PREFACE OF CHRISTIAN DEATH

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Bishop: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in Heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of Heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

SANCTUS:

MISSA XVIII

S Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus De- us Sába-
oth. Ple- ni sunt cae- li et terra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna
in excélsis. Bene- díctus qui ve- nit in nómi- ne Dómi- ni.
Ho- sánna in excélsis.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Bishop: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Bishop: Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND EAT OF IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

Bishop: In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU AND DRINK FROM IT:
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

Bishop: The mystery of Faith.

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

Bishop: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

CC¹: May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Peter, Saint Malachy, Saint Macnissi, Saint Macartan and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

CC²: May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and Alan our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

CC³: Remember Noël, your servant and Bishop, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection, when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body.

CC⁴: To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Bishop: 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.

People: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.

**People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Bishop: 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.

People: Amen.

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

People: And with your spirit.





A -gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-
 ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :
 mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-
 di : dona no-bis pa-cem.

Bishop: 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.

People: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON



L UX ae-térna * lú-ce-at e- is, Dómi-ne : * Cum san-
 ctis tu- is in aetérnum, qui- a pi- us es. Ψ . Réqui- em aetérnam
 dona e- is Dómi-ne, et lux perpé-tu- a lú-ce-at e- is.
 * Cum sanctis tu- is in aetérnum, qui- a pi- us es.

Hymns for Holy Communion

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in Thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from Thy side.

Strength and protection may Thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from Thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only Thine;
Call me and bid me come to Thee on high,
Where I may praise Thee with Thy saints for aye.

Pope John XXII (c.1244-1334)

GESÙ SACRAMENTATO

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in Thine earthly home,
lo, round Thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to Thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine,
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in Thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace,
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest,
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)



Motets

MANDATUM

Jesus said to His disciples:
**I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another,
as I have loved you.**

Peter Latona (b.1968)

O IESU CHRISTE

O Iesu Christe, miserere mei, Quum dolore languo: Domine, tu es spes mea Clamavi ad te, miserere mei.		O Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, When I languish with grief. Lord, Thou art my hope. Unto Thee have I cried: have mercy on me.
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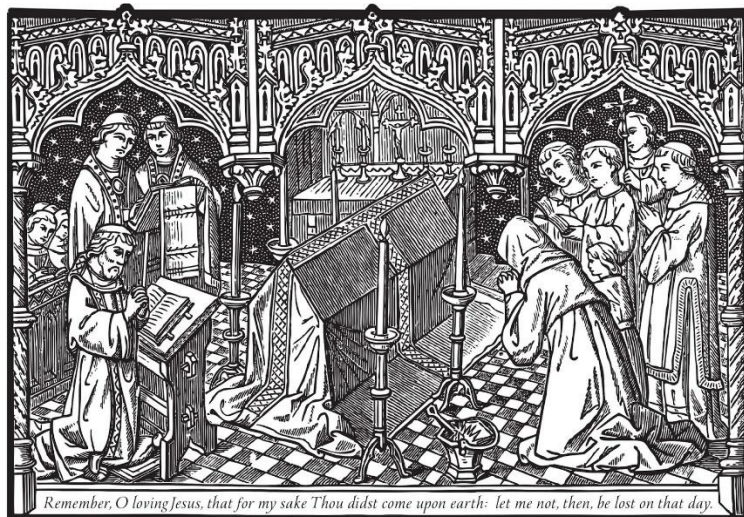
attrib. Jakob Van Berchem (c.1505-1567)

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop: Let us pray,

May your merciful kindness,
which we have implored, O Lord,
benefit the soul of your departed servant Archbishop Noël,
that, by these sacrificial gifts,
he may know the eternal company of Christ,
in whom he hoped and whom he preached.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.



THE FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Bishop: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Noël. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Bishop: Saints of God come to his aid!
Hasten to meet him Angels of the Lord!

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

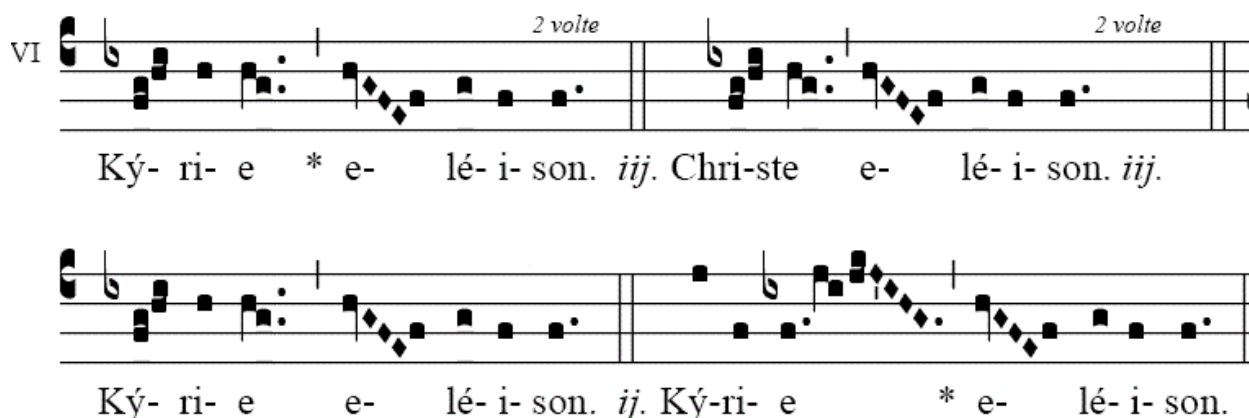
Bishop: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself,
may Angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

Bishop: Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

KYRIE



VI *2 volte* *2 volte*

Ký- ri- e * e- lé- i- son. *ij.* Chri- ste e- lé- i- son. *ij.*

Ký- ri- e e- lé- i- son. *ij.* Ký-ri- e * e- lé- i- son.

Bishop: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Noël, your servant and Bishop, 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 bestowed upon Archbishop Noël 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 meet in Christ and we are with you and with our brother for ever.

People: Amen.

Bishop: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

IN PARADISUM



I N pa-ra-dí-sum * dedú-cant te Ange-li: in tu-o
advéntu suscí-pi-ant te Mártyr-es, et perdú-cant te in
ci-vi-tá-tem sanctam Je-rú-sa-lem. Cho-rus Ange-ló-rum
te su- scí-pi- at, et cum Lá-za-ro quondam páu-pe-re aetér-
nam há-be-as réqui- em.

May the Angels lead you into Paradise; may the Martyrs come to welcome you,
and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

May the choirs of Angels welcome you,
and where Lazarus is poor no longer,
may you find eternal rest.

The Concelebrants, Deacons and the Bishop precede Archbishop Noël's coffin to the Chapel of the Resurrection, which will be followed by his family, for the Rite of Committal.

Please remain standing.

THE RITE OF COMMITTAL

Bishop: Our brother Noël has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God's children in Heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our brother; together may we meet Christ Jesus when He who is our life appears in glory.

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Bishop: We read in Sacred Scripture:

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that He has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the Last Day.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

Bishop: Almighty God,
you created the Earth and shaped the vault of Heaven;
you fixed the stars in their places.
When we were caught in the snares of death
you set us free through Baptism;
in obedience to your will Our Lord Jesus Christ
broke the fetters of Hell and rose to life,
bringing deliverance and resurrection
to those who are His by faith.
In your mercy ✠ look upon this grave,
so that Noël, your servant and Bishop,
may sleep here in peace;
and on the day of judgement raise him up
to dwell with your Saints in Paradise.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The grave is sprinkled with Holy Water.

COMMITTAL

Bishop: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through Our Lord Jesus Christ
we commend to Almighty God our brother Noël,
and we commit his body to the ground,
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Earth is scattered on the coffin.

The Lord bless him and keep him,
the Lord make His face to shine upon him
and be gracious to him,
the Lord lift up His countenance upon him
and give him peace.

INTERCESSIONS

Bishop: Dear friends, in reverence let us pray to God, the source of all mercies.

Bishop: You raised the dead to life; give our brother eternal life.
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Bishop: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;
draw near to us who mourn for Archbishop Noël,
and dry the tears of those who mourn.
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Bishop: Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Archbishop Noël;
let our faith be our consolation
and eternal life our hope.
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: **Our Father...**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Bishop: Loving God,
from whom all life proceeds
and by whose hand the dead are raised again,
though we are sinners, you wish always to hear us.
Accept the prayers we offer
in sadness for Noël, your servant and Bishop:
deliver his soul from death,
number him among your Saints
and clothe him with the robe of salvation
to enjoy for ever the delights of your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bishop: Merciful Lord,
you know the anguish of the sorrowful,
you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people
who cry out to you in their need,
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

A decade of the Rosary is then recited. Then the Bishop adds:

Bishop: May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God,
who stood by the Cross as her Son was dying,
help those who mourn for Archbishop Noël.
May she give us the consolation of her faith,
and by her prayers
lead us to the happiness of Heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

People: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Bishop: May he rest in peace.

People: Amen.

Bishop: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: Amen.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

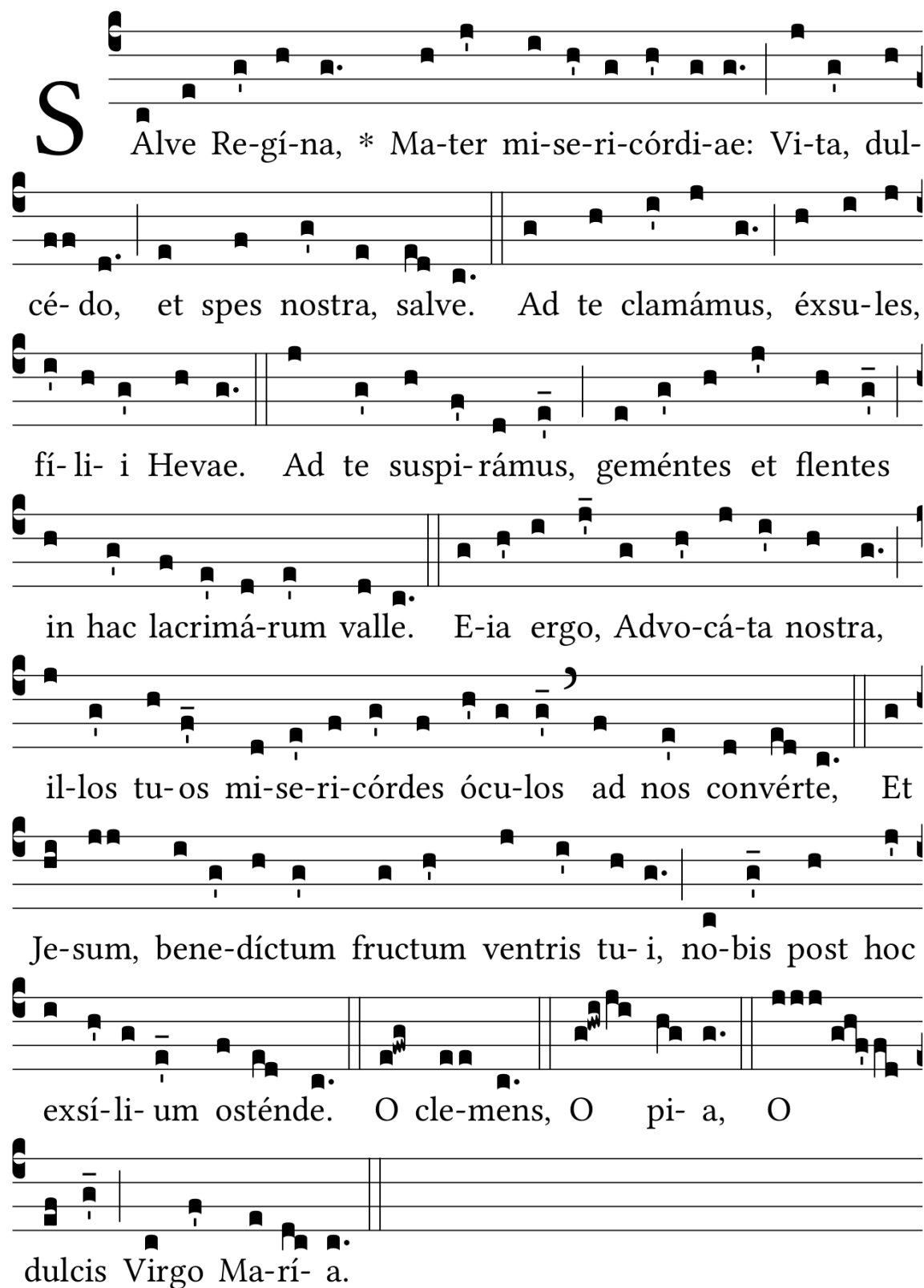
People: And with your spirit.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



The Salve Regina will then be sung.



Salve Re-gí-na, * Ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-ae: Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-les,
fí-li-i Hevae. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flentes
in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta nostra,
il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ócu-los ad nos convérte, Et
Je-sum, bene-díctum fructum ventris tu-i, no-bis post hoc
exsí-li-um osténde. O cle-mens, O pi-a, O
dulcis Virgo Ma-rí-a.

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“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High.”

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