

Let us begin in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you

**Welcome**

**Let us pray;**

God of consolation, Open our hearts to your word,  
So that, listening to it, we may comfort one another,  
Finding light in time of darkness  
And faith in time of doubt  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
Amen

**1st Reading**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, as that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.

The Word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R)** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall need

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

He refreshes my soul

**R)** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall need

He guides me in right paths for his name sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and staff that give me courage

**R)** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall need

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

**R)** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall need

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

**R)** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall need

## **Alleluia**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

## **Alleluia**

## **Gospel**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Reflection**

## General Intersessions

My dear friends, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the father where he intercedes for his church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord

**R).**Lord, hear our prayer

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

We pray to the Lord

**R).**Lord, hear our prayer

That God will grant release to those who suffer

We pray to the Lord

**R).**Lord, hear our prayer

That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for victory over death

We pray to the Lord

**R).**Lord, hear our prayer

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful,  
Grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins.  
Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have

always desired.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

R) Amen

Let us pray

"Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend. Let me, also, Lord, share my grief with you. Release the tension bottling up inside me, and grant me freedom from pain and new life in healing with each tear I shed. Each teardrop of pain is precious in your sight, O Lord. I offer my tears in honor of [insert specific loss if desired] and for love of you. Bless all who mourn, that they be comforted.

Amen."

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes; +

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

Amen