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Requiem Mass for Karl Alexander Jicha

Hartford, Connecticut Saturday, October 21, 2023 II o'clock a.m.

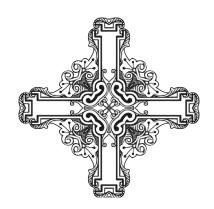
Concerning the Service

THE LITURGY for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 507



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REQUIEM MASS for KARL JICHA

October 21, 2023

We cordially invite all members of the congregation, whether or not members of the Episcopal Church, to take part in this service of prayer for Karl Jicha and those who mourn for him, by standing, sitting, and kneeling, by making the various responses, and by joining in the singing as indicated.

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Mass Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (d. 1968)

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.

Organ Voluntary: O wie selig

Johannes Brahms (d. 1897)

#### THE ENTRANCE RITE

All stand for the entrance of the Ministers of the Mass.

Entrance Anthems (choir) Burial Sentences

John Merbecke (c. 1550), arr. H. Willan and K. Swann

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the LORD: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the LORD.

Celebrant: The LORD be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the remains of our brother Karl for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

Deliver thy servant Karl, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

Introit (choir) Requiem aeternam

Tone VII

[Antiphon] Rest eternal grant unto them, O LORD: and may light perpetual shine upon them. [Psalm] Thou, O God, art praised in Syon, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. [Repeat antiphon.]

The Collect (remain standing.)

Celebrant: The LORD be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Karl, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25: 6-9 /NRSV] (all sit)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

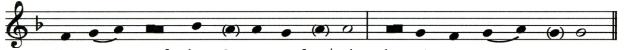
The People respond: Thanks be to God.



Gradual: Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine (Congregation sings the italicized verses.)

Tone I.I



I I WILL magnify thee O LORD; for | thou hast ^ set me up,

\* and not made my foes to | tri-umph över ^ me.

2 O LORD my God I | crièd un-to ^ thee;

\* and | thou hast hëalèd ^ me.

3 Thou LORD hast brought my | soul out of hell:

\* thou hast kept my life that I should not go | down into the ^ pit.

4 Sing praises unto the LORD | O ye saints of his;

\* and give thanks unto him for a remembrance | of his höli^ness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his | pleasure is life;

\* heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh | in the mörning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall | never be re^mov'd:

\* thou LORD of thy goodness hast  $\mid$  made my hill so  $\land$  strong.

7 Thou didst | turn thy face from ^ me,

\* and | I was troubled.

8 Then cried I | unto thee  $O \land LORD$ ;

\* and gat me to my | LORD right hümbly.

9 What profit | is there in my ^ blood,

\* when I go | down into the ^ pit?

10 Shall the dust give | thanks unto thee?

\* or shall | it declare thy ^ truth?

II Hear O LORD and have | mer-cy ^ up-on me;

\* Lord be | thou my hëlper.

12 Thou hast turned my | heavi^ness in-to ^ joy;

\* thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded | me with glädness:

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy | praise with out ceasing.

\* O my God I will give thanks unto | thee for ever.

New Testament: Revelation 2I: 2-7 [NRSV] (all sit)

Read by

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord.

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

Tract (choir) Absolve, Domine

Tone VIII

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 able to escape the avenging judgement, and enjoy the bliss of everlasting light.

The Holy Gospel: John I4:I-6 [RSV] (all stand)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People's response: Glory be to thee, O LORD.

[JESUS said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People's response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Remembrances (all sit)

Homily



The Rev. Rowena J. Kemp, Rector

The Prayers of the People (the people kneel or stand as they are able)

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. *Amen.* 

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. *Amen.* 

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.* 

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Amen.* 

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Amen.* 

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.* 

Grant us grace to entrust Karl to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor that thou bearest unto thy people. *Amen.* Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.* 

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Martin, and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

The Peace (all stand.)

Celebrant: The Peace of the LORD be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.





The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Sentence

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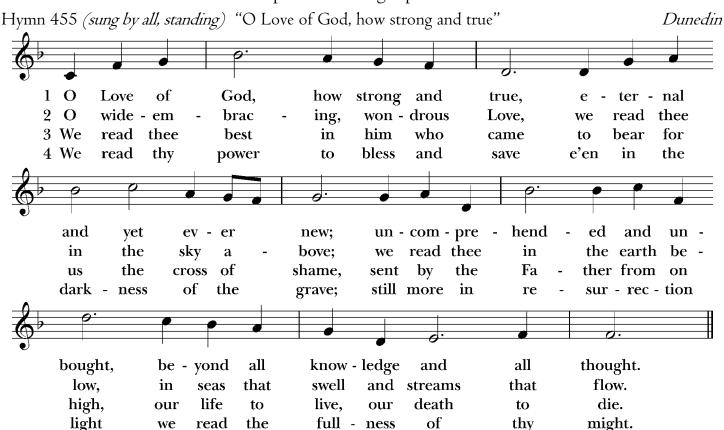
read

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. Psalm 50: 14

Offertory (choir) Domine Jesu Christe

Tone II

Lord Jesu Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell; and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth; that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness. But let Michael, the holy standard-bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer unto thee O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation. And grant them, Lord, to pass from death unto life: which thou hast promised in ages past unto Abraham and his seed.



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Presentation of the alms and oblations (All stand.)

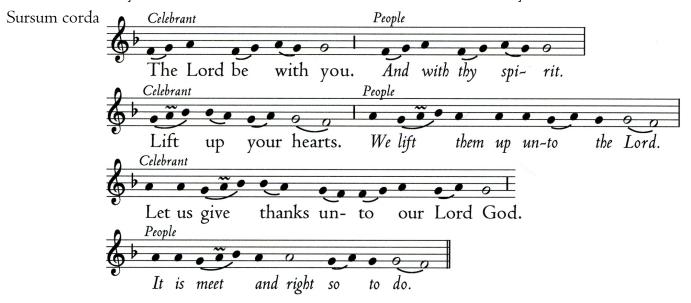
Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

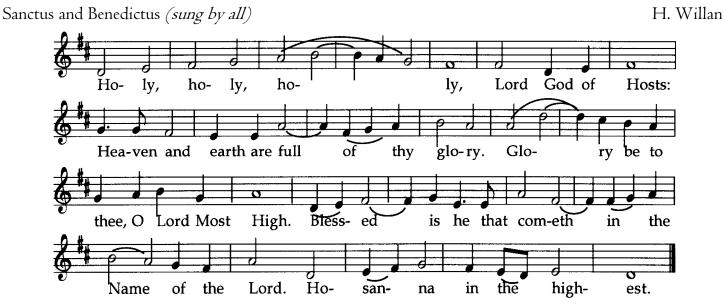


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O LORD, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God:

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O LORD, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens;

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



The Canon of the Mass (*The people kneel or stand.*) *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." \*\*

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

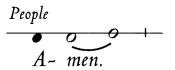
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

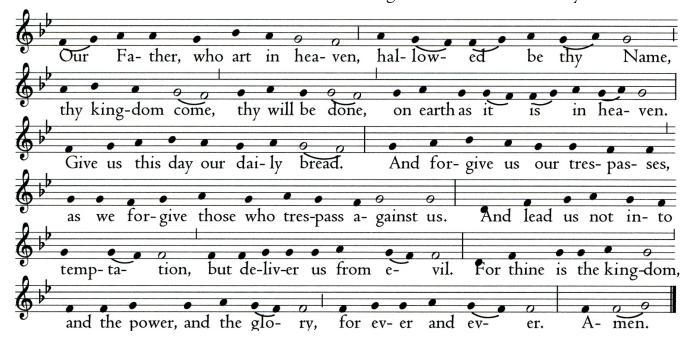
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

 $B^{\rm Y}$  whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)

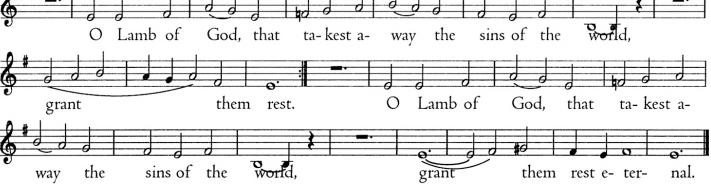
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



The Fraction: *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.* 



Agnus Dei (sung by all; kneeling)



H. Willan

Prayer of Humble Access (said by all)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Christ died for your and food on him in your hours by faith with the planting

Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.



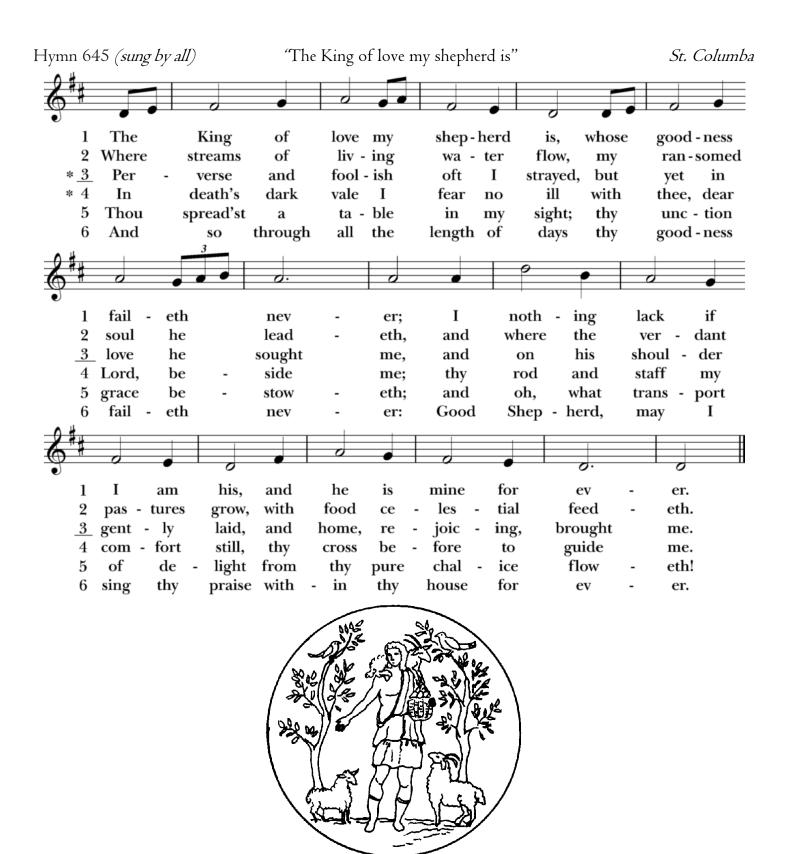
Communion (choir) Lux aeterna

Tone I

MAY light eternal shine, O LORD, upon them: for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon them. For endless ages with thy blessed ones: for thou art gracious.

After the Ministers of the Mass and the family receive Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament, or a blessing, by coming to the crossing (Jerusalem Cross). Gluten-free Hosts are available upon request.





Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Commendation Anthem (choir; all stand)

Kontakion [Kievan Chant]

GIVE rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting. Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man: and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return, for so thou didst ordain, when thou createdst me, saying, Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. All we go down to the dust; and weeping o'er the grave, we make our song: alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

#### Commendation Prayer

Celebrant: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Karl. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

#### The Blessing of the People

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; And the blessing of God Almighty, ▶ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

In Paradisum (choir)

Mode VII

INTO Paradise may the angels lead thee, and at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the choir of angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, who once was poor, mayst thou have rest eternal.

#### The Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant unto him O LORD;

People: And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Celebrant: May he rest this day in peace.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.





Hymn 499 (sung by all) "Lord God, you now have set your servant free" Song I Unison or harmony free Lord God, you now have your ser - vant eyes have seen peace as prom-ised your word; the Sa - vior, Christ the Lord, pre-pared by the all you shine na - tions trapped in dark - est night, world to see, on ple, light. glo the their your peo and

Voluntary: *In Paradisum* 14

### THE COMMITTAL GRACE MEMORIAL GARDEN

#### The following anthem is said:

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O Holy and merciful savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal. Suffer us not, at our last hour, through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Then, while earth is cast upon the grave, the Officiant says these words:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Karl, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. *Amen.* 

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

#### The Officiant and People say together,

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Then the Officiant may say,

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### Then may be said,

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

People: And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *People:* Amen.

#### The Officiant dismisses the people with these words:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen*.