

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Requiem Mass for James C. Shafer

Hartford, Connecticut

November 11, 2023

11 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



James C. Shafer



JAMES CARL SHAFER, 85, of West Hartford, CT, died peacefully on October 25, 2023 at John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington, CT. Born on February 6, 1938 in Lima, Ohio, to James T. Shafer and Eleanor Gross, Jim graduated from Lima Senior High School in 1956, and from the University of Colorado in Denver in 1960. He began his career in insurance underwriting with The Hartford in Denver, moving on to Detroit, and then finding his way to Hartford, CT. His career continued with the Travelers Insurance Company, back to The Hartford, Constitution State Insurance Company, and then retiring from General Reinsurance Company in Stamford, CT. Jim was well-liked, admired and respected by his coworkers and colleagues in the industry.

Jim was ardent about being an Anglophile; ardent about being a churchman and embracing the Episcopal Church as an adult; ardent about music, especially Opera, so much so that he had season tickets to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City and commuted to the Saturday matinee for decades; ardent about volunteering wherever needed; and most importantly, ardent about maintaining friendships. Jim was a loyal, true and generous friend, and he touched hundreds of lives, whether it be a Bishop of the Church or a waiter at his favorite restaurant.

Jim is survived by his sister, Nelda Sue Ludwig; his nephews, Mark (Katie) Basinger and Matthew Ludwig; and his niece, Sharlyn Smith of Lima, OH. He also leaves many special friends to mourn his loss, especially Ruth and Win, Ellen, John and Ruth, Joe, Sandra, Barbara, Tom and Elaine, Rick, Joanne, Pamela, and his faithful priest The Rev. Rowena J. Kemp. He was pre-deceased by his parents and brothers-in-law, Richard L. Basinger and Larry Ludwig.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, earmarked for 'A Place for Grace Food Pantry', 55 New Park Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

His family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at John Dempsey Hospital and the Hospice Care Team.

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REQUIEM MASS for JAMES C. SHAFER

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**W**ELCOME! 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 James Shafer 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 "pro defunctis"* Healey Willan (d. 1968)
This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.

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Organ Voluntary: "Chapelle des morts" from *Esquisses Byzantines* Henri Mulet (d. 1967)

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

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 Jim 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 Jim, 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.*)

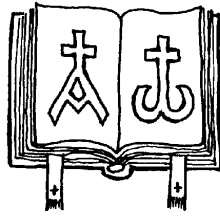
*Celebrant:* The LORD be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Jim, 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 (*all sit*): Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of the Ecclesiastes.

FOR everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

*The People respond:* Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Psalm 23

*Dominus regit me*

Tone VI

*Congregation remains seated and sings the italicized verses.*

*Antiphon: Cantor first, then all*

Musical notation for the antiphon: The Lord is my shep-herd; therefore can I lack no-thing.

Musical notation for the beginning of the gradual.

- 2 HE SHÄLL feed me in a | green pasture,  
\* and lead me forth beside the wa- / ters öf comfort.
- 3 He shall con- / vert my soul,  
\* and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness | for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear | no evil:  
\* for thou art with me; thy rod and | thy stäff comfort ^ me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them | that trouble ^ me;  
\* thou hast anointed my head with oil and | my cüp shall be ^ full.
- 6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life;  
\* and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD för ever.

[All repeat antiphon.]

New Testament: Revelation 7: 9-17 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

**A**FTER this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

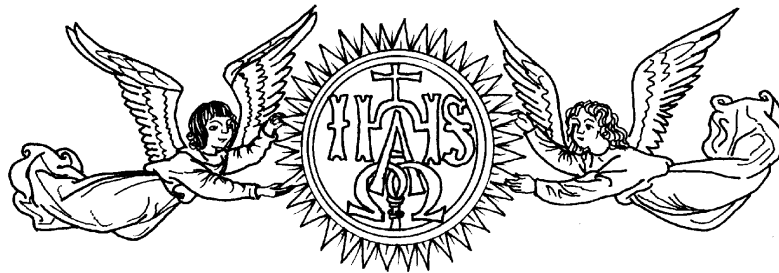
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord.

*The People respond:* Thanks be to God.



Tract (*choir*) *Absolve, Domine*

Tone VIII

**A**BSOLVE, 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 14:1-6 [RSV].

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

*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.

Homily

The Rev. Molly F. James, Ph.D.

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

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

**A**Lmighty GOD, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and Afellowship, 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 Jim 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.*

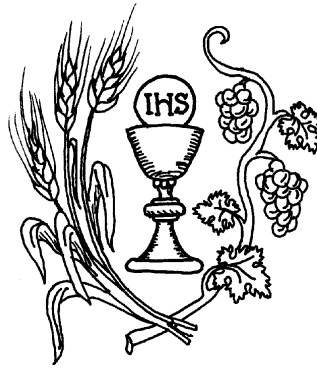
The Peace (*all stand.*)

*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

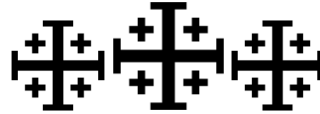
Offertory Sentence

*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.



Hymn 455 (*sung by all*)

“O Love of God, how strong and true”

*Dunedin*

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
 high, our life to live, our death to die.  
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

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.

Sursum corda

The musical score for 'Sursum corda' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: 'It is meet and right so to do.'

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:

**T**HROUGH 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,

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

The musical score for 'Sanctus and Benedictus' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.'



The Canon of the Mass

*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;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*

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A- men.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

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

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to  
 temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
 and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

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

*Celebrant*

*Celebrant:* Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.

*People*

*People:* There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

Agnus Dei (*sung by all; kneeling*)

H. Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,  
 grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-  
 way the sins of the world, grant them rest e-ter-nal.

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

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Communion (*choir*) *Lux aeterna*

Tone I

**M**AY 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.*

Anthem (*choir*)

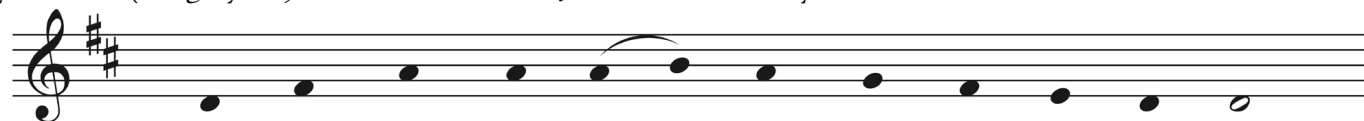
Stanley Marchant (d. 1949)

**T**HE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: but they are in peace.

Hymn 357 (*sung by all*)

"Jesus, Son of Mary"

*Adoro devote*



1 Je - sus, Son of Ma - ry, fount of life a - lone,  
2 Think, O Lord, in mer - cy on the souls of those  
4 Rest e - ter - nal grant them, af - ter wea - ry fight;



now we hail thee pre - sent on thine al - tar throne.  
who, in faith gone from us, now in death re - pose.  
shed on them the ra - diance of thy heaven - ly light.



Hum - bly we a - dore thee, Lord of end - less might,  
Here mid stress and con - flict toils can nev - er cease;  
Lead them on - ward, up - ward, to the ho - ly place,



in the mys - tic sym - bols veiled from earth - ly sight.  
there, the war - fare end - ed, bid them rest in peace.  
where thy saints made per - fect gaze up - on thy face.

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.

## THE COMMENDATION

Commendation Anthem (*choir*)

*Kontakion [Kievan Chant]*

**G**IVE 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 Jim. 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 and Dismissal

*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.*

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*In Paradisum (choir)*

Mode VII

**I**NTO 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.



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