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\*... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch\* ACTS 11:26

# *The Order for the Burial of the Dead*

## *Meeting the Body*

- *The priest, standing at the foot of the bier, sprinkles the body with holy water after which are said or sung:*

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

### *Psalm 130*

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord; \* Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well \* the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee; \* therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him; \* in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, \* and with Him is plenteous redemption.

P. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

- *As the body is borne into the church, the following is said or sung:*

*Antiphon:* The bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice.

*Psalm 51*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness; \* according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight; \* that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou shalt judge.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts, \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins, \* and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, \* and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again, \* and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee; \*

but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; \* build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; \* then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

P. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

*Antiphon:* The bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice.

*In the Church*

**C**OME to *his* aide, O ye Saints of God; come forth to meet *him*, O ye Angels of the Lord; Receive *his* soul; Present *him* in the sight of the Most High.

P. May Christ receive thee, who hath called thee; and into the bosom of Abraham may the Angels conduct thee.

R. Receive *his* soul; Present *him* in the sight of the Most High.

P. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

Present *him* in the sight of the Most High.

• *The bier is set in the middle of the church, so that the feet of the body are towards the high altar if a lay person, or the head if a priest. Candles are lighted around the body.*

• *If the Office of the Dead, appearing on the next page, is to be recited, it is now begun. However, if the Office of the Dead has been recited previously, and if the Divine Liturgy is to follow directly, the priest shall conclude, saying:*

- P. 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.
- R. But deliver us from evil.
- P. From the gate of hell,
- R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.
- P. May *he* rest in peace.
- R. Amen.
- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Let us pray.

**A**BSOLVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from every bond of sin: that having risen again, *he* may dwell in the glory of the Resurrection, amid Thy Saints and elect. *Amen.*

- *Turn to the Divine Liturgy on page 57.*

### *The Office of the Dead*

- *Note: If the Office is recited immediately following the bringing of the bier into the church, it begins straightaway with the antiphon below, but if it is recited apart from the time of burial, the antiphon shall be preceded by the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary.*

*Antiphon:* I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

#### *Psalm 116*

My delight is in the Lord; \* because He hath heard the voice of my prayer;

Because He hath inclined His ear unto me; \* therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about, \* and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the Lord; \* O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; \* yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: \* I was in misery, and He helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; \* for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? Thou hast delivered my soul from death, \* mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord \* in the land of the living.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Antiphon:* Woe is me, O Lord, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech.

#### *Psalm 120*

When I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord, \* and He heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, \* and from a deceitful tongue.

What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? \* even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech, \* and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!

My soul hath long dwelt among them \* that are enemies unto peace.

I labour for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, \* they make them ready to battle.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* Woe is me, O Lord, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech.

*Antiphon:* The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He that shall keep my soul.

*Psalm 121*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; \* from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, \* who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; \* and He that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord Himself is thy keeper; \* the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, \* neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; \* yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He that shall keep my soul.

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

*Psalm 130*

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I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him; \* in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, \* and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel \* from all his sins.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

*Antiphon:* Despise not, O Lord, the works of Thine own hands.

*Psalm 138*

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; \* even before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy Name, because of Thy loving-kindness and truth; \* for Thou hast magnified Thy Name, and Thy word, above all things.

When I called upon Thee, Thou heardest me; \* and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord; \* for they have heard the words of Thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly; \* as for the proud, He beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt Thou refresh me; \* Thou shalt stretch forth Thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good His loving-kindness toward me; \* yea, Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of Thine own hands.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* Despise not, O Lord, the works of Thine own hands.

P. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me

R. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

*Antiphon:* All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me: and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.

### *Magnificat*

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded \* the lowliness of His hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth \* all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me; \* and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him \* throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm; \* He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel; \* as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me: and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.

P. 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.

R. But deliver us from evil.

P. From the gate of hell,

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

P. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

### *Collect*

**A**BSOLVE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the soul of Thy servant *Name*, that being dead to the world, *he* may live to Thee; and whatsoever through carnal frailness *he* hath committed in *his* earthly conversation, do Thou by the pardon of Thy most merciful goodness cleanse away.

Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *Or the priest may choose to use instead the following Collect:*

**O** GOD, whose property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, we humbly entreat Thee for the soul of Thy servant *Name*, which Thou hast this day commanded to depart from this world; Deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, neither forget it at the last, but command that it be received by Thy holy Angels and brought into the fatherland of paradise; that forasmuch as *he* hoped and believed in Thee, *he* may not undergo the pains of hell, but may obtain everlasting felicity. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### *Prayer for the Departed in General*

Let us pray.

#### *Collect*

**O** GOD, who didst cause Thy servants to enjoy the dignity of Bishops or Priests in the apostolic ministry; grant, we beseech Thee, that they may be evermore joined unto the fellowship of the same. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *The priest and all the faithful shall pray together:*

**O** GOD, the Giver of pardon and Lover of man's salvation, we beseech Thee of Thy mercy to grant that the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world, may, at the intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin and of all Thy Saints, attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. *Amen.*

P. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.  
P. May they rest in peace.  
R. Amen.

- *Note: Since the foregoing is the Office of the Dead at Vespers, it may be recited on the evening before the day of burial. In that case it is customary, when possible, to recite it in the presence of the body.*
- *Note, further: That when this Office is not used on the day of burial, or on the evening before, Psalm 146 is added after the Magnificat, Antiphon, and Lord's Prayer.*