

Bosco Joseph Paul Cooper

Stillborn April 20, 2021

Our beloved son was stillborn into Dee's hands at 7:30 pm on 4/20/21, 4lbs., 4oz. I wrote the following for him.

O the sounds I long to hear

A Song for My Son

Kody W. Cooper

Soft breathing, mattress crinkle, late night cries.
Shush and soothing suckle, mama's lullabies.

O the sounds I long to hear.

The ascent of the stairs, the last few steps' squeak,
Across wood floor, the pitter-pattering feet.

O the sounds I long to hear.

Games of "Tiger Cage," the roar and the chase.
The squeals and the laughter, getting back to base.

O the sounds I long to hear.

Bedtime earthquakes, prayer responses, tired eyes,
"I love you, Dada," as I turn off lights.

O the sounds I long to hear.

The whiffs and the whooshes of your first swings,
And when the ball dances and metal bat sings.

O the sounds I long to hear.

"Watch this trick Dada, I can jump so high."
"Daddy, watch me! I'm going down the slide!"

O the sounds I long to hear.

Wrestling with your brothers, grappling boys.
Crying when you lose, fighting over toys.

O the sounds I long to hear.

Giggling with your sisters, making up rhymes.
Chasing them about, slippery rock climbs.

O the sounds I long to hear.

Board game cheers, first time you ever beat dad.
(Obviously you cheated, but I'm glad.)

O the sounds I long to hear.

Your feet marching in our little platoon,
Head's and heart's virtues growing, in Love's womb

O the sounds I long to hear.

Your questions about this and about that.
Discussions and arguments we'll never have.

O the sounds I long to hear.

The cries of skinned knees, and your first heartbreak.
The cries of your mom on your wedding day.

O the sounds I long to hear.

The cries of the babies you'll never have.
Their pitter-patters, and Love-you-Granddads.

O the sounds I long to hear.

The words and songs of the man I'd have raised...

O how I desire to hear from him!

The person who, instead, for us now prays.

O the sounds I long to hear.

Baptized by our desire, Bosco Joseph Paul—
Entrusted to whom loved least of us, all—
The choirs of angels rang out, my son.
With them and the saints you're called by the One.

O the sounds I long to hear.

The song they sang for you, Lully Lullay
Your brothers and sisters' loving good-bye.

O the sounds I long to hear.

Laughter with Herod's victims, Glory Be.
Praying for us till we rise from the East.

O the sounds I long to hear.

At last we'll meet again, and I'll hear your voice.
And together, forever, we shall rejoice.

O the sounds I long to hear!



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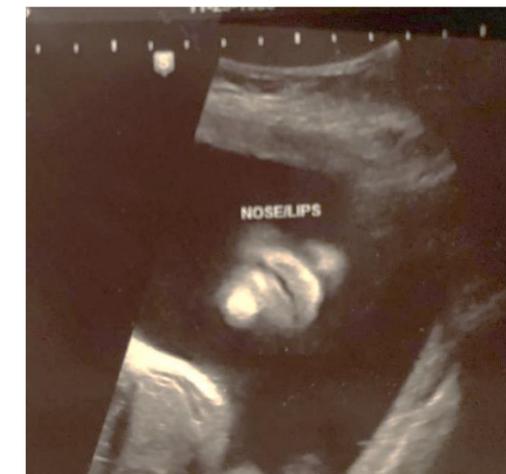
RITE FOR BURIAL OF CHILDREN

EXTRAORDINARY FORM

VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS

BURIAL AT MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY

APRIL 24, 2021



BOSCO JOSEPH PAUL COOPER

STILLBORN APRIL 20, 2021

Very Rev. J. David Carter, JCL, JV, Pastor and Rector

Celebrant

Cormac Cooper (brother) Charles Kennedy Joseph Kennedy Tim Schultz James Shafer

Altar Servers

David Catabui (cousin)

Organist

David Catabui Maria Rist

Cantors

Rite for Burial of Children

Ordo sepeliendi parvulos	Rite for Burial of Children
<p data-bbox="201 264 522 300">De Exsequiis Parvulorum</p> <p data-bbox="201 338 794 762">1. In primis admonendi sunt Parochi, ut juxta vetustam et laudabilem Ecclesiarum consuetudinem, parvulorum corpuscula non sepeliantur in communibus et promiscuis Coemeteriorum et Ecclesiarum sepulturis; sed ut pro illis in parochialibus Ecclesiis, aut illarum Coemeteriis, quatenus commode fieri potest, speciales et separatos ab aliis loculos et sepulturas habeant, seu fieri curent, in quibus non sepeliantur, nisi qui baptizati fuerint infantes, vel pueri, qui ante annos discretionis obierunt.</p> <p data-bbox="201 800 781 909">2. In funere parvulorum ut plurimum non pulsantur campanae; quod si pulsentur, non sono lugubri, sed potius festivo pulsari debent.</p>	<p data-bbox="820 338 1411 690">1. First of all let it be the concern of pastors that, in compliance with ancient and praiseworthy ecclesiastical custom, the bodies of little children are not interred in that part of the cemetery which is used for the general public. Rather, as far as possible, they should have their own special and separate plot, where none but baptized infants and children who die before attaining the use of reason should be buried.</p> <p data-bbox="820 800 1414 909">2. At funerals of children the church bells, if rung, ought not to be tolled but rather rung out in festive tones.</p> <p data-bbox="820 947 1414 1371">(The rite given here for the burial of a child is not to be regarded as a prayer of petition of the Church for the soul of the child. Rather, it is to be seen as a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for having taken the child to the glory and happiness of everlasting life. Viewed in this light Catholic parents will desire that a child of theirs be laid to rest with these beautiful prayers and ceremonies, in full accord with the mind of the Church. In this very act of giving glory to God they will find resignation to His will, and with it peace and consolation for themselves.)</p>
<p data-bbox="201 1446 516 1482">Ordo sepeliendi parvulos</p> <p data-bbox="201 1520 790 1839">Cum igitur infans vel puer baptizatus defunctus fuerit ante usum rationis, induitur juxta aetatem, et imponitur ei corona de floribus, seu de herbis aromaticis et odoriferis, in signum integritatis carnis et virginitatis; et Parochus superpelliceo et stola alba indutus, et alii de Clero, si adsint, praecedente cruce, quae sine hasta defertur, accedunt ad domum defuncti, cum Clerico aspersionem deferente.</p>	<p data-bbox="820 1409 1294 1493">Rites at the Home (or at the doors of the church)</p> <p data-bbox="820 1520 1411 1906">1. When a baptized infant or child dies before attaining the age of reason, the body is clothed as befits its age, and around it are placed flowers or fragrant herbs or greens, in token of the child's integrity and virginal purity. The pastor, vested in surplice and white stole, goes to the home of the deceased. He should be accompanied by other clergy if they are available, one of whom carries the aspersion. The procession is led by the cross-bearer who carries a cross that has no shaft.</p>

Sacerdos aspergit corpus, deinde dicit:

Antiphona: Sit nomen Domini benedictum, ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

Psalmus 112.

Laudate pueri Dominum: * laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in saeculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum, * laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus: * et super caelos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat, * et humilia respicit in caelo, et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem: * et de stercore erigens pauperem:

Ut collocet eum cum principibus, * cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, * matrem filiorum laetantem.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, * et Spiritui sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, * et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Antiphona: Sit nomen Domini benedictum, ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

The priest sprinkles the body as he intones the following antiphon, which is then continued by the choir:

Antiphon: Blessed be the name of the Lord, * both now and forevermore.

Psalm 112

P: Praise, you servants of the Lord, * praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord, * both now and forevermore.

P: From the rising to the setting of the sun * is the name of the Lord to be praised.

All: High above all nations is the Lord; * above the heavens in His glory.

P: Who is like the Lord, our God, who is enthroned on high * and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

All: He raises up the lowly from the dust * He lifts up the poor from the dunghill.

P: To seat them with princes, * with the princes of His own people.

All: He establishes in her home the barren wife * as the joyful mother of children.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forever. Amen.

All: Ant. Blessed be the name of the Lord, * both now and forevermore.

Cum autem pervenerit ad Ecclesiam, dicatur:

Antiphona.

Hic (haec) accipiet benedictionem a Domino, et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo: quia haec est generatio quaerentium Dominum.

Psalmus 23.

Domini est terra, et plenitudo ejus: * orbis terrarum, et universi, qui habitant in eo.

Quia ipse super maria fundavit eum: * et super Flumina praeeparavit eum.

Quis ascendet in montem Domini? * aut quis stabit in loco sancto ejus?

Innocens manibus et mundo corde, + qui non accepit in vano animam suam, * nec juravit in dolo proximo suo.

Hic accipiet benedictionem a Domino: * et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo.

Haec est generatio quaerentium eum, * quaerentium faciem Dei Jacob.

Attollite portas principes vestras, + et elevamini portae aeternales: * et introibit Rex gloriae.

Quis est iste Rex gloriae? + Dominus fortis et potens: * Dominus potens in praelio.

Attollite portas principes vestras, et elevamini portae aeternales: * et introibit Rex gloriae.

Procession into the Church (or at the Altar Rail)

As the procession enters the church (or at the altar rail) the following antiphon and psalm are sung:

Antiphon

All: This child shall receive a blessing from the Lord, * a reward from God, his (her) Savior; such is the race that seeks the Lord.

Psalm 23

P: The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; * the world and those who dwell in it.

All: For He founded it upon the seas * and established it upon the rivers.

P: Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? * or who may stand in His holy place?

All: He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, + who desires not what is vain, * nor swears deceitfully to his neighbor.

P: He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, * a reward from God, his Savior.

All: Such is the race that seeks for Him, * that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

P: Lift up, O gates, your lintels; + reach up, you ancient portals, * that the king of glory may come in!

All: "Who is this king of glory?" + "The Lord, strong and mighty, * the Lord, mighty in battle."

P: Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, * that the king of glory may come in!

Quis est iste Rex gloriae? * Dominus virtutum ipse est Rex gloriae.

Gloria Patri, et Filio * et Spiritui sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, * et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Antiphona. Hic (haec) accipiet benedictionem a Domino, et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo: quia haec est generatio quaerentium Dominum.

All: "Who is this king of glory?" * "The Lord of hosts; He is the king of glory."

P: Glory be to the Father...

All: As it was in the beginning.

All: Ant. This child shall receive a blessing from the Lord, * a reward from God, his (her) Savior; such is the race that seeks the Lord.

(The Roman Ritual does not say where the coffin is to be placed; nor that Mass is to be celebrated; nor that incense is to be used. In the U. S., however, custom dictates that the coffin is arranged as at adult burial and four lighted candles are placed around it; also that incense is used. And in many places Mass is offered, the Votive Mass of the Angels. If Mass is celebrated it should follow at this time. The service in church is then concluded with the blessing of the body, before it is taken to the cemetery.)

VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS

Psalm 102. 20, 1 INTROIT

BENEDÍCITE Dóminum, omnes Angeli ejus: poténtes virtúte, qui fáctis verbum ejus, ad audiéndam vocem sermónum ejus. (T.P. Alleluia, alleluia.) Ps. Benedic, anima mea, Dómino: et ómnia, quæ intra me sunt, nómini sancto ejus. Glória Patri.

Bless the Lord, all ye His angels; you that are mighty in strength and execute His word hearkening to the voice of His orders. (P.T. Alleluia, alleluia.) Ps. Bless the Lord, O my soul and let all that is within me bless His holy name. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

DEUS, qui, miro órdine, Angelórum ministéria hominúmque dispénsas: concéde propítius; ut, a quibus tibi ministrántibus in cælo semper assistitur, ab his in terra vita nostra muniátur. Per Dóminum nostrum.

Lord, Thou hast arranged the service of angels and men in a wonderful harmony; grant in Thy mercy that those, who always serve before Thee in heaven, may be the protectors of our life on earth. Through our Lord.

Apocalypse 5. 11-14 EPISTLE

IN diébus illis: Audívi vocem Angelórum multórum in circúitu throni, et animálium, et seniórum: et erat númerus eórum millia millium, dicentium voce magna: Dignus est Agnus, qui occisus est, accipere virtútem, et divinitátem, et sapiéntiam, et fortitúdinem, et honórem, et glóriam, at benedictiónem. Et omnem creatúram, qua in cælo est, at super terram, et sub terra, et quæ sunt in mari, et qua in eo omnes audiui dicentes: Sedénti in throno, et Agno: benedictio, et honor, et glória, et potéstas in sæcula sæculórum. Et quátuor animalia dicébant: Amen. Et vigintiquátuor senióres ceciderunt in fácies suas: et adoravérunt vivéntem in sæcula sæculórum.

In those days, I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the living creatures and the ancients; and the number of them was thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and benediction. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them: I heard all saying: To Him that sitteth on the throne, and to the Lamb, benediction, and honour, and glory and power, for ever and ever. And the four living creatures said: Amen. And the four and twenty ancients fell down on their faces, and adored Him that liveth for ever and ever.

During Eastertide the Gradual is omitted and the following Alleluia is said:

Psalm 137. 1-2; Matthew 28. 2 PASCHAL ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA, alleluia. V. In conspéctu Angelórum psallam tibi: adorábo ad templum sanctum tuum, et confitébor nómini tuo. Alleluia. V. Angelus Dómini descéndit de cælo, et accedens revólvit lápidem, et sedébat super eum. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. I will sing praise to Thee in the sight of the angels: I will worship towards Thy holy temple, and I will give glory to Thy name. Alleluia. V. An angel of the Lord descended from heaven: and coming rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. Alleluia.

John 1.47-51 GOSPEL

IN illo tēpore: Vidit Jesu Nathánael veniētem ad se, et dicit de eo: Ecce vere Isrāelita, in quo dolus non est. Dicit ei Nathánael: Unde me nosti? Respōdit Jesus, et dixit ei: Priusquam te Philippus vocāret, cum esses sub ficu, vidi te. Respōdit ei Nathánael, et ait: Rabbi, tu es Filius Dei, tu es Rex Isrāel. Respōdit Jesus, et dixit ei: Quia dixi tibi: Vidi te sub ficu, credis: majus his vidēbis. Et dicit ei: Amen, amen dico vobis, vidēbitis cælum apértum, et Angelos Dei ascendētes, et descendētes supra Fílium hómīnis.

At that time, Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him: and He saith of him: Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile. Nathanael saith to Him: Whence knowest Thou me? Jesus answered, and said to him: Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered Him, and said: Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God, Thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered, and said to him: Because I said unto thee: I saw thee under the fig-tree, thou believest: greater things than these shalt thou see. And He said to him: Amen, amen I say to you, you shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Apocalypse 8. 3, 4 OFFERTORY

STETT Angelus juxta aram templi, habens thuribulum áureum in manu sua: et data suet ei incensa multa: et ascēdit fumus arómatum in conspectu Dei. (T.P. Allelúia.)

An angel stood near the altar of the temple, having a golden censer in his hand; and there was given to him much incense: and the smoke of the perfumes ascended before God. (P.T. Alleluia.)

HÓSTIAS tibi, Dómine, laudis offérimus, suppliciter deprecāntes: ut eásdem, angélico pro nobis interveniēte suffrágio, et placátus accípias, et ad salútem nostram prove-nire concédas. Per Dóminum.

SECRET

We offer to Thee, Lord, a sacrifice of praise, and humbly beseech Thee, that through the prayers of the angels who plead for us, Thou would be appeased, and would receive it, and grant that it may avail for our salvation. Through our Lord.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, odorant Dominatiōnes, tremunt Potestates. Cæli, cælorumque Virtutes ac beata Seraphim socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplicii confessione dicentes:

COMMON PREFACE

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, through Christ our Lord: through Whom Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominations worship, Powers stand in awe: the Heavens and the hosts of heaven with blessed Seraphim unite, exult, and celebrate; and we entreat that Thou wouldst bid our voices also to be heard with theirs, singing with lowly praise:

Tobias 12. 6 COMMUNION

ANGELI, Archángeli, Throni et Dominatiōnes, Principátus et Potestates, Virtutes ce iórum, Cherubim atque Séraphim, Dóminum benedicite in setérnum. (T.P. Allelúia.)

Angels, Archangels, Thrones and Dominations, Principalities, and Powers, the Virtues of the heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, bless the Lord for ever! (P.T. Alleluia.)

REPLÉTI, Dómine, benedictiōne cælésti, suppliciter implorámus: ut, quod frágili celebrámus officio, sanctórum Angelórum atque Archangelórum nobis prodésse sentiámus auxilió. Per Dóminum.

POSTCOMMUNION

We who are filled with blessings from heaven, humbly entreat Thee, Lord, that what we celebrate with this poor worship of ours, may become of profit to us by the help of the holy angels and archangels. Through our Lord.

Postea dicitur:

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster. secreto.

Interim corpus aspergit.

S: Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R: Sed libera nos a malo.

S: Me autem propter innocentiam suscepisti.

R: Et confirmasti me in conspectu tuo in aeternum.

The Blessing of the Body

Before sprinkling the body with holy water and incensing it, the priest chants:

P: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P: Our Father (the rest inaudibly until:)

He then sprinkles the body with holy water and incenses it; after which he says:

P: And lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

P: You have taken me because of my innocence.

All: And have placed me in your sight forever.

S: Dominus vobiscum.

R: Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus. Omnipotens et mitissime Deus, qui omnibus parvulis renatis fonte Baptismatis, dum migrant a saeculo, sine ullis eorum meritis, vitam illico largiris aeternam, sicut animae hujus parvuli hodie credimus te fecisse: fac nos, quaesumus Domine, per intercessionem beatae Mariae semper Virginis, et omnium Sanctorum tuorum, hic purificatis tibi mentibus famulari, et in paradiso cum beatis parvulis perenniter sociari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R: Amen.

Dum portatur ad tumulum, et etiamsi tunc non portetur, dicitur:

Antiphona. Iuvenes et virgines, senes cum iunioribus laudent nomen Domini.

Psalmus 148.

Laudate Dominum de caelis: * laudate eum in excelsis.

Laudate eum omnes Angeli ejus: * laudate eum omnes virtutes ejus.

Laudate eum sol et luna: * laudate eum omnes stellae, et lumen.

Laudate eum caeli caelorum: * et aquae omnes, quae super caelos sunt, laudent nomen Domini.

Quia ipse dixit, et facta sunt: * ipse mandavit, et creata sunt.

Statuit ea in aeternum, et in saeculum saeculi: * praeceptum posuit, et non praeteribit.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty and all loving God, we know that whenever a little child, reborn in the font of baptism, departs this life, you forthwith bestow on him the gift of everlasting life, for no merits of his own; and so we believe that you have given it today to the soul of this child. Thus we beg you, O Lord, through the intercession of the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, to help us serve you with pure hearts here on earth, and to unite us forever with the blessed little ones in Paradise; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Procession to the Cemetery

The following antiphon and psalm are sung while the body is being carried out to the cemetery; or if this is deferred they are sung in church:

All: Ant. Let young men and maidens, old men and boys, * praise the name of the Lord.

Psalm 148

P: Praise the Lord from the heavens, * praise Him in the heights;

All: Praise Him, all you His Angels, * praise Him, all you His hosts.

P: Praise Him, sun and moon; * praise Him, all you shining stars.

All: Praise Him, you highest heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, * for He commanded and they were created;

All: He established them forever and ever; * He gave them a duty which shall not pass away.

Laudate Dominum de terra, * dracones et omnes abyssi:

P: Praise the Lord from the earth, * you sea monsters and all depths;

Ignis, grando, nix, glacies, spiritus procellarum: * quae faciunt verbum eius:

All: Fire and hail, snow and mist, * storm winds that fulfill His word;

Montes, et omnes colles: * ligna fructifera, et omnes cedri.

P: You mountains and all you hills, * you fruit trees and all you cedars;

Bestiae, et universa pecora: * serpentes, et volucres pennatae:

All: You wild beasts and all tame animals, * you creeping things and you winged fowl.

Reges terrae, et omnes populi: * principes, et omnes iudices terrae.

P: Let the kings of the earth and all peoples, * the princes and all the judges of the earth,

Juvenes, et virgines, + senes cum junioribus laudent nomen Domini: * quia exaltatum est nomen eius solius.

All: Young men too, and maidens, + old men and boys praise the name of the Lord, * for His name alone is exalted;

Confessio ejus super caelum et terram: * et exaltavit cornu populi sui.

P: His majesty is above earth and heaven, * and He has lifted up the horn of His people.

Hymnus omnibus sanctis ejus: * filiis Israel, populo appropinquanti sibi.

All: Be this His praise from all His faithful ones, * from the children of Israel, the people close

Gloria Patri, et Filio, * et Spiritui sancto:

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, * et in Saecula saeculorum. Amen.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphona. Juvenes et virgines, senes cum iunioribus laudent nomen Domini.

All: Ant. Let young men and maidens, old men and boys, * praise the name of the Lord.

At the Grave

The Roman Ritual makes no provision for the blessing of the grave; but the Collectio Rituum U.S.A. gives the following blessing:

Let us pray. Lord, be pleased to bless this grave, and set your holy angel to watch over it; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Pater noster. **secreto.**

S: Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R: Sed libera nos a malo.

S: Sinite parvulos venire ad me.

R: Talium est enim regnum caelorum.

S: Dominus vobiscum.

R: Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus. Omnipotens, sempiternus Deus,
sanctae puritatis amator, qui animam hujus
parvuli ad caelorum regnum hodie
misericorditer vocare dignatus es: digneris etiam
Domine, ita nobiscum misericorditer
agere, ut meritis tuae sanctissimae passionis, et
intercessione beatae Mariae semper Virginis, et
omnium Sanctorum tuorum, in eodem regno
nos cum omnibus Sanctis et Electis tuis semper
facias congaudere: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo
Patre in unitate Spiritus sancti Deus, per omnia
saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

**3. Deinde Sacerdos corpus aspergat aqua
benedicta, et thurificet, similiter et tumulum:
postea sepeliatur.**

**4. Cum autem a sepultura revertuntur in
Ecclesiam, dicatur:**

Antiphona. Benedicite Dominum, omnes electi
ejus: agite dies laetitiae, et confitemini illi.
Canticum trium puerorum. Dan. 3: 57-88, 56

**The priest sprinkles the grave with holy water;
after which he says:**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy. Our Father (**the rest inaudibly
until:**)

P: And lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

P: Let little children come to me.

All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty everlasting God, and
lover of holy purity, who in your merciful
providence have today called the soul of this
child to the kingdom of heaven, be pleased,
Lord, to extend your mercy also to us; so that,
by the merits of your sacred passion and the
intercession of blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, and
of all your saints, we too may have lasting joy in
that kingdom, in the company of all your saints
and your elect. We ask this of you who live and
reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

**3. The body is then sprinkled with holy water
and incensed, and along with it the grave. After
this the body is interred.**

**4. This rubric in the 1952 edition of the Roman
Ritual directs that the celebrant and his
ministers recite the Canticle of the Three
Youths as they return to the church. But
according to "Ephemerides Liturgicae" 77.3
(1963) 188-89, it may now be omitted.**

Ant. Bless the Lord, all his chosen ones.
Celebrate a feast of gladness and praise the Lord.
Canticum of the Three Young Men. Dan. 3: 57-88,56

Benedicite omnia opera Domini Domino: *
laudate et superexaltate eum in saecula.

Benedicite Angeli Domini Domino: *
benedicite caeli Domino.

Benedicite aquae omnes, quae super caelos
sunt, Domino: *
benedicite omnes virtutes Domini Domino.

Benedicite sol, et luna Domino: *
benedicite stellae caeli Domino.

Benedicite omnis imber, et ros Domino: *
benedicite omnes spiritus Dei Domino.

Benedicite ignis, et aestus Domino: *
benedicite frigus, et aestus Domino.

Benedicite rores, et pruina Domino: *
benedicite gelu, et frigus Domino.

Benedicite glacies, et nives Domino: *
benedicite noctes, et dies Domino.

Benedicite lux, et tenebrae Domino: *
benedicite fulgura, et nubes Domino.

Benedicat terra Dominum: *
laudet, et super exaltet eum in saecula.

Benedicite montes, et colles Domino: *
benedicite universa germinantia in terra
Domino.

Benedicite fontes Domino: * benedicite maria,
et flumina Domino.

Benedicite cete, et omnia, quae moventur in
aquis, Domino: *
benedicite omnes volucres caeli Domino.

Benedicite omnes bestiae, et pecora Domino: *
benedicite filii hominum Domino.

Benedicat Israel Dominum: *
laudet et superexaltet eum in saecula.

All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord: *
praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: *
O ye heavens, bless the Lord.

O all ye waters that are above the heavens,
bless the Lord: *
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless the Lord: .

O ye sun and moon, bless the Lord: *
O ye stars of heaven, bless the Lord: .

O every shower and dew, bless the Lord: *
O all ye spirits of God, bless the Lord.

O ye fire and heat, bless the Lord: *
O ye cold and heat, bless the Lord.

O ye dews and hoar frosts, bless the Lord: *
O ye frost and cold, bless the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, bless the Lord: *
O ye nights and days, bless the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, bless the Lord: *
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

O let the earth bless the Lord: *
praise and exalt him above all forever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless the Lord: *
O all ye things that spring up in the earth,
bless the Lord.

O ye fountains, bless the Lord: *
O ye seas and rivers, bless the Lord.

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters,
bless the Lord: *
O all ye fowl of the air, bless the Lord.

O all ye beass and cattle, bless the Lord: *
O ye sons of men, bless the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord: *
praise and exalt him above all forever.

Benedicite sacerdotes Domini Domino: *
benedicite servi Domini Domino.

Benedicite spiritus, et animae justorum
Domino: *
benedicite sancti, et humiles corde Domino.

Benedicite Anania, Azaria, Misael Domino: *
laudate et superexaltate eum in saecula.

Benedicamus Patrem et Filium cum sancto
Spiritu: *
laudemus et superexaltemus eum in saecula.

Benedictus es Domine in firmamento caeli: *
et laudabilis, et gloriosus, et superexaltatus in
saecula.

Antiphona. Benedicite Dominum, omnes electi
ejus: agite dies laetitiae, et confitemini illi.

Deinde ante Altare dicit Sacerdos:

S: Dominus vobiscum.

R: Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus. Deus, qui miro ordine Angelorum
ministeria, hominumque dispensas: concede
propitius; ut a quibus tibi ministrantibus in
caelo semper assistitur, ab his in terra vita
nostra muniatur. Per Christum Dominum
nostrum.

R: Amen.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: *
O ye servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord: *
O ye holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael bless ye the Lord: *
praise and exalt him above all forever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy
Ghost: *
let us praise and exalt him above all forever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: *
and worthy of praise, and glorious for ever.

*On returning to the church the priest says the
following prayer before the altar:
(or at the graveside if not returning to the church:)*

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Let us pray. God, who in a marvellous way
have disposed the ministries of angels and of
men, mercifully grant that our life on earth may
be under the protection of those who minister
to you in heaven; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*5. The rite given above is to be observed also
when a deacon presides at this function. A
deacon may act in this capacity with the
permission of the Ordinary or the pastor,
which permission can be granted for a serious
reason. In a case of necessity this may lawfully
be presumed.*