



**LITURGICAL NOTES AND RESOURCE MATERIALS
FOR USE UPON THE DEATH OF THE POPE**

**NOTAS LITÚRGICAS Y MATERIALES
PARA EMPLEARSE TRAS LA MUERTE DE UN PAPA**



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Upon News of the Pope's Death

Upon the death of the Pope, the Diocesan Bishop should contact all the parishes and parochial schools asking for immediate prayers for the deceased Pontiff. The custom of praying the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be to the Father a number of times is to be encouraged, especially with school children. The deceased Pontiff should be prayed for in the recitation of the Rosary.

Both the Diocesan Bishop and priests in every parish might consider offering a special Mass for the deceased Pope. Mass offered by the Diocesan Bishop at the Cathedral or in each Vicariate for the attendance of as many of the faithful as possible, is desirable.

Care should be taken that such a Mass be celebrated according to the norms of the liturgical calendar.

Prayers to Be Used From the *Roman Missal*

Various Prayers for the Dead in the *Roman Missal* include those for a Pope (three forms A,B,C). They can be found in the section, "Masses For the Dead, Various Prayers for the Dead."

A

**Opening Prayer: God our Father,
 you reward all who believe in you.
 May your servant, N., our Pope, vicar of Peter,
 and shepherd of your Church,
 who faithfully administered the mysteries of your
 forgiveness and love on earth,
 rejoice with you for ever in heaven.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Prayer over the Lord,
Gifts by this sacrifice which brings us peace,
 give your servant, N., our Pope
 the reward of eternal happiness
 and let your mercy win for us
 the gift of your life and love.
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord.**

**Prayer After
Communion**

**Lord,
you renew us with the sacrament of your divine life.
Hear our prayers for your servant N., our Pope.
You made him the center of the unity of your Church on earth,
count him now among the flock of the blessed in your kingdom.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

B

Opening Prayer

**Father,
in your wise and loving care
you made your servant, N., Pope and teacher of all your Church.
He did the work of Christ on earth.
May your Son now welcome him to eternal glory,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Prayer over the
Gifts**

**Lord,
look with kindness on the prayers and gifts of your Church.
By the power of this sacrifice
may your servant N.,
whom you appointed high priest of your flock
be counted now among your priests in the life of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.**

**Prayer After
Communion**

**Lord,
hear the prayers of the people you feed
with the gifts of your protection and love.
May your servant N.
who was a faithful minister of your mysteries on earth
praise your goodness for ever in the glory of your saints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

C

Opening Prayer **Father,
eternal shepherd,
hear the prayers of your people
for your servant N.,
who governed the Church with love.
In your loving mercy bring him with the flock entrusted to
his care
to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Prayer Over
the Gifts** **Lord,
in your love receive this sacrifice of peace your people offer.
We entrust your servant N. to your mercy
with faith and confidence.
In the human family he was an instrument of
your peace and love.
May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Prayer After
Communion** **Lord,
at this meal of eternal life
we ask your mercy for your servant N.
May he rejoice for ever in the possession of that truth
in which he made your people strong by his faith.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

The *Order of Christian Funerals* also provides a prayer for a deceased Pope in paragraph 398, no.14:

**O God,
from whom the just receive an unfailing reward,
grant that your servant N., our Pope,
whom you made vicar of Peter and shepherd of your Church,
may rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory,
for he was a faithful steward here on earth
of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

The Homily

The homily at this Mass should highlight how the mystery of Jesus' victorious death and resurrection was present in the life of the Pope. The efforts of the Pontiff to achieve peace in the world, as well as his ecumenical outreach might be highlighted. His faithfulness to the proclamation of the Paschal mystery as well as his constant care, concern and outreach for the poor, the sick, and oppressed should be central topics. The homily may also assist the Church face this moment in great hope. If the Diocesan Bishop has any personal reflections about the Holy Father, these would be more appropriately offered following the Prayer after Communion.

Any one of the Prefaces for Christian Death (P77 - P81) may be used.

Liturgy of the Hours

It should also be kept in mind that either Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer of the Office of the Dead (paragraphs 348 - 395 of the *Order of Christian Funerals*) may be appropriately celebrated for the deceased Pope using the prayers mentioned above. Following the reading, a brief homily may be given. After the concluding prayer and before the dismissal, the Diocesan Bishop may speak in remembrance of the deceased Pope.

General Intercessions

At all the Masses celebrated during the time of mourning after the Pope's death petitions can be offered in the General Intercessions. The following are provided as suggestions:

- That Pope N., called to the heavenly kingdom by the Lord, may rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven, we pray to the Lord.
- That Pope N., who served the Church as Supreme Pontiff for so many years, may worship God for ever in the liturgy of heaven, we pray to the Lord.
- That the tireless efforts of Pope N., now called to the Lord, may bear fruit in unity, peace and love among all men and women, we pray to the Lord.
- For Pope N., who boldly proclaimed the Gospel to all ends of the earth, that he may rejoice forever in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Other Suggestions

If there is time, memorial cards might be printed with the deceased Pope's picture and a brief biography on the back. One of the prayers cited above may be placed on the card. In the church sanctuary, a fitting picture of the deceased Pontiff might be discreetly placed on view.

During the Time of Election of a New Pope

After the Conclave has begun, both the Diocesan Bishop and priests in every parish might consider offering a special Mass for the election of the Pope, according to the guidelines of the Liturgical Calendar. Mass offered by the Diocesan Bishop at the Cathedral or in each Vicariate for the attendance of as many of the faithful as possible, is desirable. The Mass for the Election of a Pope or Bishop (found in the section Masses and Prayers for Various Occasions in the *Roman Missal*) may be celebrated.

Opening Prayer **Lord God,
you are our eternal shepherd and guide.
In your mercy grant your Church a shepherd
who will walk in your ways
and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Prayer Over
Gifts** **Lord,
bless us with the fullness of your love.
By these gifts we offer you,
give us the joy of having a shepherd to lead your Church
who will be pleasing and acceptable to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Prayer After
Communion** **Lord,
you renew us with this saving sacrament
of the body and blood of your Son.
In your love for us
give us the joy of receiving a shepherd
who will be an example of goodness to your people
and fill our hearts and minds with the trust of the gospel.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.**

The proper readings may be found in Volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass, nos.833 - 837.

The Homily

The homily could offer the opportunity to reflect on the Petrine ministry and its role within the Church. It also affords the homilist an opportunity to instruct the faithful in the relationship between the local and the universal Church.

The Liturgy of the Hours

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer may also be celebrated and on days when there is no obligatory memorial, feasts or solemnities, the closing prayer may be taken from the Mass for the Election of a Pope or Bishop.

The faithful should be exhorted to offer their private prayers, works and almsgiving for the successful election of a new Supreme Pontiff. The simple custom of frequently praying the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father for this intention is encouraged. The election of the new Pope should be prayed for in the recitation of the Rosary.

General Intercessions

Petitions, such as the following, may be offered in the General Intercessions:

- That the Holy Spirit will inspire and strengthen the cardinal - electors as they chose a new Holy Father to lead us, we pray to the Lord.
- That the College of Cardinals in its electoral process may be a worthy vehicle of God's grace guiding the Church, we pray to the Lord.
- That the Holy Spirit will work strongly in the next Pope chosen by the College of Cardinals, we pray to the Lord.

Upon the Election of A New Pope

Upon the election of the new Pope, both the Diocesan Bishop and priests in every parish might consider offering a special Mass for the newly elected Pope according to the guidelines of the Liturgical Calendar. Mass offered by the Diocesan Bishop at the Cathedral or in each Vicariate for the attendance of as many of the faithful, as possible, is desirable. If it is the day of the election of the Pope, then the Mass for the Pope (especially on the anniversary of election) is appropriate. This Mass can not be used on the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter, solemnities, Ash Wednesday, and the weekdays of Holy Week. The Mass text is found in the section, "Masses and Prayers for Various Occasions" in the *Roman Missal*.

Opening Prayer **Father of providence,
look with love on N., our Pope,
your appointed successor to St. Peter
on whom you built your Church.
May he be the visible center and foundation
of our unity in faith and love.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Prayer Over
The Gifts** **Lord,
be pleased with our gifts
and give guidance to your holy Church
together with N., our Pope,
to whom you have entrusted the care of your flock.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

**Prayer After
Communion** **God our Father,
we have eaten at your holy table.
By the power of this sacrament,
make your Church firm in unity and love,
and grant strength and salvation
to your servant N.,
together with the flock you have entrusted to his care.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

Again, the faithful should be exhorted to pray for the newly - elected Holy Father in their private prayers. The recitation of the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be to the Father for the intentions of the Pope is encouraged. The newly - elected Pope should be prayed for in the recitation of the Rosary.

General Intercessions

Some of the following petitions might be used in the General Intercessions:

- For our new Holy Father, N. , that he may be strengthened as he embarks on his ministry of unity, love and peace, we pray to the Lord.
- That our recently elected Holy Father, N. , working together with the bishops of the Church, may build up the Body of Christ in peace and in joy, we pray to the Lord.
- That our newly elected Holy Father N., may be a champion of the poor, a reconciler of nations and a force for peace and unity in our world, we pray to the Lord.

**LIMITED LISTING OF MUSICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE TIME OF
THE POPE'S DEATH UNTIL THE ELECTION OF THE NEW POPE**

**LISTA BREVE DE RECURSOS MUSICALES DISPONIBLES AL MOMENTO DE LA
MUERTE DE UN PAPA HASTA LA ELECCIÓN DEL NUEVO**

GIA

**Music for a Church in Mourning Upon News of A Pope's Death
Música para una Iglesia en duelo tras confirmarse la muerte del Papa**

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| Rest in Peace | Words: Green; Music:Widmar |
| Go Silent Friend | Bell |
| Lord Our God, Receive Your Servant | Bell |
| The Last Journey | Bell |
| Blessed Are Those Who Mourn | Haas |
| Carry Us in Your Arms | Janco |
| Come to Me, O Weary Traveler | Words: Dunstan; Music: Janco |
| Ecce Fidelis Servus | Faure |
| Eternal Light | Marshall |
| Gospel Acclamation for Funerals | Batastini |
| How Deep the Riches | O'Brien |
| Like the Deer / Como el ciervo | Psalm 42;Witchger |
| O Lord Support Us | Proulx |
| Pie Jesu | Faure |
| Psalm 121: The Lord Will Keep You | Proulx |
| Shepherd Me, O God | Haugen |
| Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord | Gelineau |
| Sing with All the Saints in Glory | HYMN TO JOY, arr. Rowan |
| Song of Simeon: Nunc Dimittis | Widmar |

**Music for a Church in Waiting For The Election of A New Pope
Música para una Iglesia esperando la elección de un Nuevo Papa**

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| Hymn to the Holy Spirit | Currie |
| O God Our Help In Ages Past | Arr. Ferguson |
| Lord, You Have Been Our Refuge | Bell |
| We Are God's People | Leavitt |

Oregon Catholic Press

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| Be Not Afraid | Dufford |
| Bearer of Peace | Farrell |
| Because the Lord Is My Shepherd | Walker |
| Will Be No More | Hansen |
| Do Not Be Afraid | Toolan |
| For All the Saints | SINE NOMINE /How |
| For The Healing | ST THOMAS /Kaan |
| Gentle Shepherd | Colgan |
| Give Them Rest | JESU MEINES LEBENS LEBEN /Fitzpatrick |
| God of the Living | MELITA /Ellerton |
| God Will Wipe Away Every Tear | Ridge |
| Here I Am, Lord | Schutte |
| Hold Me in Life | Huijbers |
| How Blest Are They | CANONBURY /Green |
| How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place | DeBruyn |
| I Am the Bread of Life | Toolan |
| I Have Loved You | Joncas |
| I Have Seen the Lord | Hurd |
| I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | KINGSFOLD /Bonar |
| I Know that My Redeemer Lives | DUKE STREET /Medley |
| I Will Lift up My Eyes | Conry |
| Jerusalem My Happy Home | LAND OF REST /Bromehead |
| Jesus Christ, Inner Light | Toolan |
| Jesus, Lord, Have Mercy | ADORE TE DEVOTE/Palmer |
| Lord of the Living | CHRISTE SANCTORUM /Kaan |

Hymns & Songs *Himnos y Canciones*

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| Lord, Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace | Brown |
| May You Walk with Christ | Dean |
| My Shepherd Will Supply Me Need | RESIGNATION /Watts |
| My Shepherd, Lord | BROTHER JAMES' AIR /Hardin |
| My Soul Is Thirsting | Hurd |
| O God, For You I Long | Farrell |
| O God, You Search Me | Farrell |
| On Eagle's Wings | Joncas |
| Only in God | Foley |

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| Out of the Depths | Hansen |
| Out of the Depths | Soper |
| Parable | Ridge |
| Shelter Me, O God | Hurd |
| The King of Love My Shepherd Is | ST COLUMBA /Baker |
| The Lord Is My Hope | Ridge |
| The Lord Is My Light | Walker |
| There Is a Longing | Quigley |
| Ubi Caritas | Hurd |
| Yes, I Shall Arise | Alstott |

Contemporary Young Adult / Música Contemporánea

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| Be with Me, Lord | Booth |
| God's Eye Is on the Sparrow | Hurd |
| Here I Am | Booth |
| I Am the Light of the World | Hayakawa |
| I Know that My Redeemer Lives | Soper |
| In Every Age | Whitaker |
| In This Place | Thomson |
| Prayer of St. Francis | Temple |
| Rise Up With Him | Vogt |
| We Will Rise Again | Haas |

Children / Niños

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| Jesus, Be With Us | Inwood |
| New And Eternal Day | Inwood |
| Show Us Your Mercy | Friedman |
| Though We Are Many /Make Us A Sign | Farrell |

Spanish / Español

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| Al Atardecer de la Vida | Gabaráin |
| Como por las Fuente de Agua | Moré |
| Concédeles el Descanso Eterno | Rubalcava |
| Creo que Cristo Vive | Erdozain |
| El Auxilio Me Viene del Señor | Pérez-Rudisill |
| Entre Tus Manos | Repp /Traditional |
| La Muerte No Es el Final | Gabaráin |
| Qué Amable Es Tu Morada | Reza |

Bilingual Spanish-English / Bilingüe Español-Inglés

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| Clamo a Ti, Señor/Out of the Depths I Cry | E. Cortés |
| Gentle Shepherd/Jesús Pastor Tan Dulce | Colgan |
| Tú Vas Conmigo/The Lord Is My Shepherd | Hurd |
| Resucitó/He is Risen | Argüello |

**Music for a Church in Waiting For The Election of A New Pope
Música para una Iglesia esperando la elección de un Nuevo Papa**

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| All That Is Hidden | Farrell |
| Bearers of Peace | Farrell |
| By The Waking Of Our Hearts | Manalo |
| Christ, Be Our Light | Farrell |
| Come Down, O Love Divine | DOWN AMPNEY / |
| da Siena/Littledale | |
| Come, Holy Ghost | LAMBILLOTTIE /Maurus |
| God Is Love | ABBOT'S LEIGH /Rees |
| God Is Love | Chiusano |
| Great Is the Power We Proclaim | Walker |
| Hymn to the Spirit | Crandal |
| Laudate, Laudate Dominum | Walker |
| Lead Me, Lord | Becker |
| Lord of All Hopefulness | SLANE /Struther |
| Send Us Your Spirit | Schutte |
| Your Words Are Spirit and Life | Farrell |

Contemporary Young Adult / Música Contemporánea

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| Holy Spirit | Canedo |
| My Soul Is Thirsting | Argrisano |
| Lead Me, Lord | Becker |
| Lord Every Nation | Manibusan |
| Lord of All Hopefulness | Smith |
| Revive Us, O God | Manibusan |
| Strength for the Journey | Poirier |

Children / Niños

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| Come To Us, Spirit of Jesus | Friedman |
| You Have Called Us | Farrell |
| New Hope | Landry |
| Jesus, Come to Us | Haas |
| New Heart and New Spirit | Schiavone |

Spanish / Español

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| Espíritu de Vida | J. Sosa |
| Espíritu Santo, Ven | Mishler/Barajas |
| La Buena Nueva | Aguilar |
| Vaso Nuevo | Traditional |
| Ven, Espíritu Santo | López Sedano |
| Piedras Vivas | Alcalde |
| Somos Una Iglesia | E. Cortés |
| Para un Tiempo Nuevo | Espinosa |

Bilingual Spanish-English / Bilingüe Español-Inglés

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| Abre Mis Ojos/Open My Eyes | Manibusan |
| Amor de Dios/O Love of God | Hurd |
| Envía Tu Espíritu | Hurd |
| Id y Enseñad/Go and Teach | Gabaráin |
| Pescador de Hombres/Lord, You Have Come | Gabaráin |
| Pueblo Santo y Elegido/Holy People, Chosen People | Martins |
| Un Pueblo Camina/The People Walk | Espinosa |
| Vayan al Mundo/Go Out to the World | J. Cortez |

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Music for a Church in Mourning Upon News of A Pope's Death Música para una Iglesia en duelo tras confirmarse la muerte de un Papa

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| In the Arms of the Shepherd | Weckler |
| All Will Be Well | Warner |
| God of Love, Whose Mercies Daily | text: J. Michael Thompson/tune: Beach Spring |
| Keep in Mind | Deiss |
| Yes, I Shall Arise | Deiss |
| Harbor of My Heart | Psalms 16/ Warner |
| May Saints and Angels Lead You On | Tallis Canon, arr. Janco |
| May the Angels Lead You | Proulx0 |
| May the Angels Lead You | Marchionda |
| We Will Rest in You | Psalms 134/ Hay |
| O Lord, You Are My Shepherd | Psalms 23/text: Westendorf/tune: Woollen |
| Out of the Depths | Psalms 130/ Hay |
| Song of Farewell | Perza |
| Lead, Kindly Light | text: Hopkins/music: Steve Warner |
| On the Wings of Change | Galipeau |
| Come, All You Blessed Ones | Psalms 23 & 34/ Warner |
| In Peace Dismiss Your Servant | Canticle of Simeon/text: Hommerding/tune: Conditor Alme Siderum |
| Like Incense Before You | Psalms 141/Tonus Peregrinus |
| Lord, Receive Your Servant | Brown |
| One Thing I Ask/Una Cosa Pido al Senor | Psalms 27/Kerr |
| My Soul is Longing/Guarda Mi Alma | Deiss |
| El Senor es Compasivo | Psalms 103 Kolar |
| Mi Alma Tiene Sed | Psalms 63/ Rubalcava |
| Que los Angeles | Cortez |
| Entre Tus Manos | Repp |

Marian / Música Mariana

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| Memorare | Mather, OSF |
| Stainless the Maiden | text: Jabusch/tune: traditional Polish |
| O Mary of Promise | text & tune: traditional Irish, setting: Ferris |
| Sing "Ave!" | text: Hommerding/tune: Alle Tage, Sing und Sage [Daily,Daily Sing to Mary] |
| Mary's Song of Praise | Magnificat/text: Hommerding/tune: Pleading |

Hail Mary!

Savior
Dohms

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Whenever You Serve Me
Where Charity and Love Prevail
A New Commandment
Wisdom, My Road
Make Us True Servants
Come, Holy Spirit, Wind and Fire
Come O Spirit, Come
Make Us One
May You Cling to Wisdom
Trilingual Ubi Caritas
Ven, O Espiritu

Psalm 146/ Janco
text: Westnedorf/tune: Benoit
Janco
Barnhardt & Warner
text: Wentz/tune: Slane
text: Hommerding/tune: St. Catherine
ostinato, Page
Marchionda
Warner
Aranda
Florian

