

## **Introductory Rites**

At the door of the church the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water – a reminder of the waters of Baptism when Teresa began her Christian journey. After the sprinkling the priest leads the coffin into church followed by the immediate family.

## **Opening Hymn**

Here I am Lord - 376

## **Introduction and Opening Prayer**

### **First Reading**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm (Sung)**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff my comfort still

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia

It is my Father's will, says the Lord

That whoever believes in the Son

Shall have eternal life

Alleluia, alleluia.

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-16, 28-35**

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening,' they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was there at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **Homily**

### **Bidding Prayers**

Priest: Let us call trustingly upon God the Almighty Father, who raised Christ His Son from the dead, for the salvation of the living and the dead.

For Teresa who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord, in your mercy:

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord, in your mercy:

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Lord, in your mercy:

For the family and friends of Teresa that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord, in your mercy:

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

We ask Our Lady to be a Mother to Teresa and to all who have died as we pray: **Hail Mary,**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers for our sister Teresa for all who have gone before us in faith to eternal life. Free them from all their sins and let them share in the fullness of salvation in the kingdom where you are Lord for ever and ever.

### **Offertory Hymn**

Do not be afraid - 240

### **Communion Hymn**

As I kneel Before You - 141

### **Family Tribute**

### **Blessing of Coffin and Final Commendation**

Once again, we sprinkle Teresa's coffin with Holy Water and then we incense the coffin - a sign to us that in life our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, the place where God dwells.

### **Recessional Hymn**

I watch the Sunrise - 378