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one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:

*Not a bone of it will be broken.*

And again another passage says:

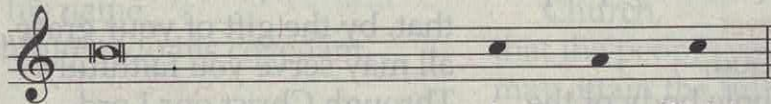
*They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

At the end:

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People:



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

There may be a brief homily.

## THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

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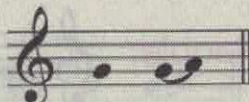
### 1. For Holy Church

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Silent Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord.

People:



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2. For the Pope

Let us pray also for our most Holy Father  
 Pope **N.**,  
 that our God and Lord,  
 who chose him for the Order of Bishops,  
 may keep him safe and unharmed for the  
 Lord's holy Church,  
 to govern the holy People of God.

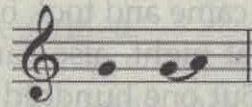
Silent Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,

by whose decree all things are founded,  
 look with favor on our prayers  
 and in your kindness protect the Pope  
 chosen for us,  
 that, under him, the Christian people,  
 governed by you their maker,  
 may grow in merit by reason of their  
 faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

People:



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3. For all orders and degrees of the faithful

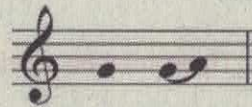
Let us pray also for our Bishop **N.**,  
 for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of  
 the Church  
 and for the whole of the faithful people.

Silent Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,  
 by whose Spirit the whole body of the

Church  
 is sanctified and governed,  
 hear our humble prayer for your  
 ministers,  
 that, by the gift of your grace,  
 all may serve you faithfully.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

People:



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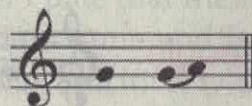
4. For catechumens

Let us pray also for **(our)** catechumens,  
 that our God and Lord  
 may open wide the ears of their inmost  
 hearts  
 and unlock the gates of his mercy,  
 that, having received forgiveness of all  
 their sins  
 through the waters of rebirth,  
 they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus  
 our Lord.

Silent Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,  
 who make your Church ever fruitful with  
 new offspring,  
 increase the faith and understanding of  
**(our)** catechumens,  
 that, reborn in the font of Baptism,  
 they may be added to the number of  
 your adopted children.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

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## 5. For the unity of Christians

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

**Silent Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who gather what is scattered

and keep together what you have gathered,  
look kindly on the flock of your Son,  
that those whom one Baptism has consecrated  
may be joined together by integrity of faith  
and united by the bond of charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**People:**



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## 6. For the Jewish people

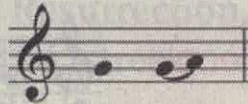
Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

**Silent Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,

who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, graciously hear the prayers of your Church,  
that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**People:**



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## 7. For those who do not believe in Christ

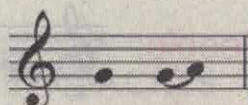
Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

**Silent Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant to those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before you with a

sincere heart,  
they may find the truth  
and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love  
and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life,  
may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## 8. For those who do not believe in God

Let us pray also for those who do not  
acknowledge God,  
that, following what is right in sincerity  
of heart,  
they may find the way to God himself.

**Silent Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who created all people  
to seek you always by desiring you  
and, by finding you, come to rest,

grant, we pray,  
that, despite every harmful obstacle,  
all may recognize the signs of your  
fatherly love  
and the witness of the good works  
done by those who believe in you,  
and so in gladness confess you,  
the one true God and Father of our  
human race.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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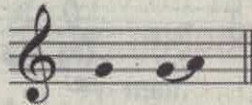
## 9. For those in public office

Let us pray also for those in public office,  
that our God and Lord  
may direct their minds and hearts  
according to his will  
for the true peace and freedom of all.

**Silent Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
in whose hand lies every human heart  
and the rights of peoples,

look with favor, we pray,  
on those who govern with authority over  
us,  
that throughout the whole world,  
the prosperity of peoples,  
the assurance of peace,  
and freedom of religion  
may through your gift be made secure.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**People:**

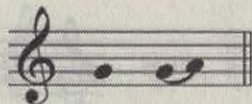
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## 10. For those in tribulation

Let us pray, dearly beloved,  
to God the Father almighty,  
that he may cleanse the world of all  
errors,  
banish disease, drive out hunger,  
unlock prisons, loosen fetters,  
granting to travelers safety, to pilgrims  
return,  
health to the sick, and salvation to the  
dying.

**Silent Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
comfort of mourners, strength of all who  
toil,  
may the prayers of those who cry out in  
any tribulation  
come before you,  
that all may rejoice,  
because in their hour of need  
your mercy was at hand.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**People:**

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