
ST JOHN'S N4

The Reception into Church of Ramona Adams with the Office of the Dead



Monday, 22nd March 2021

6pm

Receiving the Coffin

Please stand as the bell is rung.

We receive the body of our sister Ramona,
with confidence in God, the giver of life,
who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead.

The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water:

With this water we call to mind Ramona's baptism.
As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us,
so may he bring us to the fullness of resurrection life
with Ramona and all the redeemed.

When the coffin is in place:

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son you destroyed the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
As we remember before you our sister Ramona,
we ask your help for all who shall gather in her memory.
Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace,
by the Spirit you have given us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A pall is placed on the coffin with the words:

We are already God's children,
but what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
Yet we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

A Bible is placed on the coffin with the words:

Lord Jesus Christ,
your living and imperishable word brings us to new birth.
Your eternal promises to us and to Ramona are proclaimed in the Bible.

A cross is placed on the coffin with the words:

Lord Jesus Christ,
for love of Ramona and each one of us
you bore our sins on the cross.

The Office of the Dead

During the Office, please join in with the lines in bold type.

O God, come to our aid.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

The Office Hymn

Please remain standing as the office hymn is sung.

Thou art, O Christ, the King of power,
The Father's glory strengthening;
Our honour's champion, breaking down
The chains of Death's pestiferous sting.

Our human weakness ransoming
By great and mighty battle fought;
The Dying Victor tramples down
The evil that the serpent wrought.

Thou, rising strongly from the tomb
Renewest now eternally
Thy people, dead by sin, to life
By thine own Paschal Mystery.

For thy return as Bridegroom, now
Bestow on us the life of grace
That, with our lamps well-trimmed, we may
Be ready for our heav'nly place.

Unfettered by the love of God
The Trinity of pow'r and might;
And faith in thee, O Judge serene,
Receive us into peace and light.

Call all who have put off their flesh,
Our brethren, too, remembering;
That entering thy Father's realm
They may thy praises ever sing. Amen.

Twentieth century
Tr. Serenhedd James

The Psalmody

Please sit. During the Psalms, please join in with the lines in bold type. At the asterisk, we pause briefly before continuing with the rest of the line.

The Lord will guard you from every evil, he will guard your soul.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: *
from where shall come my help.
My help shall come from the Lord *
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! *
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, *
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; *
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you *
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, *
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming *
both now and for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. *
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

The Lord will guard you from every evil, he will guard your soul.
Psalm 121

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, *
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive *
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, *
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: *
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, *
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord *
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak *
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy *
and fulness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem *
from all its iniquity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
Psalm 130

As the Father raises the dead and gives them life,
so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses.

Though he was in the form of God,*
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

**He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,*
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,*
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a
cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him*
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,**

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,*
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,*
to the glory of God the Father.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

**As the Father raises the dead and gives them life,
so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses.**

Philippians 2:6-11

Scripture Reading

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting
of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God
for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.

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I will rejoice and be glad because of your merciful love.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.

The Magnificat

Please stand.

All that the Father gives me will come to me;
and I will never turn away the one who comes to me.

My soul glorifies the Lord,*
my spirit rejoices in God, My Saviour.
**He looks on his servant in her lowliness;*
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.*
Holy his name!
**His mercy is from age to age,*
on those who fear him.**

He puts forth his arm in strength*
and scatters the proud-hearted.
**He casts the mighty from their thrones*
and raises the lowly.**

He fills the starving with good things,*
sends the rich away empty.

**He protects Israel, his servant,*
remembering his mercy,
The mercy promised to our fathers,*
to Abraham and his sons for ever.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

**All the Father gives me will come to me;
and I will never turn away the one who comes to me.**

The Intercessions

Please remain standing for the intercessions, which conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Concluding Prayer

Let our prayer come into your presence, Lord,
as we humbly ask for mercy:
and as in your love
you counted your servant Ramona among your people in this world,
so bring her now to the abode of peace and light,
and number her among your saints.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ave Regina Caelorum

To turn to face the image of Our Lady, as the Marian antiphon for the season is sung. We then depart in silence.