Memorial Mass

of

His Holiness
Pope Benedict XVI

January 5, 2023
12:00 pm

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity | New Ulm, Minnesota
His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI
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**Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI**

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants. May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven. In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth. May your Son welcome him into eternal glory. May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom. Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love. We entrust your servant 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. Amen.

*It is the custom that the nine days following the funeral of a Pope are observed as official days of mourning in Rome and throughout the Church. The Novemdiales, as they are called, may be observed in different ways in the various Particular Churches. In addition to the celebration of Mass, we encourage public prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic and other devotional prayer, activities for the relief of the poor offered for the intention of his soul, or other such initiatives.*

*Red vestments are worn at a Mass for the Dead offered for a Pope since we are mourning the death of the successor of the Apostle Peter who was a martyr.*

**Coat of Arms Description**

*The Moor of Freising (upper left):* This is the ancient emblem of the Diocese of Freising (founded in the eighth century), the same diocese in which Pope Benedict XVI was ordained to the priesthood.

*The Brown Bear of St. Corbinian (upper right):* This is from an ancient tradition that the first bishop of Freising tamed a bear on his travels to Rome. “The bear tamed by God’s grace is the Bishop of Freising himself; the pack saddle is the burden of his Episcopate.”

*The Shell (lower central):* This symbolizes man’s pilgrimage on earth as well as St. Augustine’s use of the same image to communicate the immensity of the ocean and of our God.

*Communion Motet Note:* 

“Ave Verum Corpus” will be sung in honor of Pope Benedict XVI, as Mozart was his favorite composer.
Preludes

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
who remains the accessible Gateway of Heaven,
and Star of the Sea,
Give aid to a falling people
that strives to rise;
O Thou who begot thy holy Creator,
while all nature marvelled, Virgin before and after
receiving that “Ave” from the mouth of Gabriel,
have mercy on sinners.

Adagio for Strings
Samuel Barber

Alma Redemptoris Mater
arr. Ciro Grassi

My Mercy
The Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of Apostles
Processional Hymn

The Strife is O'er

Introit

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Kyrie

Missa Simplex
First Reading

Daniel 12: 1-3

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7, 8b, 9a, 13-14

Psalm 27: Third sunday in Ordinary Time, year a

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 5: 5-11

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

R/. Thanks be to God.
So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but 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.

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please remain standing while the bishop reverences the book of the Gospels.
Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 130: 1-2

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord hear my voice.  
Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.

Offertory Motet

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.  
Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.
**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
*Missa Simplex*

**Memorial Acclamation**  
*Missa Simplex*

**Amen**  
*Missa Simplex*
Communion Antiphon

Let perpetual light shine up him, O Lord,
with your saints for ever, for you are mericful.
1. The King of love my shepherd is, Whose
2. Where streams of living water flow With
3. Perverse and foolish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a table in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your

1. goodness fails me never; I nothing lack if
2. gentle care he leads me, And where the verdant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder
4. you, dear Lord, beside me; Your rod and staff my
5. saving grace bestowing; And O what joy and
6. goodness fails me never: Good Shepherd, may I

1. I am his, And he is mine forever.
2. pastures grow, With heav'nly food he feeds me.
3. gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.
5. true delight From your pure chalice flowing!
6. sing your praise Within your house forever.

Communion Motet

Ave Verum Corpus
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave Verum Corpus Natum
De Maria Virgine
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,

Cuius latus perforatum
Fluit aqua et sanguine
Esto nobis praegustatum
Mortis examine

from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death!

O Iesu dulcis
O Iesu pie
O Iesu, fili Mariae

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me.
Recessional Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection!
   Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
   All around the former days belong.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
   Holiest hearts for ages pleading,
   Never that full joy conceived.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who was dead;
   Join with all the heavenly voices;
   Child of God, lift up your head!

4. Life eternal! O what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
   When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
   Saints shall stand before the throne!

1. clouds are breaking, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
   In God’s Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits;
   Distant ages, Saints all longing for their heaven, Prophets.

2. Christ has passed the eternal gates.
   humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.
   Distant ages, Saints all longing for their heaven, Prophets.

3. psalmists, seers, and sages, All await the glory given.
   Psalms and Hymns

4. you, O God immortal, Jesus Christ whom you have sent!
   There is no God but he, and so we sing:
   All are right who sing with joy, and so we sing.
All are invited to a reception in Leifeld Hall following Mass.

Diocese of New Ulm

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