

Mass for the Repose of
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (*Cf. 1 Thes 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22*)

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

COLLECT

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READING

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy
(4:6, 7-8)

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

— The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

(Ps 23:1)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. *(R)*

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. *(R)*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. *(R)*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. *(R)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Jn 6:39)*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

This is the will of my father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise up on the last day. *(R)*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (21:15-19)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

Jesus then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son

of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to Jesus, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this signifying by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. And when Jesus had said this, he said to Peter, “Follow me.” —The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We pray, O Lord, that through these devoted offices of supplication you may mercifully bestow a blessed reward on the soul of your servant Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and on us, your gifts of grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he is the salvation of the world, the life of the human race, the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (*Jn 11:25-26*)

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by the Sacrament of our communion with you, our God, we pray, O Lord, that your servant Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who served by your will on earth as the visible foundation of your Church's unity, may be happily admitted to your blessed flock. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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