

SECULAR FRANCISCAN WAKE SERVICE
INTRODUCTORY RITE

LEADER: In the name of the Lord!

All those who love the Lord with their whole heart,
with their whole soul and mind,
and with their whole strength
and love their neighbors as themselves,
who hate their bodies with their vices and sins,
who receive the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and who produce worthy fruits of penance —

ALL: O how happy and blessed

are these men and women
while they do such things
and persevere in doing them!

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon them
and make its home and dwelling place
among them.

They are children of the heavenly Father whose works they do.

They are spouses, brothers, and mothers
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LEADER: Hear our prayers, O Holy One our God.

By raising Jesus your Son from the dead,
you have given us faith in the resurrection.

Strengthen our hope that our brother/sister, _____
will likewise rise to life with Jesus, her Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

READING

– John 6:37-40 –

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said, "Everything that the Living God gives me will come to me; and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that God has given me but raise it up on the last day.

This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see God's Child and believe in that Child may have eternal life.

And I will raise them up on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE

– Psalm 42:1-2,4,7-8,11 –

CANTOR: Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Bodily Death,
from whose embrace no one living can escape.

ALL: Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Bodily Death,
from whose embrace no one living can escape.

CANTOR: As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

ALL: Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Bodily Death,

from whose embrace no one living can escape.

CANTOR: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

ALL: Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Bodily Death,
from whose embrace no one living can escape.

CANTOR: All your waves and your billows
have gone over me, O Holy One.
By day you command your steadfast love.
At night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

ALL: Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Bodily Death,
from whose embrace no one living can escape.

CANTOR: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, whom I shall praise again,
my help and my God.

ALL: Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Bodily Death,
from whose embrace no one living can escape.

MEDITATION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: Our Father. . .

ALL: Most Holy, our Creator, Redeemer, Consoler, and Savior.

LEADER: Who are in heaven. . .

GROUP 1: In the angels and the saints,
enlightening them to know, for you, Lord, are light,
enflaming them to love, for you, Lord, are love,
dwelling in them and filling them with happiness, for you, Lord, are the Supreme Good, the Eternal Good, from
whom all good comes,
without whom there is no good.

LEADER: Holy be your name. . .

GROUP 2: May knowledge of you become clearer in us so that we may know
the breadth of your blessings,
the length of your promises,
the height of your majesty,
the depth of your judgments.

LEADER: Your kingdom come. . .

GROUP 1: So that you may rule in us through your grace
and enable us to come to your kingdom,
where there is clear vision of you,
perfect love of you,
blessed companionship with you,
eternal enjoyment of you.

LEADER: Your will be done on earth as in heaven. . .

GROUP 2: So that we may love you

with our whole heart, by always thinking of you,
with our whole soul, by always desiring you,
with our whole mind, by always directing all our intentions to you
and by seeking your glory in everything,
with our whole strength, by exerting all our energies and affections
of body and soul in the service of your love and of nothing else.

GROUP 1: May we love our neighbors as ourselves
by drawing them all to your love with our whole strength,
by rejoicing in the good of others as in our own,
by suffering with others at their misfortunes,
and by giving offense to no one.

LEADER: Give us this day. . .

GROUP 2: In remembrance, understanding, and reverence
of that love which our Lord Jesus Christ had for us
and of those things that he said and did and suffered for us.

LEADER: Our Daily Bread. . .

GROUP 1: Your own beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

LEADER: Forgive us our trespasses. . .

GROUP 2: Through your ineffable mercy,
through the power and passion of your beloved Son,
and through the merits and intercessions
of the ever blessed virgin and all your elect.

LEADER: As we forgive those who trespass against us. . .

GROUP 1: And what we do not completely forgive,
make us, Lord, forgive completely
so that we may truly love our enemies because of you,
that we may fervently intercede for them before you,
and that we may strive to help everyone in you.

LEADER: And lead us not into temptation. . .

GROUP 2: Hidden or obvious, sudden or persistent.

LEADER: But deliver us from evil. . .

ALL: Past, present, and to come.

CONCLUDING RITE

LEADER: God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

May our brother/sister _____,
who followed your Son Jesus in the way of Francis,
and who has now been embraced by Sister Death,
enter that kingdom of peace and light
where your saints live with you in glory.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen!

LEADER: Let those who observe these things be blessed in heaven
with the blessing of the Most High Father
and on earth with the blessing of his beloved Son
and with the Most Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

ALL: Let us bless the Lord God, living and true!

Let us always render God praise, glory, honor, blessing, and every good.
Amen. Amen.
So be it. So be it.