

MOTHER PRIORESS:

We praise you, our refuge and our strength.
We bless you, our God and Redeemer.
Your praise is always in our hearts and on our lips.
We remember the mighty deeds of the covenant.
Blessed is the Lord, our God.

The grave is then blessed

BR JOHN: Lord Jesus Christ,
by your own three days in the tomb,
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you
and so made the grave a sign of hope
that promises resurrection
even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our sister may sleep here in peace
until you awaken her to glory,
for you are the resurrection and the life.
Then she will see you face to face
and in your light will see light
and know the splendour of God,
for you live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

The Prayer of committal

MOTHER PRIORESS:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God
our sister Goedele,
and we commit her body to the ground
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her,
the Lord make his face to shine upon her
and be gracious to her,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon her
and give her peace.

ALL: Amen.

As the coffin is lowered into the grave, we sing Psalm 121

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I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever, amen.

When the coffin is in place, we sing the Suscipe in Latin:

SUSCIPE

S Us- ci- pe me, Do- mi- ne, se- cun- dum e- lo- qui- um tu- um,
et vi- vam, et non confundas me ab exspecta- ti- o- ne mea.
Glo- ri- a Pa- tri et Fi- li- o et Spi- ritu- i San- cto. Sic- ut erat in prin- ci- pi- o
et nunc et semper et in sæcu- la sæcu- lorum. Amen.

Lord, if you uphold me by your promise I shall live;
let my hopes not be in vain.

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.



