

# **RITE OF COMMITTAL**

**according to the Ritual of the Order of Preachers**



**for Fr Kevin Liam Condon, O.P.**

***23rd June, 2021***

## CALL TO PRAYER

*The celebrant begins:*

My dear brothers and sisters,  
let us faithfully and lovingly remember our dear brother Kevin Liam,  
whom the Lord has called from this world to himself;  
Together let us implore the mercy of our God,  
That he may grant him welcome and rest  
in the mansions of eternity.

## BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

Almighty God,  
you created the earth and shaped the vault of heaven;  
you fixed the stars in their places.  
When we were caught in the snares of death  
you set us free through baptism;  
in obedience to your will  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
broke the fetters of hell and rose to life,  
bringing deliverance and resurrection  
to those who are his by faith.  
In your mercy look upon this ✠ grave,  
so that your servant may sleep here in peace:  
and on the day of judgment raise him up  
to dwell with your saints in paradise.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## INCENSING AND SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

*After the blessing of the grave, while the body, and then the grave, is sprinkled with holy water and incensed, psalm 125 may be sung or recited with this antiphon:*

*Ant.* Those who were sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, \*  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels \*  
the Lord worked for them!"  
What marvels the Lord worked for us! \*  
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage \*  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears \*  
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, \*  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song, \*  
carrying their sheaves.

*The antiphon is repeated by all:*

*Ant.* Those who were sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

*The celebrant concludes with the prayer:*

We implore your mercy, almighty and eternal God,  
who created man and woman in your image,  
and who have summoned our brother Kevin  
to leave this world behind and come to you.  
Mercifully and gently receive your servant,  
that, washed clean from every stain of sin and gathered to the bosom of Abraham,  
he may rejoice in a place of refreshment and light;  
and, when judgment day comes, be raised up to eternal life with all your saints and elect.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R̄. Amen.**

**THE COMMITTAL (THE BODY IS LOWERED INTO THE GRAVE)**

*Psalm 131*

*[When this is completed, the psalm is interrupted, and the antiphon resumed.]*

*Antiphon:* This is my resting place for ever; here I have chosen to live.

At Ephrata we heard of the ark; \*  
we found it in the plains of Yearim.  
“Let us go to the place of his dwelling; \*  
let us go to kneel at his footstool.”

Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.  
Your priests shall be clothed with holiness; \*  
your faithful shall ring out their joy.  
For the sake of David your servant \*  
do not reject your anointed.

For the Lord has chosen Zion, \*  
he has desired it for his dwelling:  
“This is my resting-place for ever; \*  
here have I chosen to live.

I will greatly bless her produce, \*  
I will fill her poor with bread.  
I will clothe her priests with salvation \*  
and her faithful shall ring out their joy.  
There David's stock will flower; \*  
I will prepare a lamp for my anointed.  
I will cover his enemies with shame \*  
but on him my crown shall shine.”

*Antiphon:* This is my resting place for ever; here I have chosen to live.

*The celebrant concludes with the prayer:*

O God, in whose presence the spirits of the dead have life,  
and in whom the souls of the elect find perfect joy,  
grant that your servant, our brother Kevin,  
whose eyes are closed to the light of this passing world,  
may enter into the consolation of everlasting light,  
and, with all his sins forgiven,  
delight for ever in the joys of that rest for which he confidently hoped,  
believing in your promise.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Rx Amen.*

**AS SOIL IS CAST ON THE GRAVE:**

*Ant.* From clay you shaped me; with flesh you clothed me:  
Redeemer, raise me on the last day.

O Lord, you search me and you know me †  
you know my resting and my rising, \*  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down, \*  
all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue \*  
you know it, O Lord, through and through.  
Behind and before you besiege me, \*  
your hand ever laid upon me.  
Too wonderful for me this knowledge, \*  
too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit, \*  
or where can I flee from your face?  
If I climb the heavens, you are there. \*  
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn \*  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,

*Psalm 138 (139)*

even there your hand would lead me, \*  
your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me \*  
and the light around me be night,"  
even darkness is not dark for you \*  
and the night is as clear as the day.

For it was you who created my being, \*  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul \*  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret \*  
and molded in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw all my actions, \*  
they were all of them written in your book;  
every one of my days was decreed \*  
before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts, \*  
the sum of them not to be numbered!  
If I count them, they are more than the sand\*  
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

O search me, God, and know my heart.\*  
O test me and know my thoughts.  
See that I follow not the wrong path \*  
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

*Ant.* From clay you shaped me; with flesh you clothed me:  
Redeemer, raise me on the last day.

*The celebrant concludes with the prayer:*

Almighty God, who are the guardian of your faithful  
and the salvation and sure defence of those who believe,  
bless this grave and kindly grant  
that the body of our brother Kevin  
placed here after the end of his life  
may rise into glory on the great day of judgement  
and receive the joy of everlasting life among the saints  
from Christ the Lord  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Rx Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

Receive, Lord, the soul of your servant Kevin as it returns to you,  
clothe it with a heavenly raiment, and wash it in the holy font of eternal life.

May he rejoice with those who rejoice. **R̄ Amen.**

May he be wise amongst the wise. **R̄ Amen.**

May he walk among the patriarchs and prophets. **R̄ Amen.**

May he follow Christ with the apostles. **R̄ Amen.**

May he be crowned among the martyrs. **R̄ Amen.**

May he see the radiance of God with the angels. **R̄ Amen.**

May he look upon God among those who see him face-to-face. **R̄ Amen.**

May he hear the trumpets of heaven with those who hear the heavenly chorus. **R̄ Amen.**

Through Christ our Lord. **R̄ Amen.**

### *The celebrant continues:*

Presumptuous it is indeed, O Lord,  
that one human being should dare to commend another to you, our God;  
yet since dust is turned to dust until all flesh shall return to its origin,  
we implore your mercy, O most merciful Father,  
for your servant, our brother Kevin,  
whom you have led from this world to the homeland.

Sprinkle him with a refreshing dew,  
and join him to yourself in a blessed rest.  
Let him experience the loving kindness of your forgiveness  
that, when this world comes to an end  
and your kingdom, dawning from on high, illumines all,  
he may be gathered into the assembly of all the saints,  
and rise in blessedness with all your elect.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R̄ Amen.**

May the prayer of the holy Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary,  
of our blessed father Dominic and of all the saints of our Order,  
united with the humble supplication of your family gathered here,  
plead before you, O Lord our God,  
on behalf of your servant, our brother Kevin,  
that he may obtain pardon for all his sins,  
for he has been redeemed by the precious blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R̄ Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE BURIED IN CHRIST

O God,  
by whose mercy the souls of the faithful find rest,  
mercifully forgive the sins of your servants and handmaids  
who here and everywhere repose in Christ,  
that, released from every bond,  
they may rejoice with you forevermore.  
Through Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen.

## FINAL SONG : *Salve Regina*

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**S** al- ve Re- gí- na, Ma-ter mi-se-ricórdi- æ, Vi- ta dul-cé- do  
et spes nostra, sal- ve. Ad te clamámus éxsu-les fí-li- i He- væ. Ad te suspi-  
rá- mus, geméntes et flen-tes in hac lacrimá-rum val- le. E-ja ergo advocá- ta  
nostra, illos tu- os mi-se-ri-cór- des ócu-los ad nos convér- te. Et Jesum  
benedí-ctum fructum ventris tu- i no-bis post hoc exsí-li- um o-sténde. O  
cle- mens, o pi- a, o dulcis Virgo Ma-rí- a.

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope!  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,  
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus;  
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary!*



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

*May he rest in peace. Amen.*