

**A Service for the Repose of the Soul of Leira
Wurdemann**

February 21, 2006

**The Burial of the Dead:
Rite Two**

All stand

**I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.**

**As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.**

**For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.**

**Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.**

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant **Let us pray.**

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one
of the following Collects*

**O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our
prayers on behalf of your servant Leira, and grant her
an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the
fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen***

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Wisdom 3:1-5,9

Psalm 46

Revelation 21:2-7

The Gospel

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 14:1-6

The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Sharing of Memories by Friends and Family

Prayers of the People

For our sister Leira, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Leira, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord]

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Father of all, we pray to you for Leira, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May *her* soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

Give rest , O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints, *where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the
glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on
earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.
Save us from the time of
trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Leira. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *her* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be on upon you and remain with you now and forevermore. Amen

**Let us go forth in the name of Christ
*Thanks be to God.***