

Funeral Litany

In memory of Sr. Florence, SE, of Calcutta

Order of Christian Funerals

Christopher Walker

Cantor
p

Melody

1. Ris - en Lord, pattern of our life for ever:
2. Promise and image of what we shall be:
3. Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:
4. Word of God, who delivered us from the fear of death:
5. Cruci - fied Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:

Soprano Alto
p

(optional Choir)
Mm/Ah

Tenor Bass
p

Organ
p

Dm G Am

no Ped.

(Cantor) *All*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Mm/Ah Lord, have mer - cy.

Dm G/D Am9 Dm F C/E C G

Ped.

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Cantor

6. Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to N. for ever:

Mm/Ah

Dm G Am

no Ped.

This system contains three staves. The top staff is for the Cantor, with a treble clef and a 4/2 time signature. The lyrics are: "6. Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to N. for ever:". The middle two staves are for piano accompaniment, with treble and bass clefs. The lyrics "Mm/Ah" are written below the piano part. The piano part includes chords Dm, G, and Am. The instruction "no Ped." is at the bottom.

(Cantor) **All**

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Mm/Ah Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Dm G/D Am9 Dm F C/E C G

Ped.

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Cantor **All**

7. Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless *N.*'s family and friends who gather around *him/her* to-day:

Mm/Ah

Dm C F Dm G Am

no Ped.

(Cantor) **All**

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Descant

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Mm/Ah

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

F F/A G Am/C G F F/A G/B C D

Ped.

They Will Never Hunger

Based on Revelation 7:16-17

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Gently (♩ = ca. 80)

p

Soprano
Alto

They will nev-er hun-ger or thirst a - gain, be-cause the

Tenor
Bass

p

5 *mf* *pp* *Slower*

Lamb will lead them to liv - ing wa - ter. And

10 *mp* *p*

God will wipe a - way all tears from their eyes, all

16 *pp* *p* *pp*

tears from their eyes. A - men.

pp *p* *pp*

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*Note: Keyboard may double choral parts, and may helpfully give pitch in measure 9.

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Dm G Am

p Cantor

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Dm G/D Am9 Dm F C/E C G

(Cantor) All

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Dm G Am

Cantor

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Dm G/D Am9 Dm F C/E C G

(Cantor) All

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Dm C F Dm G Am

Cantor

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and friends who gather around *him/her* to-day:

F F/A G Am/C G F F/A G/B C D

(Cantor) All

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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Performance Notes

The *Funeral Litany* may be sung at the Vigil for the Deceased or during the Funeral Mass. The petitions may be freely replaced or added to, according to the liturgical model. The family of the deceased may have suggestions.

Cantors: For the sake of variety, two cantors may be employed. The cantor(s) should sing the petitions in a natural speech rhythm; but sing “Lord, have mercy” in strict rhythm, so that the assembly can repeat it confidently.

Choir: The optional choir may begin with the cantor or better, after a few petitions have been sung. Sing softly so that the cantor’s words are clearly heard and understood.

Organist: Play gently, just enough to support the voices.

They Will Never Hunger may be sung as a “coda” to the *Funeral Litany*, or entirely separately at another time during the Vigil or Funeral Mass. It is also especially appropriate for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A), during the Easter season, or for saints’ days.

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Preview

Assembly Edition

FUNERAL LITANY

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Cantor
(Invocation) Cantor/All repeat
Lord, have mer - cy.

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