

### Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful Lord, whose wisdom is beyond human understanding,  
Receive the gifts we offer for baby N.  
whom you adopted as your own in baptism.  
You have taken him to yourself, even as he stood on the threshold of life.  
Listen to our prayers and extend to us your grace  
that we may one day share eternal life with N.  
for we firmly believe that he now rests with you,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Holy Communion

#### Concluding Prayer

Lord God we have entrusted Baby N. to your care  
and now you embrace him in your love.  
Take N. into your keeping together with all children who have died. Com-  
fort his parents N. and N. and all your sorrowing servants  
who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Final Commendation



# Mass of the Angels



*Name of Child*

*Date of Entry to Everlasting Life*



### Opening Prayer

To you O Lord, we humbly entrust this child, N,  
so precious in your sight.  
Take him into your arms and welcome him into paradise,  
Where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,  
But the fullness of peace and joy,  
With your son Jesus and the Holy Spirit,  
For ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Think of the love the Father has lavished upon us  
by letting us be called God's children:  
And that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
Therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
But what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
All we know is, that when it is revealed,  
we shall be like Him  
Because we shall see Him as He really is.

### This is the word of the Lord.

#### *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

**R./**

Near restful waters he leads me  
to revive my drooping Spirit.  
He guides me along the right path,  
he is true to his name.

**R./**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes;  
my head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing

**R./**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
in the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**R./**

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

People were bringing children to Jesus, for him to touch them.  
The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he  
was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to  
me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does  
not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child, will never  
enter it.' Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on  
them and gave them his blessing.

### This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### Prayers of Intercession

The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our only sure hope.  
Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this dark  
hour.

You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life.  
To you we pray: **Bless and Keep us O Lord.**

You grew in wisdom, age and grace and learned obedience  
through suffering. To you we pray: **Bless and keep us O Lord.**

You welcomed children, promising them your Kingdom. To you  
we pray: **Bless and keep us O Lord.**

You comforted those who mourned the loss of children and  
friends. Watch over Mags and Jim in their hour of need. To you  
we pray: **Bless and keep us O Lord.**

You took on yourself the suffering and death of us all. Bring N.  
safely into your love. To you we pray: **Bless and keep us O  
Lord.**