CEREMONIAL FOR THE BURIAL OF CHRIST

Feria Sexta in Parasceve.
Order of the Funeral Procession.
Preparations.

- The celebrant wears alb and amice, and optionally a black cope. The deacon and subdeacon wear only their alb and amice. In some mediaeval uses the ministers performed this ceremony barefoot.
- The thurifer must prepare the thurible before hand.
- A server is needed to carry the aromatic oils.
- A Corpus of Our Lord, or at least a large crucifix is to be placed in the Sepulchre.

I. At the Apparition Chapel.

After Vespers, the Cantors begin the Antiphon:

Therefore we offer to Thee, Father, this most beloved Son
this

High Priest and Pontiff
this most faithful and greatest Pastor

He who for us offered Himself as an Oblation and Victim in the odour of

sweetness.
Then a Funeral Oration (eulogy) may be given. After this, the Cantors intone the Psalm Miserére and the Procession sets out to the Sepulchre.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee:

For iniquity was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.
For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast

ni-fes-tásti mi-hi. 8. Aspérges me hyssópo, et mundábor: * la-vá-bis me, et super
made manifést to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, & I shall be cleansed: thou shalt

ni-ven de-albá-bor. 9. Audí-tu-i me-o da-bis gáudi-um et læ-tí-ti-am: * et exuls-
wash me, & I shall be made whiter than snow. To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness

tábunt ossa humi-li-á-ta. 10. Avérte fá-ci-em tu-am a peccá-tis me-is: * et omnes
and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice. Turn away thy face from my sins,

in-iqui-tá-tes me-as de-le. 11. Cor mundum cre-a in me, De-us: * et spí-ri-tum
and blot out all my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit

rectum inno-va in vi-scé-ri-bus me-is. 12. Ne pro-jí-ci-as me a fá-ci-e tu-a: *
within my bowels. Cast me not away from thy face;

et spí-ri-tum sanétum tu-um ne áu-fe-ras a me. 13. Redde mi-hi læ-tí-ti-am sa-lu-tá-
and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,

ris tu-i: * et spí-ri-tu princi-pá-li confríma me. 14. Do-cébo in-iquos vi-as tu-as: *
and strengthen me with a perfect spirit. I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the
et impi i ad te conver-tentur. 15. Li-be-ra me de sangu-ni-bus, De-us, De-us sa-wicked shall be converted to thee. Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation.

lú-dis me æ: * et exultá-bit lingua me- a justí- ti-am tu-am. 16. Dómi-ne, lá-bi-a and my tongue shall extol thy justice. O Lord, thou wilt open my lips:

me-a a-pé-ri-es: * et os me-um annunti- á-bit laudem tu-am. 17. Quón-i-am si and my mouth shall declare thy praise. For if thou hadst

vo-lússe sacri-fí-ci- um, de-díssem ú-tique: * ho-locáuṣis non de-lec-tá-be-rís. desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted


De-us, non despí-ci-es. 19. Be-nígne fac, Dómi-ne, in bona vo-lúntá-te tu-a Si-on: * de-spíse. Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion; that the walls

ut æ-di-fi-céntur mu-ri Je-rú-sa-le-m. 20. Tunc acceptá-bis sacri-fí-ci- um justí-ti- æ, of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice,
oblations and whole burnt offerings: then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

II. At Mount Calvary.

When the procession arrives at the Sepulchre the deacon sings the following Gospel:


Then the deacon and subdeacon, playing the parts of Joseph and Nicodemos, take down the image of Christ on the Cross. The choir then sings the following Responsory:

V e-lum témpli * scís- sum est, * Et ómnis tér-ra trému-it: The veil of the temple was rent and all the earth trembled.

lá-tro de crú- ce clamá-bat, di-cens: Meménto mé- i, Dómi- ne, The robber from the cross cried out, saying Remember me, Lord, when Thou
The rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who slept, arose.

* Et ómnis.

III. At the Rock of Anointing and at the Holy Sepulchre.

After this, the image of the Crucified is anointed with aromatic oils and sprinkled with incense. Then the priest then places the holy image in the Sepulchre, while the choir sings the following Responsory:

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epúl- to * Dó- mí-no, signá-tum est munumén-
tum, volvén- tes lá-

The Lord being buried, the tomb was sealed by rolling

pi- dem ad ósti- um monumén-
ti: * Po-nén- tes mí- li-
tes, qui cu-
a stone across the door, and soldiers were placed to guard it.


The chief priests went to Pilate and petitioned him.
Then the following Responsory is chanted:

Christ became obedient for us unto death, to death on the cross.

Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names.

The priest immediately adds:

Look down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon this thy family, for which Our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and to endure the torment of the Cross. And Who liveth is said in silence.