
Fr. Frank Murphy

Requiem Mass

4 April 2006



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Ordained Priest 1943

Died March 26, 2006

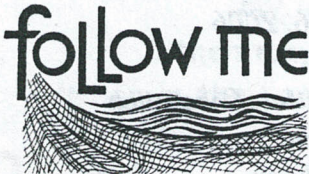
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A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.
If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.
God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them gold in I furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.
When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.
They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,
and the Lord will be their king for ever.
They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Psalm: *sung*



A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with them. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

This is the word of the Lord.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Now he was standing one day by the Lake of Genneraset, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats—it was Simon's—and asked them to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' and when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when they came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

when Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord



**The Cross at the Dawn Mass of Easter
Baurusheen Bay
Easter 2005**



Fisher's Prayer

**God grant that I may live to fish
Until my dying day.
And when it comes to
My last cast**

**I then may humbly pray:
When in the Lord's safe landing net
I am peacefully asleep,
That in His mercy I be judged
A Catch enough to keep. AMEN.**