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## Richard Hamasian (1949-2022)

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*Matthew 5:4*

### Priest

✠ Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### People

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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.

### Priest

✠ For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

### Deacon

Again for peace let us beseech the Lord.

### People

Lord, save us, and have mercy upon us.

### Priest

✠ Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

### People

God of our Fathers, Word of God, in the Father's bosom, you humbled yourself from the heavens for our salvation, to renew our lives.

God of our Fathers, who will come with the glory of the Father, to awaken the sleeping in your Holy name, also renew our departed.

God of our Fathers, Christ, grantor of life and immortality, when you come again to judge the world, grant forgiveness to our departed.

**Deacon** (Psalm 84)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are those who dwell in Thy house, ever singing Thy praise! How lovely is Thy dwelling place, Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord.

**A Reading from the First Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians** (4:13-18)

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**Deacon** (Psalm 102)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hear my prayer, Lord. Let my cry come before you. Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress.

**Deacon.** Alleluia. Stand straight.

**Priest.** † Peace be with you all.

**People.** And with your spirit.

**Deacon.** Listen in awe...

**Priest.** ...to the **Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John** (12:24-26)

**People.** Glory to You, Lord our God.

**Deacon.** Let us attend.

**People.** God speaks.

**Priest.** Our Lord Jesus Christ says: **Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.**

**Deacon.** Again for peace let us beseech the Lord.

**People.** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon.** For Richard the departed one, let us beseech the Lord.

**People.** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon.** For the expiation and forgiveness of his and our sins and transgressions, let us beseech the Lord.

**People.** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon.** For leading him into the shadowless abode prepared by the only begotten Son in the house of his Father, let us beseech the Lord.

**People.** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon.** That he may hear the life-giving trumpet and ascend into the presence of the Savior, let us beseech the Lord.

**People.** Lord have mercy.

**Priest.** Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ God, King of Eternity, merciful beyond request and even comprehension, providing everything for the welfare of the children of man, now receive the soul of your servant Richard, and rest him among your saints who have glorified you since the beginning. Receive him among your righteous ones and make him dwell in the tabernacles of those who love you. And if he has sinned because of his human nature, by word, deed, or thought, you, as lover of mankind, our beneficent God, grant him forgiveness, and secure also our departure in peace from this world, to become heirs of your heavenly kingdom so we may thankfully glorify you with the Father and your Holy

Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Peace be with you all.

**People.** And with your spirit.

**Deacon.** Let us bow down to God.

**People.** We are before you, Lord.

**Priest.** O God, the philanthropic and compassionate, rest the soul of your servant Richard in the abode of the just, enable us to fulfill our Christian faith without sin, and establish us in good deeds through your grace and love, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom is befitting glory, dominion, and honor with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**People.** Together with the soul of your servant Richard who has now renounced this world, we who are gathered are imploring in our tears and beseech you, Lord, saying, “Be a companion on this journey to your servant who always walked with you, and repose our beloved brother in the radiant resting place of our Father.

In the Heavenly Jerusalem, in the abode of the angels, where Enoch and Elijah have aged in dove-like purity, worthily resplendent in the paradise of Eden, merciful Lord, have mercy upon the souls of our departed.

**Priest.** Christ our God, grant repose and mercy to those at

rest, and, to us sinners, grant remission of our transgressions.

**Deacon.** Again for peace let us beseech the Lord. For the soul of our brother Richard and for the souls of all the departed, let us beseech our savior Christ, that He may rank them among the just and save us through His mercy.

**People.** Almighty Lord, our God, save and have mercy upon us.

**Priest.** Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have mercy, through your love as creator upon the soul of your departed servant Richard. Remember him on the great day of the coming of your kingdom. Make him worthy of your mercy, remission and forgiveness of sins. Illuminate and rank him among the saints of your right hand. For you are the Lord and creator of all, and the judge of the quick and the dead, and to you is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*(At this point, the eulogies.)*



**People.** King of Heaven, look at me with compassion. If you open my lips, my tongue shall declare your praises. Lord have mercy!

Cleanse my sins, remove me from perdition, lift me from the pit, loose me from the snare, and protect me from the betrayer. Lord have mercy!

Lord, who humbled yourself from the heavens for the salvation of mankind, renew me and grant me a share and an inheritance in your eternal kingdom. Lord have mercy!

**Priest.** ✠ Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**People.** Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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.

**Priest.** For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen. ☩