



Today, we have gathered to remember the horrendous scourge of abortion in our country and the world. We entreat our Lord Jesus Christ to keep us ever mindful of those who are not able to defend themselves so that we might not lose sight of the importance of the battle against abortion. We also entreat our Lord Jesus Christ to keep us ever mindful of the mercy and unmerited grace we have received from Him so that we might continue steadfast in the promises of God and extend His mercy to all those affected by the blight of abortion. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end." (Lamentations 3:22)

The bold portions are to be read aloud by those gathered.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALMODY Ps. 102:1-3, 11; antiphon: Ps. 102:12

You, O LORD, are enthroned forever;

You are remembered throughout all generations.

Hear my prayer, O LORD;

let my cry come to You!

Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress!

Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day
when I call!

For my days pass away like grass.

And my bones burn like a furnace.

My days are like an evening shadow;

I wither away like grass.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen

You, O LORD, are enthroned forever;

You are remembered throughout all generations.

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

A reading from Exodus, the first chapter.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
¹⁶ “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A reading from St. Matthew, the second chapter.

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no
more.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Pastor Maggard

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Kantor to sing the first stanza. Those gathered join in for the remaining stanzas.

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some - times faints, His seem - ing
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - con
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Setting originally in G major as companion edition.

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PRAYERS

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts. We do not

understand the disregard for the work of Your hands and the wanton destruction of human life that has taken place these past years through the atrocity of abortion. But we are not here to understand. We are here to remember. We are not here to understand. We are here to trust in You. Help us remember. Help us trust. In Jesus' holy name.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

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National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

The first National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children was held in September 2013 on the 25th anniversary of the solemn burial of the earthly remains of some 1,500 abortion victims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over 100 memorial services were held across the United States, and it was clear this should become an annual event.

The Day of Remembrance is normally held on the second Saturday in September. The memorial event was launched in 2013 as a joint project of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League.

-- from the event website, NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

Chino Hills Babies

The Chino Hills babies were found in a field in Chino Hills, CA in March 1997. The children had been aborted in Los Angeles, and their remains were dumped in the field, instead of being taken to the medical waste facility which was their intended destination. The truck driver responsible for dumping them served 71 days in jail before being deported.

On Sunday, October 11, 1998, the children's bodies were laid to rest. Area churches, pro-life organizations and individuals each "adopted" a child, giving him a name and acting as pallbearers. Each child had a tiny white casket, handcrafted by an anonymous carpenter. Crestlawn Memorial Park donated the plots, the three vaults into which the 54 caskets were placed, and the granite monument to the children. Draper Mortuary handled the care of the bodies and provided the hearses.