



CLOSING PRAYER:

May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you,
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem.
May you have eternal rest, dear Sofia.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG:

*"I Am the Vine" by John Michael Talbot
or another appropriate song.*



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SOFIA CAVALLETTI

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"Life is a journey from less to more." Sofia Cavalletti



“For those who participate in my funeral:
I would like to remind those who attend my funeral that a funeral is a celebration of the resurrection, a profession of faith in life – the Life force, in its being stronger than death. The Christian faith is – one might say – a stubborn faith in that every time one meets death, it proclaims that death does not have the last word. And this is what we believe, what we would like to affirm and proclaim to the world, because we know that there is already a first victory of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

Sofia Cavalletti
Rome, March 14, 1993



Sofia Cavalletti

Our sister was washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: **Christ has died, but He is risen.**

She was nourished with your body and blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: **Christ has died, but He is risen.**

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Sofia; let faith be our eternal consolation and eternal life our hope.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: **Christ has died, but He is risen.**

We ask you to kindle in our hearts a longing for the parousia. We pray to the Lord.
Response: **Christ has died, but He is risen.**



We Remember...

REFLECTION and MEMORIES SHARED

Catechists may share a memory of Sofia, a quote from one of her books or a favorite work and how it has touched his or her life and the life of the children in the atrium.

INTERCESSIONS

For our sister, Sofia, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever believes in me shall never die."

Response: **Christ has died, but He is risen.**

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Sofia, and dry the tears of those who weep. We pray to the Lord.

Response: **Christ has died, but He is risen.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. We pray to the Lord.

Response: **Christ has died, but He is risen.**



Sofia Cavalletti

*"I thank you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
because You have hidden
these things from the wise
and the intelligent
and have revealed them
to infants;
yes, Father, for such was
Your gracious will."*

Luke 10:21



Sofia Cavalletti

OPENING HYMN:

“The Kingdom of God, what is it like?”

Catechists may want to bring forward an article to place on the prayer table, i.e. a picture of Sofia, or a piece of one of the materials in the atrium or some other meaningful remembrance.

CALL TO PRAYER:

In our moment of sorrow the Lord is in our midst and consoles us with His Word and with the fellowship of the catechists gathered today. We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection, which knit us as one throughout our lives, do not unravel with death.

In life Sofia cherished the Word of God. Let us now listen to the Word that was proclaimed at her funeral liturgy.



Gospel: John 15:1 - 11

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.





Gospel: John 15:1 - 11

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.
He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.
Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear
more fruit. You have already been cleansed (pruned)
by the word that I have spoken to you.

Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as the branch
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine,
you are the branches.

Those who remain in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever
does not remain in me is thrown away like a branch
and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into
the fire, and burned.

If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask
for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.



First Reading: Isaiah 10:33 – 11:10

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Look, the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts,
will lop the boughs with terrifying power;
the tallest trees will be cut down,
and the lofty will be brought low.
He will hack down the thickets of the forest with an ax,
and Lebanon with its majestic trees will fall.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;



First Reading: Isaiah 10:33 – 11:10

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's
den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.
In green pastures you let me graze;
To safe waters you lead me;
You restore my strength.

You guide me along the right path
For the sake of your name.
Even when I walk through a dark valley,
I fear no harm for you are at my side;
your rod and staff give me courage.

You set a table before me as my enemies watch;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Only goodness and love will pursue me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.