

Lux Aeterna
(Eternal Light)

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The Requiem Mass is a liturgical service of the Roman Catholic Church, conducted as a prayer for the salvation of the souls of the recently departed. As with all masses, it alternates between sacred readings and musical offerings, the last of which is the Communion. It is during this offering that the **Lux Aeterna** is sung, accompanying the sacrament of the Eucharist—the symbolic offering of bread and wine in remembrance of the Last Supper of Jesus, the night before his death and ultimate rebirth.

Lux aeterna luceat eis domine
Requiem aeternam dona eis domine.

Let eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord.

Optional Choir

Lux aeterna luceat eis domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es.

Let eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,
with Thy saints forever,
for Thou art faithful.

Requiem aeternam dona eis domine
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.