

# FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

In planning the funeral, several pieces of information are needed. This folder should help you in gathering that information. The folder includes choices of Scripture readings, intercessions and music. The Pastor, or another member of the pastoral staff, will assist in finalizing the funeral arrangements.

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- If either a family member or a friend of the family is a Eucharistic Minister and would like to assist with ministering communion, please let the Pastor know. In order to receive instructions, the Eucharist Minister should go to the sacristy to see the Pastor fifteen minutes before the liturgy begins. The Eucharistic Minister will need to come forward to stand at the altar during the Sign of Peace.

## **MUSIC**

- Choose up to four pieces of music, plus a psalm text that the family would like to have used in the funeral liturgy. The director of music will arrange to have the music included in the liturgy.

## **SERVERS**

- If you have two or three individuals who would be able to serve as altar servers, let the Pastor know. Servers need to be in the sacristy 20 minutes before the funeral liturgy begins.

## **FUNERAL PALL**

- At the beginning of the liturgy, the family will be invited to help the priest lay the pall, a white cloth symbolizing your baptismal garment, over the casket. If the family chooses not to participate in this, the priest and funeral director will place the pall over the casket.

## **CRUCIFIX AND BIBLE**

- If the family chooses to lay a crucifix or bible on the casket, the person you have chosen to do this will follow immediately behind the coffin during the procession into the church. The priest will assist as needed in helping place the crucifix or bible on the casket.

## **READINGS**

1. Choose one Old Testament Scripture Reading
2. Choose one New Testament Scripture Reading
3. Choose one set of Prayers of the Faithful (Intercessions)

There should be one or two lectors (readers) who can do the readings at the funeral liturgy. If you are unable to provide lectors, let the Pastor know and he will make arrangements for a lector. In deciding whom you wish to have help with the readings, recognize that they should be good readers and comfortable reading in front of a group. Lectors should stop by the sacristy 15 minutes before the liturgy to meet with the Pastor.

Lectors should be seated in a pew near the front of the church and on the side of the church where the ambo (reader's stand) is located. Lectors should read from a folder, which will contain the readings which will be on the ambo prior to the beginning of the service. After the opening prayer, when everyone is seated, both lectors are to come forward for the first reading. The second reading lector sits near the ambo while the first reading lector moves to the ambo. After the first reading, the first lector should sit near the ambo. A Psalm Response will be sung by the cantor and/or choir. After this is finished, the second reading takes place. After this reading, both lectors go back to their pew. Following the homily, the priest will indicate when the lector will need to come back to the ambo to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

### **PREPARATION OF GIFTS**

- Arrange to have two or three individuals bring up the bread and wine for the Presentation of Gifts following the Prayers of the Faithful.

### **PARISH FEES**

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| • Church offering - Parish Member | \$225.00 |
| • Church offering - Non-Member    | \$300.00 |
| • Priest Stipend                  | \$100.00 |
| • Musician Stipend                | \$125.00 |
| • Cantor Stipend                  | \$75.00  |
| • Prayer Vigil Leader             | \$25.00  |
| • No Funeral Home Surcharge       | \$200.00 |

### **FUNERAL LUNCH**

The offering for the church includes the use of the parish facility for the luncheon. The expense for the funeral lunch is the responsibility of the family. Help is provided to serve the lunch. The family of the deceased may deduct \$50.00 if the lunch is served at another location.

# THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

## Planning The Funeral Liturgy

Name of the Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Burial: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Information: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Burial: *Urn or Casket*

Lunch: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ For how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Caterer \_\_\_\_\_  
Family going to cemetery before eating? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### CHOOSING MINISTERS FOR THE FUNERAL LITURGY

*Those who read or minister communion should be familiar with that ministry. Those who do so should arrange to come early to the church to make sure they know the procedures. If you cannot provide for these ministries among your family and friends, the parish will arrange for ministers to be present.*

#### **CLOSING OF THE CASKET** (if wake is in church)

*If reviewal has taken place in the church, the casket is closed five minutes before Mass. Family members are encouraged to assist with this. We know it is difficult, but it is a way of coming to terms with loss.*

Will assist with closing the casket \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PLACING OF THE FUNERAL PALL**

*If the body of the deceased is received into the church when coming from the funeral home, family members are encouraged to assist with the placing of the white pall, a symbol of our baptism, over the casket.*

Funeral Pall is to be placed on the casket by \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PLACING OF THE CROSS** (optional)

*Family is encouraged to bring the family cross or crucifix from home. It will be placed on top of the casket at the beginning of the Mass. This is an optional rite.*

Cross will be carried into church and placed by \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SERVERS**

*The parish will provide a server for the funeral. This person will assist any family member who would like to serve. We ask that he/she be at church 20 minutes before the Mass.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **GREETERS**

*The parish will provide Greeters for the funeral.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Selection (Old Testament)

Second Selection (New Testament)

Gospel (Selected by Presider)

Third Selection (Prayers of the Faithful)

Number

Number

Number

Letter

Read by:

Read by:

Read by:

Read by:

PRESIDER

SACRISTAN

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Should check into sacristy 20 minutes before Mass)

Bread (If wine) Cup 1 Cup 2

GIFT BEARERS (2-4)

1) Bread 2) Wine

3) Water 4) Chalice

CANTORS/SONG LEADER (hired through parish)

Accompanist:

Cantor:

Other musician(s)?

A parish organist and cantor will be provided. Our funeral choir will sing.

If you have another singer, please let us know.

SELECTIONS FOR MUSIC

## PLANNING THE WAKE AND PARISH PRAYERS

PLACE OF REVIEWAL

Funeral Home Church If in church, it must be cleared with the parish calendar.

TIME OF REVIEWAL

If in the Funeral Home, the family will gather at; the public is welcome from.

If in the church, the time for the reception of the body of the deceased will be.

TIME OF PARISH PRAYERS Leader:

Time:

# MUSIC SELECTIONS FOR FUNERALS

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*The following list is not exhaustive but is a starting point for you to begin selecting the songs and hymns, which will be used during the funeral liturgy.*

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!</b>           | <b>G949</b>                                |
| <b>Amazing Grace</b>                      | <b>G645</b>                                |
| <b>All That We Have</b>                   | <b>GG601</b>                               |
| <b>Be Not Afraid</b>                      | <b>G683</b>                                |
| <b>Blest Be the Lord</b>                  | <b>G686</b>                                |
| <b>Center of My Life</b>                  | <b>G679</b>                                |
| <b>Come to the Water</b>                  | <b>G584</b>                                |
| <b>Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled</b> | <b>G869</b>                                |
| <b>Eat This Bread</b>                     | <b>G941</b>                                |
| <b>Eye Has Not Seen</b>                   | <b>G728</b>                                |
| <b>For All the Saints</b>                 | <b>G884</b>                                |
| <b>God of Day and God of Darkness</b>     | <b>G859</b>                                |
| <b>Hail Mary: Gentle Woman</b>            | <b>G889</b>                                |
| <b>Here I Am, Lord</b>                    | <b>G777</b>                                |
| <b>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</b>       | <b>G615</b>                                |
| <b>How Can I Keep from Singing?</b>       | <b>G685</b>                                |
| <b>How Great Thou Art</b>                 | <b>G578</b>                                |
| <b>I Am the Bread of Life</b>             | <b>G945</b>                                |
| <b>I Come with Joy</b>                    | <b>G919</b>                                |
| <b>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</b>      | <b>G973</b>                                |
| <b>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</b>           | <b>G870</b>                                |
| <b>Lord of All Hopefulness</b>            | <b>G663</b>                                |
| <b>Lord, When You Came</b>                | <b>G781</b>                                |
| <b>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</b>    | <b>G828</b> <i>(Prayer of St. Francis)</i> |
| <b>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</b>       | <b>G688</b>                                |
| <b>One Bread, One Body</b>                | <b>G932</b>                                |
| <b>Only a Shadow</b>                      | <b>OCP</b>                                 |
| <b>Peace Is Flowing Like a River</b>      | <b>G819</b>                                |
| <b>Sing a New Song</b>                    | <b>G607</b>                                |
| <b>Sing With All the Saints in Glory</b>  | <b>G539</b>                                |
| <b>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</b>    | <b>G414</b>                                |
| <b>The Strife Is O'er</b>                 | <b>G525</b>                                |
| <b>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</b>       | <b>G940</b> <i>(Gift of Finest Wheat)</i>  |
| <b>We Shall Rise Again</b>                | <b>G871</b>                                |

## Responsorial Psalms:

|                  |  |             |
|------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Psalm 16</b>  | <b>You Will Show Me the Path of Life</b> | <b>G30</b>  |
| <b>Psalm 23</b>  | <b>Shepherd Me, O God</b>                | <b>G35</b>  |
|                  | <b>Shepherd of My Heart</b>              | <b>G723</b> |
| <b>Psalm 25</b>  | <b>To You, O Lord</b>                    | <b>G39</b>  |
| <b>Psalm 27</b>  | <b>The Lord Is My Light / Salvation</b>  | <b>G690</b> |
| <b>Psalm 34</b>  | <b>The Cry of the Poor</b>               | <b>G47</b>  |
| <b>Psalm 91</b>  | <b>On Eagle's Wings</b>                  | <b>G691</b> |
| <b>Psalm 103</b> | <b>The Lord Is Kind and Merciful</b>     | <b>G75</b>  |

# First Reading Selections

# Funeral Readings Index

## Old Testament Selections:

- #1 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 - *It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.*
- #2 Job 19:1,23-27a - *I know that my redeemer lives.*
- #3 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 - *When one finds a worthy wife...*
- #4 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11-13 - *There is an appointed time for everything...*
- #5 Song of Songs 2:18-14 - *Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!*
- #6 Song of Songs 8:6-7 - *Deep waters cannot quench love...*
- #7 Wisdom 3:1-9 (*Long form*) - *He accepted them as a holocaust.*
- #8 Wisdom 3:1-6 (*Short form*) - *He accepted them as a holocaust.*
- #9 Wisdom 4:7-15 - *A blameless life is a ripe old age*
- #10 Sirach 44:1, 10-15 - *At gatherings their wisdom is retold...*
- #11 Isaiah 9:1-6 - *The people who walked in darkness...*
- #12 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 - *The Lord God will destroy death forever.*
- #13 Lamentations 3:17-26(*Long*)-*It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.*
- #14 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 - *The Lord God will destroy death forever.*
- #15 Lamentations 3:22-26 (*Short*)- *It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God ...*
- #16 Ezekiel 34:11-16 - *I myself will look after and tend my sheep.*
- #17 Daniel 12:13 - *Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake*
- #18 Micah 6:6-8 - *With what shall I come before the Lord...*



2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

#1

*[Slight Pause]*

Judas, the ruler of Israel,  
took up a collection among all his soldiers,  
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,  
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.  
In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,  
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;  
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,  
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.  
But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward  
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,  
it was a holy and pious thought.  
Thus he made atonement for the dead  
that they might be freed from this sin.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

#2

*[Slight Pause]*

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:  
Oh, would that my words were written down!  
    Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead  
    they were cut in the rock forever!  
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
    and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see:  
    my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him;  
And from my flesh I shall see God;  
    my inmost being is consumed with longing.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

#3

*[Slight Pause]*

When one finds a worthy wife,  
her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and makes cloth with skillful hands.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needs.  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a reward of her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11-13

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

#4

*[Slight Pause]*

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born and a time to die  
A time to plant and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to wound, and a time to heal.

A time to tear down and a time to build  
A time to weep and a time to laugh  
A time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them.  
A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek and a time to lose.  
A time to keep and a time to cast away.

A time to tear and a time to sew  
A time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love and a time not to love  
A time of war and a time of peace.

God has made everything appropriate to its time  
And has put the timeless into people's hearts.  
I recognize that there is nothing better than to be glad  
And to do well during life;  
For every person, to eat and drink  
And enjoy the fruit of his labor is a gift of God.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Song of Songs

#5

*[Slight Pause]*

Hark! My lover— here he comes  
springing across the mountains,  
leaping across the hills.  
My lover is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Here he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattices.  
My lover speaks; he says to me,  
“Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!  
“For see, the winter is past,  
the rains are over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of pruning the vines has come,  
and the song of the dove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!  
O my dove in the clefts of the rock,  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,  
Let me see you,  
let me hear your voice,  
For your voice is sweet,  
and you are lovely.”

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Song of Songs 8:6-7

A reading from the Song of Songs

#6

*[Slight Pause]*

Set me as a seal on your heart,  
as a seal on your arm;  
For stern as death is love,  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.  
Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love,  
he would be roundly mocked.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3:1-9 (Long form)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

#7

*[Slight Pause]*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.  
But they are in peace.  
For if before men, indeed they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.  
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;  
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,  
and the LORD shall be their King forever.  
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 (Short form)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

#8

*[Slight Pause]*

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and no torment shall touch them.  
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and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.  
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and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.



A reading from the Book of Wisdom

#9

*[Slight Pause]*

The just man, though he die early,  
shall be at rest.  
For the age that is honorable comes not  
with the passing of time,  
nor can it be measured in terms of years.  
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,  
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.  
He who pleased God was loved;  
he who lived among sinners was transported—  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind  
or deceit beguile his soul;  
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right  
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.  
Having become perfect in a short while,  
he reached the fullness of a long career;  
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,  
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.  
But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take this into account.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Sirach 44:1, 10-15

A reading from the Book of Sirach

**#10**

*[Slight Pause]*

Now will I praise those godly men and women,  
our ancestors,  
each in their own time:  
These were godly people  
whose virtues have not been forgotten;  
Their wealth remains in their families,  
their heritage with their descendants;  
Through God's covenant with them  
their family endures,  
their posterity, for their sake.  
And for all time their progeny will endure,  
their glory will never be blotted out;  
Their bodies are peacefully laid away,  
but their names live on and on.  
At gatherings their wisdom is retold,  
and the assembly proclaims their praise.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

#11

*[Slight Pause]*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
As they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as men make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
And the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.  
For a child is born to us, a Son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They named him Wonder-counselor, God-Hero,  
Father— Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
From David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
By judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord of host will do this!

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

#12

*[Slight Pause]*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
The web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord GOD will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:  
“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the LORD for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

#13

*[Slight Pause]*

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the LORD.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;  
therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the LORD.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**#14**

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“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the LORD for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

#15

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his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
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therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the LORD.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

#16

*[Slight Pause]*

Thus says the Lord God:  
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.  
As a shepherd tends his flock  
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,  
so will I tend my sheep.  
I will rescue them from every place  
where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.  
I will lead them out from among the peoples  
and gather them from the foreign lands;  
I will bring them back to their own country  
and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel  
[in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places].  
In good pastures will I pasture them,  
and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground.  
There they shall lie down on good grazing ground,  
and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel.  
I myself will pasture my sheep;  
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God.  
The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back,  
the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal  
[but the sleek and the strong I will destroy],  
shepherding them rightly.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.



Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

#17

*[Slight Pause]*

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned  
and heard this word of the Lord:  
At that time there shall arise  
Michael, the great prince,  
guardian of your people;  
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress  
since nations began until that time.  
At that time your people shall escape,  
everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;  
Some shall live forever,  
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.  
But the wise shall shine brightly  
like the splendor of the firmament,  
And those who lead the many to justice  
shall be like the stars forever.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Micah 6:6-8

A reading from the Book of prophet Micah

**#18**

*[Slight Pause]*

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow before God most high?

Shall I come before him with holocausts,  
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with myriad streams of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my crime,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

You have been told what is good,  
and what the Lord requires of you:

Only to do the right and to love goodness,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

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The word of the Lord.

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Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly  
is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel  
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,  
what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the Devil,  
for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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The word of the Lord.

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**#20**

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that everyone who believes in him  
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The word of the Lord.

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

**#21**

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,

how much more, once reconciled,

will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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The word of the Lord.

Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

**#22**

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Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one,  
death came to reign through that one,  
how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace  
and of the gift of justification  
come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression  
condemnation came upon all,  
so, through one righteous act,  
acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man  
the many were made sinners,  
so through the obedience of the one  
the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase  
but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that,  
as sin reigned in death,  
grace also might reign through justification for eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.



Romans 6:3-9 (Long form)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

#23

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,  
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,  
so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 (Short form)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

**#24**

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

#25

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a spirit of adoption,  
through which we cry, *Abba*, “Father!”  
The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs,  
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,  
if only we suffer with him  
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.  
For creation awaits with eager expectation  
the revelation of the children of God;  
for creation was made subject to futility,  
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that creation itself  
would be set free from slavery to corruption  
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.  
We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;  
and not only that, but we ourselves,  
who have the first-fruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan within ourselves  
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

#26

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Romans 14:7-9, 10-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

#27

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:  
No one lives for oneself,  
and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.  
Why then do you judge your brother?  
Or you, why do you look down on your brother?  
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;  
for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee  
shall bend before me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (Long form)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians #28

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the first-fruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,  
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.  
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,  
for “he subjected everything under his feet.”  
But when it says that everything has been subjected,  
it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.  
When everything is subjected to him,  
then the Son himself will also be subjected  
to the one who subjected everything to him,  
so that God may be all in all.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (Short form)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians #29

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the first-fruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians #30

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,  
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,  
the dead will be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,  
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility  
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.



2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians #31

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;  
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction  
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;  
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians **#32**

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.  
Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

#33

*[Slight Pause]*

That is why I kneel before the Father  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth  
takes its name;  
And I pray that God will bestow on you  
gifts in keeping with the riches of his glory.

May God strengthen you inwardly  
through the workings of the Spirit.  
May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
and may charity be the root and foundation of your life.

Thus you will be able to grasp fully, with all the holy ones,  
the breadth and length and height and depth  
of Christ's love,  
and experience this love  
which surpasses all knowledge,  
so that you may attain to the fullness of God's own self.

To the One whose power now at work in us  
can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine—  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
through all generation, world without end.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

**#34**

*[Slight Pause]*

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body

to conform with his glorified Body

by the power that enables him also

to bring all things into subjection to himself.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians #35

*[Slight Pause]*

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.  
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.  
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.  
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy #36

*[Slight Pause]*

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:  
such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,  
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,  
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,  
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him  
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

#37

*[Slight Pause]*

Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
he who in his great mercy gave us new birth;  
a birth unto hope which draws its life  
from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;  
A birth to an imperishable inheritance  
incapable of fading or defilement,  
which is kept in heaven for you  
who are guarded with God's power through faith;  
a birth to a salvation which stands ready  
to be revealed in the last days.

There is cause for rejoicing here.  
You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials;  
but this is so that your faith,  
which is more precious than the passing splendor of  
fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to  
praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears.

Although you have never seen him,  
you love him, and without seeing you believe in him,  
and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched  
with glory because you are achieving faith's goal,  
your salvation.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

**#38**

*[Slight Pause]*

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.



1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

#39

*[Slight Pause]*

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life  
because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,  
and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love  
was that he laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 7: 9-10, 15-17

A reading from the Book of Revelation

#40

*[Slight Pause]*

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude,  
which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.  
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.  
They cried out in a loud voice:  
“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,  
and from the Lamb.

“For this reason they stand before God’s throne  
and worship him day and night in his temple.  
The One who sits on the throne will shelter them.  
They will not hunger or thirst anymore,  
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.  
For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne  
will shepherd them  
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

#41

*[Slight Pause]*

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this:  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”  
“Yes,” said the Spirit,  
“let them find rest from their labors,  
for their works accompany them.”

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

#42

*[Slight Pause]*

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.  
The earth and the sky fled from his presence  
and there was no place for them.  
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,  
and scrolls were opened.  
Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.  
The dead were judged according to their deeds,  
by what was written in the scrolls.  
The sea gave up its dead;  
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.  
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.  
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.  
(This pool of fire is the second death.)  
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life  
was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1a, 3-5a

A reading from the Book of Revelation

#43

*[Slight Pause]*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
    “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be his people  
    and God himself will always be with them as their God.  
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
    and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,  
    for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,  
    “Behold, I make all things new.”

*[Slight Pause]*

The word of the Lord.

# General Intercessions

## Prayers of the Faithful

### Petitions

## Option A

Presider: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Reader: For [Name] who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.  
We pray to the Lord.

For our brother/sister who ate the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.  
We pray to the Lord.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.  
We pray to the Lord.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.  
We pray to the Lord.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister [Name], that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.  
We pray to the Lord.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.  
We pray to the Lord.

*The Reader should stay at the podium until the presider finishes the following prayer.*

Presider: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Option B

Presider: Let us come to our Father, asking him to give eternal rest to [Name] and comfort and hope to the living.

Reader: [Name] was baptized and grew with Christ. May he/she now live with him in peace.  
We pray to the Lord.

Many friends and family members have gone before us. We especially wish to remember the family and friends of [Name]. Grant them everlasting life.  
We pray to the Lord.

For those here present, who now grieve and seek consolation. May we also find peace and comfort in God.  
We pray to the Lord.

For all people affected by cancer. May the Holy Spirit comfort them and bring them hope.  
We pray to the Lord.

For those who care for and comfort the sick and dying. May God give them the strength to continue their service.  
We pray to the Lord.

*The Reader should stay at the podium until the presider finishes the following prayer.*

Presider: Heavenly Father, you reward the just and console those who mourn. Hear our prayers in the name of your risen Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.



### Option C

Presider: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

Reader: In baptism [Name] received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.

Our brother/sister [Name] was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. We pray to the Lord.

Those who trust in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. We pray to the Lord.

The family and friends of [Name] seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister [Name]. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord.

*The Reader should stay at the podium until the presider finishes the following prayer.*

Presider: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Option D

Presider: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Reader: For [Name] who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints.  
We pray to the Lord.

For our brother/sister who ate the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.  
We pray to the Lord.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister [Name], that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.  
We pray to the Lord.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.  
We pray to the Lord.

they For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.  
We pray to the Lord.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.  
We pray to the Lord.

*The Reader should stay at the podium until the presider finishes the following prayer.*

Presider: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of  
your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.