



**Readings, Music
and other Texts
for the Mass of
Christian Burial**

Mass of Christian Burial for

Date: _____ Time: _____

Vigil/Wake: yes / no Location: _____ Parish Prayers: yes / no By whom: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Funeral Home: _____

Music: In planning music for the funeral, the music is intimately tied with the readings and focused upon the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our hope in the bodily resurrection. Music must reflect these beliefs. It should also be familiar to family and friends. As Catholics we use live music, and do not allow recorded music during the funeral Mass. The Director of Worship Ministries will contact you to help you plan the music for the funeral.

Presider: _____ Deacon (yes / no): _____

Concelebrants: _____

Urn-bearer (1)/Pallbearers: (6) _____

Musicians: _____

Lector(s): _____

Gift bearers (2): _____

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: _____

Notes:

Mass of Christian Burial for _____

The Funeral Mass

Readings:

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Gospel Reading: *Preacher chooses the Gospel reading*

Petitions Notes: _____

Music:

Processional Song: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Offertory Song: _____

Communion Song: _____

Recessional Song: _____

Homily notes:

Sample Petitions

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For _____ 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. R.

2. For our brother/sister who was nourished at the table of the Savior, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord. R.

3. For the family and friends of our brother/sister _____, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord.

We pray to the Lord. R.

4. 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. R.

5. For those who are physically or mentally ill, those who are suffering from disease, and others going through burdens, challenges, and struggles in life, that they may receive God's comfort.

We pray to the Lord. R.

6. For all those who have served and are currently serving to protect our community and country, that God may guide and watch over them.

We pray to the Lord. R.

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

Index of Readings

Old Testament Readings

Please choose one Old Testament

Reading.

OT 1	*2 Maccabees 12:43-46	<i>He acted in an excellent and noble way as he has the resurrection of the dead in view.</i>
OT 2	*Job 19:1, 23-27a	<i>I know that my Vindicator lives.</i>
OT 3	Proverbs 4: 1-9	<i>A father invites his children to seek wisdom.</i>
OT 4	Proverbs 31: 10-31 <i>praised.</i>	<i>The woman who fears the Lord is to be</i>
OT 5	Ecclesiastes 3:1-14	<i>There is a time and season for everything.</i>
OT 6	*Wisdom 3:1-9	<i>As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.</i>
OT 7	*Wisdom 4:7-10a, 13-14	<i>An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.</i>
OT 8	Sirach 2:1-9	<i>God upholds those who serve Him in the many trails they encounter.</i>
OT 9	*Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>He will destroy death forever.</i>
OT 10	Isaiah 49: 8, 14-16	<i>Just as a mother cannot forget her child, so God cannot forget us.</i>
OT 11	Isaiah 65: 17-20	<i>Isaiah has a vision of the new heaven and the new earth.</i>
OT 12	*Lamentations 3:17-26	<i>It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.</i>
OT 13	*Daniel 12:1-3	<i>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.</i>

New Testament Readings Used as First Reading During Easter:

Easter NT 1	*Acts 10:34-43	<i>Blessed are those who die in the Lord.</i>
Easter NT 2	*Acts 10:34-36, 42-43	<i>The dead were judged according to their deeds.</i>
Easter NT 3	*Revelation 14:13	<i>Blessed are those who die in the Lord.</i>
Easter NT 4	*Revelation 20:11—21:1	<i>The dead were judged according to their deeds</i>
Easter NT 5	*Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7	<i>There shall be no more death.</i>

New Testament Readings: *Please choose one New Testament Reading.*

NT 1	*Romans 5:5-11	<i>Since we are now justified by his blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.</i>
NT 2	*Romans 5:17-21	<i>Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.</i>
NT 3	*Romans 6:3-9	<i>We too might live in newness of life.</i>
NT 4	*Romans 8:14-23	<i>We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.</i>
NT 5	*Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39	<i>What will separate us from the love of Christ?</i>
NT 6	Romans 14:7-9	<i>Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.</i>
NT 7	*Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12	<i>Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.</i>
NT 8	*1 Corinthians 15:20-23	<i>So to in Christ shall all be brought to life.</i>
NT 9	*1 Corinthians 15:20-28	<i>So to in Christ shall all be brought to life.</i>
NT 10	*1 Corinthians 15:51-57	<i>Death is swallowed up in victory.</i>
NT 11	2 Corinthians 4:5-10	<i>We carry God's treasure in vessels of clay.</i>
NT 12	*2 Corinthians 4:14—5:1	<i>What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.</i>
NT 13	*2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-9	<i>We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.</i>
NT 14	Ephesians 1:3-5	<i>God has blessed us, chosen us and destined us for adoption.</i>
NT 15	*Philippians 3:20-21	<i>He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.</i>
NT 16	1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18	<i>We shall stay with the Lord forever.</i>
NT 17	*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	<i>Thus we shall always be with the Lord.</i>
NT 18	*2 Timothy 2:8-13	<i>If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.</i>
NT 19	2 Timothy 4:6-8	<i>As death approaches, Paul reflects on his life; he is happy about the past and hopeful for the future.</i>
NT 20	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16	<i>Like our ancestors, we are pilgrims travelling in faith towards an eternal homeland.</i>

NT 21	*1 John 3:1-2	<i>We shall see him as he is.</i>
NT 22	*1 John 3:14-16	<i>We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.</i>
NT 23	*Revelation 14:13	<i>Blessed are those who die in the Lord.</i>
NT 24	*Revelation 20:11—21:1	<i>The dead were judged according to their deeds.</i>
NT 25	*Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7	<i>There shall be no more death.</i>
NT 26	Revelation 21: 1a, 3-5a	<i>There shall be no more death.</i>

FIRST READING:
OLD TESTAMENT
READING

First Reading
2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

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.

The Word of the Lord.

First Reading
Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

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 Redeemer 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.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Proverbs 4: 1-9

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Hear, O children, a father's instruction,
be attentive, that you may gain understanding!
Yes, excellent advice I give you;
my teaching do not forsake.
When I was my father's child,
tender, the darling of my mother,
He taught me and said to me:
"Let your heart hold fast my words:
keep my commands, and live!
Get wisdom, get understanding!
Do not forget or turn aside from the words of my mouth.
Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
love her, and she will safeguard you;
The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom;
whatever else you get, get understanding.
Exalt her, and she will exalt you;
she will bring you honors if you embrace her;
She will put on your head a graceful diadem;
a glorious crown will she bestow on you."

The Word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

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 works with loving hands.
She enjoys the profit from her dealings;
her lamp is never extinguished at night.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for everything 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 kill, 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 rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil?
I have considered the task that God has appointed
for the sons of men to be busied about.
He has made everything appropriate to its time,
and has put the timeless into their hearts,
without man's ever discovering,
from beginning to end, the work which God has done.
I recognized that there is nothing better
than to rejoice and to do well during life.
Moreover, that all can eat and drink
and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God.
I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever;
there is no adding to it, or taking from it.
Thus has God done that he may be revered.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Wisdom 4:7-10a, 13-14

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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 passes for gray hair,
and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.

The one who pleased God was loved.

Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Sirach 2:1-9

A reading from the Book of Sirach

My son, when you come to serve the LORD, prepare yourself for trials.

Be sincere of heart and steadfast, undisturbed in time of adversity.

Cling to him, forsake him not; thus will your future be great.

Accept whatever befalls you, in crushing misfortune be patient;

For in fire gold is tested,

and worthy men in the crucible of humiliation.

Trust God and he will help you;

make straight your ways and hope in him.

You who fear the LORD, wait for his mercy, turn not away lest you fall.

You who fear the LORD, trust him,

and your reward will not be lost.

You who fear the LORD, hope for good things,

for lasting joy and mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples
A feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.
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!”

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Isaiah 49: 8, 14-16

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favor I answer you,
on the day of salvation I help you,
To restore the land and allot the desolate heritages,
But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me."
Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you!
See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name;
your walls are ever before me.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Isaiah 65: 17-20

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the things of the past shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

Instead, there shall always be rejoicing
and happiness in what I create;

for I create Jerusalem to be a joy
and its people to be a delight;

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people.

No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there,
or the sound of crying;

no longer shall there be in it an infant
who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime;

He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years.

They shall live in the houses they build,
and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant;

they shall not build houses for others to live in,
or plant for others to eat.

As the years of a tree, so the years of my people;

and my chosen ones shall long enjoy

the produce of their hands.

They shall not toil in vain,

nor beget children for sudden destruction;

for a race blessed by the LORD are they and their offspring. Before
they call, I will answer;

while they are yet speaking, I will hearken to them.

The wolf and the lamb shall graze alike,

and the lion shall eat hay like the ox

(but the serpent's food shall be dust).

None shall hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

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.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING
Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

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.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING:

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING (DURING
EASTER TIME ONLY)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Easter NT 2
FIRST READING
Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 the Lord of all?

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.”

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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.”

The word of the Lord.

A reading from Book of Revelation

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.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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 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.
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give
a gift from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING:
NEW TESTAMENT
READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons 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 firstfruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves

as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
2 Corinthians 4:5-10

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

For we do not preach ourselves
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus.
For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to bring to light
the knowledge of the glory
of God on the face of Jesus Christ.
But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.
We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained;
perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not abandoned;
struck down, but not destroyed;
always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.

The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

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

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.

The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-9

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

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.

The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 1:3-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him.
In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus
Christ,
in accord with the favor of his will.

The word of the Lord.

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

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.

The word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

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.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

The word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

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.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
2 Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord,
the just judge,
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.

Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.

By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country,
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same
promise;

for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and maker is God.

By faith he received power to generate,
for he thought that the one who had made the promise
was trustworthy.

So it was that there came forth from one man,
himself as good as dead,
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

All these died in faith.

They did not receive what had been promised
but saw it and greeted it from afar
and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on
earth,

for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a
homeland.

If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come,
they would have had opportunity to return.

But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.

Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

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.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

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.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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."

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 20:11-21:1

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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.

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
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 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.
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God,
and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1a, 3-5a

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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.”

The word of the Lord.

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SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR FUNERAL LITURGIES FROM WORSHIP NOW HYMNAL

- Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) by Chris Tomlin
- How Great Is Our God (Chris Tomlin)
- Lord I Need You (Matt Maher)

SUGGESTED PSALMS FOR FUNERAL LITURGIES

- Psalm 16: You Are My Inheritance, O Lord (by Paul Hildebrand)
- Psalm 16: Lord, You Will Show Us The Path Of Life (by Laura Huval)
- Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life (by Francesca LaRosa)
- Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd There Is Nothing I Shall Want (by Sarah Hart)
- Psalm 25: To You, Oh Lord, I Lift My Soul (by Jesse Manibusan)
- Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation (by Cooper Ray)
- Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts (by Ben Walther)
- Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind And Merciful (by Craig & Kristin Colson)
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Suggested Hymns for Funeral Liturgies (continued)

Special requests can be considered after discussion with the priest and music ministers.

(**) indicates hymn is NOT to be used during Lent

- 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
- All Creatures Of Our God And King **
- Alleluia! Sing To Jesus **

- Be Not Afraid
- Christ Before Us
- Christ Be Our Light
- Christ In Me Arise
- Come To Me
- For the Beauty Of The Earth
- Gather Us In
- Go In Peace
- Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
- Hallelujah Is Our Song **
- Healing River of the Spirit
- Here I Am, Lord
- Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- Holy Is His Name
- Hosea (Come Back To Me)
- How Can I Keep From Singing
- I Have Loved You
- I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home
- Joyful, Joyful We Adore
- Lead Me, Lord
- Let There Be Peace On Earth
- Like A Shepherd
- Love Divine, All Love Excelling
- Loving And Forgiving
- Make Your Home In Me
- Now Thank We All Our God
- O Loving God
- On Eagle's Wings
- Our God Is Here
- Peace Is Flowing Like a River **
- Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
- Praise To The Lord

- Prayer Of St Francis
- River Of Glory
- Seek Ye First **
- Servant Song (McGargill)
- Sing A New Song **
- Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
- Table Of Plenty
- The King Of Love My Shepherd Is
- These Alone Are Enough
- We Walk By Faith
- You Are Near
- You Are The Light

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

- Behold The Lamb (Willett)
- Bread For The World
- Bread Of Life (Fisher)
- Gather Your People
- Gift Of Finest Wheat
- I Am The Bread Of Life (Toolan)
- Miracle Of Grace (Bread Of Life)
- One Love Released
- Seed, Scattered and Sown
- Spirit and Grace
- Taste And See (Moore)
- The Supper Of The Lord
- This Is The Body Of Christ (Hart)
- We Belong To You
- Worthy Is The Lamb
- The Body of Christ