

Selection of Readings, Prayers and Music for Catholic Funeral Mass

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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 novel 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.

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

Oh, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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 though an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of 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.

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.

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 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 the wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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 have looked;
Let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord

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

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.

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 who 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.

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 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 the 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 the 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 hear a loud voice from the throng 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.

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 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

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.

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

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 of 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 to 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 await 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits 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 firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord

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 a 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 the 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

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

Brothers and Sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus
and place us also 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

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.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,

so that each one may receive recompense
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

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

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.

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

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 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 remain 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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H1)

PRIEST: 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: The response is “**Hear our prayer.**”

- In Baptism _____ received the light of Christ.
Scatter the darkness now and lead *him/her* over the waters of death.
Lord in your mercy: ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- Our *brother/sister* _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior.
Welcome *him/her* into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
Lord in your mercy: ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- Many Friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom.
Grant them an everlasting home with Jesus.
Lord in your mercy: ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- 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.
Lord in your mercy: ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.
Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.
Lord in your mercy: ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation.
Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come with grief.
Lord in your mercy. ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for _____.
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son’s coming.
Lord in your mercy. ***R/. Hear our prayer***

PRIEST: 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. ***R/. Amen.***

PRIEST: 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: The response is: **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

- For _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that *HE/SHE* may be admitted to the company of the saints.
We pray to the Lord. ***R/. Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For _____ 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. ***R/. Lord, hear our prayer.***
- 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. ***R/. Lord, hear our prayer.***
- 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. ***R/. Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For the family and friends of our *BROTHER/SISTER* _____,
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. ***R/. Lord, hear our prayer.***
- 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/. Lord, hear our prayer.***

PRIEST: 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.

R/. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H3)

PRIEST: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed (BROTHER/SISTER), but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.

READER: The response is: **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

- That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That those in public office may promote justice and peace.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That those who bear the cross of pain
in mind and body may never feel forsaken by God.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God may deliver the soul of his servant _____
from punishment and from the powers of darkness.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God in his mercy may blot out all *HIS/HER* offenses.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God may establish *HIM/HER* in light and peace.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God may call *HIM/HER* to happiness in the company of all the saints.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God may welcome into His glory those of our family and friends
who have departed this life.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That god may give a place in the kingdom of heaven
to all the faithful departed.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H4)

PRIEST: Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection:

READER: The response is: **“Lord have mercy.”**

- Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever:
Lord, have mercy. ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Promise and image of what we shall be:
Lord, have mercy. ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:
Lord, have mercy. ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:
Lord, have mercy. ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:
Lord, have mercy. ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls,
give peace to _____ forever:
Lord, have mercy. ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain.
Bless _____’s family and friends
who gather around *HIM/HER* today:
Lord, have mercy. ***R/. Lord have mercy.***

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H5)

(FOR A BAPTIZED CHILD)

PRIEST: Jesus is the Son of God and the pattern for our own creation.
His promise is that one day we shall truly be like him.
With our hope founded on that promise, we pray:

READER: The response is: “**Lord, have mercy.**”

- That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving
for the life of _____:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, have mercy.**
- That God will bring to completion _____’s baptism into Christ:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, have mercy.**
- That God will lead _____ from death to life:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, have mercy.**
- That all of us, _____’s family and friends,
may be comforted in our grief:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, have mercy.**
- That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, have mercy.**
- That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord,
praising God for victory over death:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, have mercy.**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H6)

(FOR A BAPTIZED CHILD)

PRIEST: The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our sure hope.
Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this dark hour:

READER: The response is: “Bless us and keep us, O Lord.”

- You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life.
To you we pray. ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
- You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience through suffering.
To you we pray. ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
- You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom.
To you we pray. ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
- You comforted those who mourn the loss of children and friends.
To you we pray. ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
- You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all.
To you we pray. ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
- You promised to raise up those who believe in you
just as you were raised up in glory by the Father.
To you we pray. ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***

PRIEST: Lord God you entrusted _____ to our care
and now you embrace *HIM/HER* in your love.
Take _____ into your keeping together with all children who
have died.

Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your
saving peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

General Intercessions:

H7

Priest: Let us pray for _____, *HIS/HER* family and friends, and for all God's people:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

For _____, child of God and heir to the kingdom, that *HE/SHE* be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer

For _____'s family, especially *HIS/HER* mother and father, that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer

For _____ friends, those who played with *HIM/HER* and those that cared for *HIM/HER*, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another.

We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer

For all parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God.

We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer

For children who have died of hunger and disease, that these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table.

We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer

For the whole Church, that we prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call upon us by name to pass from this world to the next.

We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord hear our prayer

Priest: Lord God, you entrusted _____ to our care and now you embrace *HIM/HER* in your love. Take _____ into your keeping together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
And after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Holy Gospel – G2 • Matthew 11:25-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and to anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,
brought no oil with them,
but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,
‘behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,
‘give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,
‘no, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it,
the bridegroom came
and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G4 • Matthew 25: 31-46)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon this glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

‘Come, you who are blessed by the Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply,
 ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
 for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’
Then he will say to those on his left,
 ‘Depart from me, you are accursed,
 into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
 a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
 naked and you gave me no clothing,
 ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’
Then they will answer and say,
 ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
 or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
 and not minister to your needs?’
He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you,
 what you did not do for one of the least ones,
 you did not do for me.’
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
 but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Holy Gospel – G5 • Mark 15: 33-39)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At noon darkness came over the whole land
Until three in the afternoon.
And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabaachthani?"
which is translated,
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
"Look, he is calling Elijah."
One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed,
and gave it to him to drink, saying,
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.
When the centurion who stood facing him
saw how he breathed his last he said,
"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G6 • Luke 7: 11-17)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.
As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.
A large crowd from the city was with her.
When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
“Do not weep”
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted
and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.
Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,
“A great prophet has arisen in our midst,”
and “God has visited his people.”
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea
and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Holy Gospel – G7 • Luke 12: 35-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a
wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,

blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour

when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G8 • Luke 23: 33, 39-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the soldiers came to the place called the Skull,
they crucified Jesus and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.

Now one of the criminals hanging there
reviled Jesus, saying
“Are you the Christ?
save yourself and us.”

The other man, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
“have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal.”

Then he said,
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”
He replied to him,
“Amen, I say to you
today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G9 • Luke 23: 44-46, 50,52-53)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,
though he was a member of the council,
went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
After he had taken the body down,
he wrapped it in a linen cloth
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G10 • Luke 24:13-16, 28-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week,
two of the disciples of Jesus were going
to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem,
and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.
And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.
As they approached the village to which they were going,
he gave them the impression that he was going on farther.
But they urged him, “stay with us,
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”
So he went in to stay with them.
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.
Then they said to each other,
“Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem
where they found gathered together
the Eleven and those with them, who were saying,
“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”
Then the two recounted
what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Holy Gospel – G11 • John 5: 24-29)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word
and believes in the one who sent me
has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,
but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,
so also he gave to the Son of life in himself.

And he gave him power to exercise judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this
because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs
will hear his voice and will come out,
those who have done good deeds
to the resurrection of life,
but those who have done wicked deeds
to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Holy Gospel – G12 • John 6: 37-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh
for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,

“How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food
and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father
so also the one who feeds on me,
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G14 • John 11: 21-27)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,

“I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,

“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G15 • John 11:32-45)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,
She fell at his feet and said to him,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her
weeping
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,
“where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”

But some of them said:

“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister said to him,

“Lord, by now there will be stench;
he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her,

“Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,
“Father, I thank you for hearing me.
I know that you always hear me;
But because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me.”
And when he had said this,
He cried out in a loud voice
“Lazarus, come out!”
The dead man came out,
tied hand and foot with burial bands,
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.
So Jesus said to the crowd.
“Untie him and let him go.”
Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Holy Gospel – G16 • John 12: 23-26)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world

will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Holy Gospel – G17 • John 14:1-6)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going;

how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord

(Holy Gospel – G18 • John 17: 24-26)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me

that they may see my glory that you gave me,

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,

but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known,

that the love with which you loved me

may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,
he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,
in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others,
one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved,
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son."

Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,
Jesus said, "I thirst. "

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop
and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the
sabbath,
for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken
and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.
But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,
they did not break his legs,
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,
And immediately Blood and water flowed out.
An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;
he knows that he is speaking the truth,
so that you may also come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled;
Not a bone of it will be broken
And again another passage says:
They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea,
secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,
asked Pilate if he could remove the Body of Jesus.
And Pilate permitted it.
So he came and took his Body.
Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night,
also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes
weighing about one hundred pounds.

The Gospel of the Lord

FUNERAL MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

MASS PARTS	
Mass Ordinary Kyrie, Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Amen, Agnus Dei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lord Have Mercy/Kyrie eleison (Litany of the Saints) G156 •Chant Mass in Latin or in English SMH 124-132 •Heritage Mass (English) SMH 191-198 •Missa Simplex Kyrie SMH 133
Responsorial Psalm	Depends on the choice of the Psalm
Gospel Acclamation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Alleluia SMH 220 •During Lent: Praise To You Lord Jesus Christ SMH 237

	Entrance Hymn	Video Link
G 671	Here I Am Lord	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c
SMH 520	Faith of Our Fathers	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EVPVS9EGeQ
SMH 524	For the Beauty of the Earth	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovFGaOAFfIY
SMH 572	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUVCpF8-VuE
SMH 716	Praise My Soul the King of Heaven	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxF62xRFB5o
SMH 622	Lord of All Hopefulness	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8OZFACqoIo
SMH 719	Praise to the Holiest	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Snf1FiBSLvY
G 454	I know that My Redeemer Lives	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYOsSdDQBKo
SMH 562	Holy, Holy, Holy	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntdcY8q7a9E
SMH 659	O God Beyond All Praising	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnnQpC9oLxU
SMH 426	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh61poqcnpA
SMH 721	Praise to the Lord	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vegvb1u5s4
SMH 430	Amazing Grace	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iou_pSEbEY
	Offertory/Presentation	Video Link
S. Warner	Lead Kindly Light	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLlLKMoRTgw
SMH 823	We Walk By Faith	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGRUZawyxVs
SMH 784	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5oKE9jMVWY
G 671	Here I Am Lord	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c
SMH 572	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUVCpF8-VuE
SMH 450	Be Not Afraid	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJoJqISPU
SMH 698	On Eagle's Wings	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSjkJiuCaVI
SMH 627	Love Divine	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQrNMJrgbyM
SMH 430	Amazing Grace	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iou_pSEbEY
SMH 569	How Great Thou Art	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIwTtV8s4Ao

	Communion	Video Link
B. Hurd	Ubi Caritas	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSk6NDRK44M
SMH 512	Eat This Bread	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruCqg8WjNm4
C. Foltz	Christians Let Us Love One Another	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MDooAZ1Qt4
SMH 541	Godhead Here in Hiding	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqHf5DYF2c
SMH 709	Panis Angelicus	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i6OEdLi2qg
C. Stephan	Bread of Angels	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXMGRUUFroM
S. Warner	Lead Kindly Light	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLlLKMoRTgw
Alex E. Hill	Anima Christi (SMH back cover)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ok4tvu9TCuA
G 813	One Bread, One Body	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHAu3fLF7NI
SMH 595	Jesus Remember Me	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjLZKR3c98
SMH 739	Salve Regina (Gregorian chant)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu7LIZJqA5M
SMH 450	Be Not Afraid	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJoJqjqISPU
SMH 698	On Eagle's Wings	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSjkJiuCaVI
	Song of Farewell	Video Link
E. Sands	Song of Farewell (May the Choir of Angels)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6AFtl1FNs
SMH 755	Come to His/Her Aid	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIQZlJnmEoo
SMH 581	May Choirs of Angels (In Paradisum)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GX_1kKacuOc
SMH 581	In Paradisum (May Choirs of Angels)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2GipnOU9Kc
	Recessional Hymn	Video Link
SMH 572	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUVCpF8-VuE
SMH 823	We Walk By Faith	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGRUZawyxVs
SMH 614	Lift High the Cross	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C59j6p6iOZ4
SMH 561	Holy God We Praise Thy Name	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oytf_TlujPw
G 454	I know that My Redeemer Lives	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYOsSdDQBKo
SMH 721	Praise to the Lord	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vegvb1u5s4
SMH 569	How Great Thou Art	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIwTtV8s4Ao
SMH 601	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcKlYUL5BoE
G 442	Sing With All The Saints In Glory	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saThRjTlvno
SMH 787	The Strife Is O'er	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu5Ctty9kiA
SMH 426	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh61poqcnP
SMH 430	Amazing Grace	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iou_pSEbEY
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