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IN YOUR GRIEF...

It is our hope that this booklet will help you create a funeral liturgy that is a reflection of your loved one and a comfort to you in your sorrow.

The funeral liturgy reflects our Christian belief that death is not an end but a beginning. The prayers, blessings, readings, and songs offer comfort and hope in the midst of our tears because during the liturgy we recall Jesus' victory over death and our share in that resurrection.

The staff at St. Anselm will assist you in every way in planning the funeral for your loved one. Our Funeral Guidelines will help you choose appropriate readings and music, and a meeting with a bereavement minister will help you complete the liturgy planning process.

*Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

John 12:24

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CATHOLIC FUNERALS

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, broke the chains of sin and death that bound humanity. The Order of Christian Funerals is divided into three groups of rites that correspond to the three ritual movements in the funeral of Christians. These three movements form one procession from the funeral home to the church and to the cemetery and include: the Vigil Service (wake), the Funeral Liturgy and the Rite of Committal. It is the usual custom that the funeral of Christians includes these three movements. Although this is customary, other options may be available.

YOUR FUNERAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THE CHURCH?

All the baptized are entitled to the full Rite of Christian Burial. You and the members of your family will experience the Rite of Christian Burial in three distinct and important gatherings.

1. The Wake or Vigil. This will take place during the visiting hours at the funeral home. A Parish Priest or Deacon will lead a prayer service at the funeral home.
2. The Funeral Liturgy is the centerpiece of these Rites. This will take place at the church and is usually, but not necessarily, celebrated in the context of the Mass. The remains of the Christian are honored by being brought to the parish church. The memory of the deceased is joined to the greater mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.
3. The Committal takes place at the cemetery of your choosing and concludes the prayerful respect given to the body of all Christian people. This graveside service brings closure to the Rite of Christian Burial.

WHAT ABOUT CREMATION?

In recent years, the Catholic Church has lifted the prohibition against the practice of cremation and has revised the rites for services with cremated remains. While the church favors cremation *after* the funeral liturgy, it realizes that financial constraints or other circumstances may result in the desire for cremation before the funeral service. The cremated remains can be brought into the church for the Funeral Mass. Typically, a minister will accompany the cremated remains to the cemetery for committal after the funeral. The church discourages the practice of dividing or scattering cremated remains. It is possible to have a picture of the deceased placed in the entrance of the church or near the cremains.

A WORD ABOUT PRE-ARRANGEMENTS

You may be dealing with some special requests of your deceased loved one concerning the wake and funeral. The parish together with the funeral director will do its best to comply with such requests.

It is important to keep in mind, however, that any requests made by the deceased or family that do not follow the Funeral Rites and traditions of the Church may need to be changed or not included in the funeral service.

TIMES FOR FUNERAL MASSES

A funeral, according to Diocesan Guidelines, may be celebrated on any day of the Church year except for Sundays, Holy Days, or during the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). The usual time for funerals at St. Anselm is 10 a.m., with the exception of Saturdays which are at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. No funerals on Tuesdays.

PARTICIPATION/PLANNING THE FUNERAL LITURGY

How Family and Friends Can Be Involved

The funeral liturgy reflects our Christian belief that death is not an end but a beginning. The prayers, blessings, readings, and songs offer comfort and hope in the midst of our tears because during the liturgy we recall Jesus' victory over death and our share in that resurrection.

The practice of offering a "eulogy" is normally not part of the Funeral Liturgy. Such meaningful tributes are best incorporated into the vigil or wake service at the funeral home, at the cemetery, or at the memorial reception. If you would like a eulogy at the Mass, you may consider putting it in written form and making copies of it to share with people after the Mass concludes.

1. **PALLBEARERS.** The family may select six to eight people (male or female) to serve as Pallbearers.
2. **PLACING OF THE FUNERAL PALL ON CASKET.** The white funeral pall is a symbol of our baptismal garment. Family members or individuals designated by the family are encouraged to place the funeral pall on the casket before Mass begins.
3. **READINGS.** You may select one or two readings from the Scriptures. If you choose to have two readings, one should be from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. If you choose to have one reading, it may be from either the Old or New Testament. **The celebrant prefers to choose the Gospel.** Scriptural options are included in this booklet; however, if you have a scriptural text which is not included but which seems particularly appropriate, please feel free to recommend it.
4. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM.** You may select the psalm, which follows the first reading. The psalms can be found on page 16. This will be sung by the Musician.

5. **READERS.** Family members or friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings at the funeral Mass and to read the Universal Prayers (petitions). Please try to choose individuals with clear speaking voices, as the Word proclaimed is meant to bring comfort to those who have gathered to pray. It is helpful to give your chosen reader(s) a copy of the reading before the Mass so they may be prepared in advance. The Parish Office can provide you with a copy of your chosen readings.
6. **MUSICIAN AND SERVERS.** Our pastoral staff will contact both the musician and altar servers. You may select appropriate hymns for the liturgy. Included in this booklet is a list of hymns available, which can be found on page 34. You may also wish to have the parish musician make appropriate choices of hymns.
7. **VISITING PRIESTS.** Visiting priests are welcome to concelebrate and take part in the Mass at the discretion of the presiding priest from St. Anselm.
8. **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS.** (Universal Prayers) You may choose four to six intercessions from pages 32 and 33. It is good to choose one or two intercessions that speak to Baptism and/or Eucharist (numbers 1-4). You may wish to have family or friends read them at the Mass.
9. **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS.** Family members or friends may bring the bread and wine to the altar during the liturgy.

WHAT ABOUT AFTER THE FUNERAL?

Bereavement Support

Weeks, and perhaps months after the funeral, many people who are grieving often find that it is helpful to talk. A member of the St. Anselm Bereavement Committee will remain in contact with you to offer support if you wish. You will be informed of our Parish Bereavement Support Group to assist you in the grieving and healing process. Finally, you and your family will be invited to our annual Memorial Liturgy on All Souls' Day. At this time your loved one and all of our deceased parishioners will be remembered in a special way.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH THE MASS OFFERINGS?

Mass Intentions

Masses for the intention of the deceased may be requested through our Parish Office. The usual stipend is \$10. Call or stop by the Parish Office to make arrangements for a Mass.

Memorial Offerings

Other moneys and offerings are also welcomed as contributions to our parish and enable us to purchase sacred vessels, vestments, flowers, and other altar items needed. We discourage the individual purchase of memorial vessels and vestments. Much of what is purchased by individual families cannot be appropriately used within our parish due to sheer duplication of items. The parish office can provide you with information about the ST. ANSELM MEMORIAL FUND.



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

The first reading is always taken from the Old Testament

1. A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered and said:

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

The Word of the Lord.

Job 19:1, 23-27a



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

2. A reading from the Book of Proverbs

If you can find a truly valiant woman,
She is worth more than precious gems.
She is a woman of strength and dignity,
And has no fear of old age.

When she speaks, her words are wise,
And kindness is the rule for everything she says.
Children stand and bless her. So does her husband.
They praise her with these words:

“Many a woman shows how capable she is,
But you excel them all.”

Charm is a delusion and beauty fleeting;
But a woman who fears and reverences God
Shall be greatly praised.

Praise her for the many fine things she does.
These good deeds of her shall bring her honor
and recognition.

The Word of the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10-31

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

3. A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

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

A time to give birth, 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.

God had made everything appropriate to its time,
But has put the timeless into their hearts
So they cannot find out, from the beginning to end,
The work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

4. 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.

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.

Wisdom 3:1-6, 8-9



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

5. 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.
He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported –

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

But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom: 4:7-10, 13-15



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

6. 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 looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

7. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Lift up your eyes on high and see who created these:
He leads out their army and numbers them,
calling them all by name.

By his great might and the strength of his power not
one of them is missing!

Why, O Jacob, do you say, and declare, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord, and
my right is disregarded by my God?”

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is God from of old, creator of the ends of
the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary, and
his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.
He gives power to the faint, abundant strength
to the weak.

Though young men faint and grow weary, and
youths stagger and fall,
they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength,
they will soar on eagles’ wings;
they will run and not grow weary, walk and
not grow faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:26-31

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

8. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

But now, thus says the Lord,
who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through waters, I will be with you;
through rivers, you shall not be swept away.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be
burned, nor will flames consume you.

For I, the Lord, am your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your savior.

Because you are precious in my eyes and honored,
and I love you.

Fear not, for I am with you;
from the east I will bring back your offspring,
from the west I will gather you.
I will say to the north: Give them up!
And to the south: Do not hold them!
Bring back my sons from afar, and my daughters
from the ends of the earth:

All who are called by my name I created for my glory;
I formed them, made them.
Before me no god was formed, and after me there shall
be none.
I am the Lord; there is no savior but me.

The Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

9. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their
thoughts; Let them turn to the Lord to find mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow came
down and do not return there till they have
watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows and
bread to the one who eats,
So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;
It shall not return to me empty,
but shall do what pleases me,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Yes, in joy you shall go forth,
in peace you shall be brought home;
Mountains and hills shall break out in song before
you, all trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 55:6-12

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

10. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

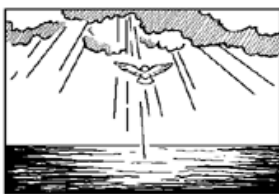
My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the Lord.

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.

Lamentations 3:17-26



Those who drink of the
water that I will give them
will never be thirsty.

- John 4:14

Responsorial Psalms

Psalm	Psalm No.	Number in Breaking Bread
My Soul is Thirsting for You, O Lord, my God	63	785/786
The Lord is My Light and My Salvation	27	765
The Lord is Kind and Merciful	103	802
The Lord is My Shepherd	23	757
To You, O God, I Lift My Soul	25	407
You Are My Inheritance, O Lord!	16	748
I Will Walk Before the Lord in the Land of the Living	116	804



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

1. A reading from Letter of St. 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.

Romans 5:5-11

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

2. **A reading from the Letter of St. 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.

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

Romans 6:3-9



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

3. A reading from the Letter of St. 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 first fruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8:14-23

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

4. A reading from the Letter of St. 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.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39; 14: 7-9, 10c-12

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

5. A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

I beg you through the mercy of God
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice
holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
so that you may judge what is God's will,
what is good, pleasing and perfect.

Your love must be sincere.
Detest what is evil, cling to what is good.
Love one another with the affection of brothers and sisters.
Anticipate each other in showing respect.
Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit;
He whom you serve is the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial and persevere in prayer.
Look on the needs of the saints as your own;
be generous in offering hospitality.
Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice;
weep with those who weep.
Have the same attitude toward all.
Put away ambitious thoughts and associate
with those who are lowly.
Never repay injury with injury.
See that your conduct is honorable in the eyes of all.
Live peaceably with everyone.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-18

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

6. A reading from the Letter of St. 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.

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

7. A reading from the First Letter of St. 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 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.

1 Corinthians 15:51-56

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

8. A reading from the First Letter of St. 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 15:20-23



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

9. A reading from the Second Letter of St. 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 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 4:14-5:1

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

10. A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

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.

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.

2 Corinthians 5:1-6:10



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

11. A reading from the Letter of 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

Philippians 3:20-21

12. A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brother & Sister:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Philippians 4:4-9

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

13. A reading from the first Letter of 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

1Thessalonians 4:13-18



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

14. A reading from the second Letter of 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 Lord stood by me and gave me strength,
so that through me the proclamation might be
completed and all the Gentiles might hear it.
And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen

The Word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

15. A reading from the first Letter of St. 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.

1 John 3:1-2

16. A reading from the book of Revelation

I 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 14:13

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

17. 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 21:1-5a, 6b-7

GOSPEL

The Celebrant will choose the Gospel reading.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

A. In baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

We pray to the Lord.

B. For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We pray to the Lord.

C. N. was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

We pray to the Lord.

D. For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life. That he/she may be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord.

E. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

We pray to the Lord.

F. 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.

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

We pray to the Lord.

H. 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.

I. For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., 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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

At the End of a Long Life

K. For _____ who lived life to the full and now stands in the Lord's presence.

L. For family members that their pain be eased, and that all of the family be joined once again in your kingdom.

M. For caregivers, nurses and all who give of their time and energy to minister to the elderly.

N. For all who grow old in loneliness, that your loving presence be a comfort.

At the End of a Long Illness

O. For _____ whose pain has now ended, may he/she be renewed in everlasting life.

P. For the family who took care and kept vigil throughout his/her illness.

Q. For the nurses and physicians whose efforts made _____ comfortable.

R. For ourselves as we struggle with the mystery of suffering, that we may come to understanding through faith.

At the Death of a Young Person

S. For _____, child of God, that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity, we pray to the Lord.

T. For _____'s family, especially his/her mother and father, [his/her brother(s) and sister(s)], that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

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

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

Appropriate Hymns

Song	Breaking Bread
Amazing Grace	449
As a Mother Cares	464
Ave Maria	703
Baptized in Water	651
Be Not Afraid	438
City of God	390
Come Follow Me	497
Eye Has Not Seen	473
Gift of Finest Wheat	332
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	706
Here I Am Lord	395
Holy God We Praise Thy Name	197
How Great Thou Art	430
I Am the Bread of Life	329
Irish Blessing (Blessing Prayer)	376
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	555
Let There Be Peace on Earth	533
Lord of All Hopefulness	410
Morning Has Broken	637
On Eagle's Wings	440
One Bread, One Body	341
Only in God	452
Parable	691
Peace I Leave With You	540
Prayer of St. Francis	534
Shepherd Me, O God	461
Sing with all the Saints in Glory (Ode to Joy)	595
The Strife is O'er	579
We Shall Rise Again	694
Where My Father Lives	692

You should not feel compelled to pick music.
 If you wish, the musicians who have a wealth of knowledge
 regarding appropriate funeral hymns
 will be happy to choose the hymns for you.

LITURGY PLANNING SHEET

The parish Bereavement Minister(s) will help you complete the liturgy planning sheet. They will make sure that the proper persons are notified so that your plans can be carried out.

This information will be presented to the priest and musicians upon completion.



Please feel free to keep this booklet for future reference.
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