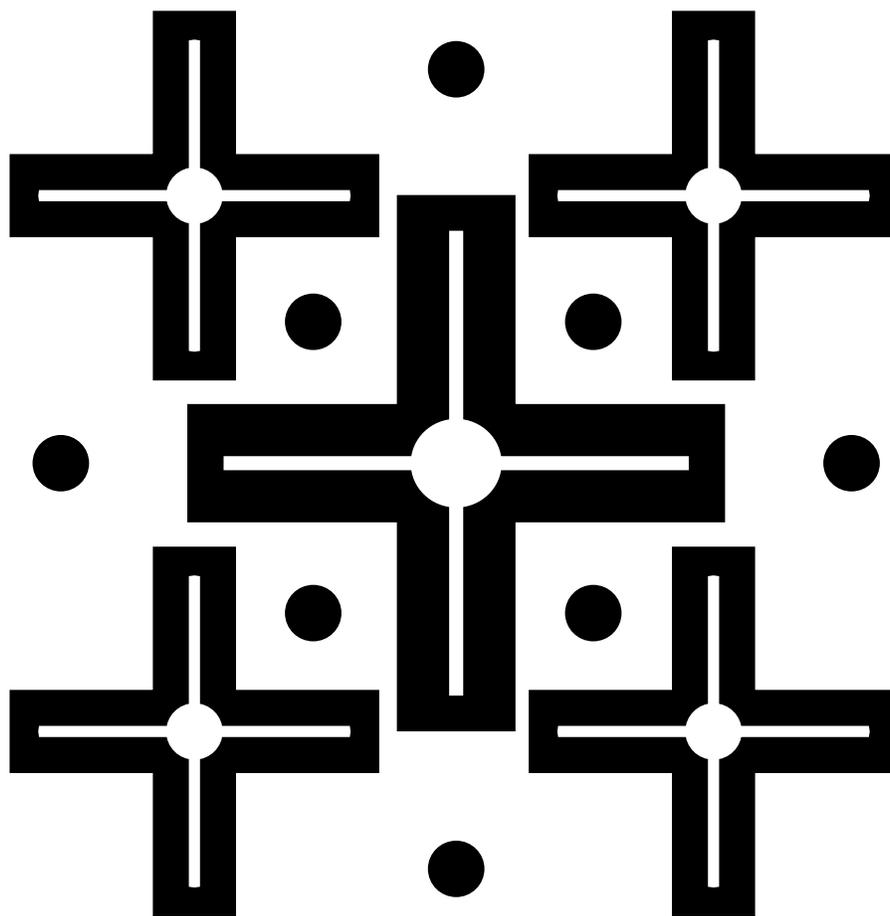


PLANNING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL



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Today's Date: _____

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHEET

Full Name of the Deceased: _____
First
Middle
Last
(Maiden)
Goes by

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____ Age at Death: _____ City, State of Death: _____ Cause of Death: _____

Family Contact: _____ Relationship to deceased: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Funeral Home: _____ **How many are expected to attend:** _____

Rosary or **Vigil**: YES NO If yes: Date/Time: _____ Place: _____ Officiant: _____

Type of Funeral Liturgy: Funeral Mass Funeral (NO Mass) Memorial Mass (no remains present)

Celebrants: _____ Deacons: _____

Day / Date / Time of Funeral: _____ Place: Church Chapel

At the funeral, the body will be: Present, and buried after the funeral.
 Present in the form of cremated remains.
 Present, and cremation will take place after the funeral.

Burial location: _____ Immediately following Funeral Mass.

Final resting place of cremated remains: _____

FAMILY REGISTRY

Spouse's Full Name: _____
First
Middle
Last
(Maiden)
Goes by

REGISTRY OF CHILDREN

Given Name: _____ Given Name: _____

REGISTRY OF GRANDCHILDREN

Given Names: _____

Great Grandchildren _____ # Great-Great Grandchildren _____

REGISTRY OF SURVIVING SIBLINGS

Given Names: _____

Name of the Deceased: _____

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS

First Reading: _____ Reader: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ Reader (if not sung): _____

Second Reading: _____ Reader: _____

Gospel: _____ (read by Deacon or Celebrant)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: _____

EULOGY*: 1. _____ **2.** _____

** Please limit each Eulogy to 3 to 5 minutes.*

MUSIC SELECTIONS

PROCESSIONAL SONG: _____

PRESENTATION SONG: _____

COMMUNION SONG: _____

MEDITATION SONG following EULOGY: (suggestion: Ave Maria) YES NO _____

RECESSIONAL SONG/
TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL (if applicable): _____

ORGANIST/PIANIST:(Parish will assign) _____ **CANTOR/SOLOIST:**(Parish will assign) _____

FUNERAL CHOIR (Group of Volunteer Choir Members—If Available) YES NO _____

PALLBEARERS

1: _____ 2: _____

3: _____ 4: _____

5: _____ 6: _____

FUNERAL RECEPTION: YES NO ([see back page for options](#))

Immediately following Funeral Mass (_____ Approx time) After interment at Cemetery (_____ Approx Time)

COLD BUFFET

HOT BUFFET

DESSERT & BEVERAGES

NOTES:

FIRST READING SELECTIONS (Old Testament)

(to use outside of the Easter Season (Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday))

C1 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.

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.

C2 Job 19:1, 23-27a

I know that my Vindicator lives.

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

C3 Wisdom 3:1-9 (long form)

As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

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.

C3A Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 (short form)

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C4 Wisdom 4:7-15 (long form)

An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

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

C4A Wisdom 4:7-10A, 13-15 (short)

An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

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 crown of honor for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He 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, 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.

C5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

He will destroy death forever.

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!"

C6 Lamentations 3:17-26 (long form) *It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.*

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.

C7 Daniel 12:1-3

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

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.

ADDITIONAL FIRST READING SELECTIONS (Old Testament)

CX1 Lamentations 3:22-26 (short form)

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

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.

CX2 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything under the heavens.

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to 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.

CX3 Sirach 3:1-9a, 12-15

Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Children, pay heed to a father's right; do so that you may live. For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her children. He who honors his father atones for sins; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. He who honors his father is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard. He who reveres his father will live a long life; he obeys the Lord who brings comfort to his mother. He who fears the Lord honors his father, and serves his parents. In word and deed honor your father that his blessing may come upon you; For a father's blessing gives a family firm roots, His father's honor is a child's glory. My child, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering ---- it will take lasting root. In time of tribulation it will be recalled to your advantage, like warmth upon frost it will melt away your sins.

CX4 Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailling prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

CX5 Sirach 6:14-17

Faithful friends are beyond price.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth. A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy, such as he who fears God finds; For he who fears God behaves accordingly, and his friend will be like himself.

CX6 Isaiah 35:3-6, 10

God himself will come to save us.

Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

CX7 Tobit 8:4b-8

Allow us to live together to a happy old age.

Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife, "My love, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance." Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. They began with these words: "Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.' Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age." They said together, "Amen, amen." and went to bed for the night.

EASTER SEASON (EASTER SUNDAY-PENTECOST) FIRST READING SELECTIONS –NEW Testament
(during the Easter Season , one of the following readings is used instead of a passage from the Old Testament)

C8 Acts 10:34-43 (long form)

He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

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."

C8A Acts 10:34-36, 42-43 (short form)

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C9 Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

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."

C10 Revelation 20:11—21:1

The dead were judged according to their deeds.

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.

C11 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

There shall be no more death.

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."

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS (between FIRST AND SECOND READINGS)

- D1 Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6 R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**
 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. in verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name sake. R/.
 Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side
 With your rod and your staff that give me courage. R/.
 You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
 You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R/.
 Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. R/.
- D2 Psalm 25:6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21 R/. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**
 Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your kindness are from of old.
 In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. R/.
 Relieve the troubles of my heart; And bring me out of my distress.
 Put an end to my affliction and my suffering; and take away all my sins. R/.
 Preserve my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, Because I wait for you, O LORD. R/.
- D3 Psalm 27:1, 4, 7 and 8b, 9a, 13-14 R/. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**
 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
 The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? R/.
 One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:
 To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.
 That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple. R/.
 Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.
 Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me. R/.
 I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.
 Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. R/.
- D4 Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5 R/. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?**
 As the hind longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for you, O God. R/.
 Athirst is my soul for God, the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God? R/.
 I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God.
 Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving, with the multitude keeping festival. R/.
 Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on
 And bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place. R/.
 Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy;
 Then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God! R/.
 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why do you sigh within me?
 Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him, in the presence of my savior and my God. R/.
- D5 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**
 O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth,
 parched, lifeless and without water. R/.
 Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory,
 for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. R/.
 Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
 As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. R/.
 You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you;
 your right hand upholds me. R/.
- D6 Psalm 103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.**
 Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.
 Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R/.
 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
 For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. R/.

Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more. R/.

But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity, to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children among those who keep his covenant and remember to fulfill his precepts. R/.

D7 Psalm 116:5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful. R/.

The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me. R/.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my alarm, "No man is dependable." R/.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant, you have loosed my bonds. R/.

D8 Psalm 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. R/.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. R/.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings. R/.

Because of my relatives and friends I will say "Peace be within you!"
Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good. R/.

D9 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8 R/. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. R/.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. R/.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. My soul waits for the LORD more than the sentinels wait for the dawn. R/.

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD,
For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption. R/.

And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. R/.

D10 Psalm 143:1-2, 5-6, 7ab and 8ab, 10R/. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O LORD, hear my prayer; hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness; in your justice answer me.
And enter not into judgment with your servant, for before you no living man is just. R/.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your doings; the works of your hands I ponder.
I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like parched land. R/.

Hasten to answer me, O LORD; for my spirit fails me.
At dawn let me hear of your mercy, for in you I trust. R/.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.
May your good spirit guide me on level ground. R/.

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SECOND READING SELECTIONS (New Testament)

E1 Romans 5:5-11

Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.

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.

E2 Romans 5:17-21

Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.

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.

E3 Romans 6:3-9 (long form)

We too might live in newness of life.

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.

E3A Romans 6:3-4, 8-9(short form)

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E4 Romans 8:14-23

We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

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.

E5 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

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.

E6 Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

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.

E7 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (long form)

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

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; 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.

E7A 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (short form) *So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.*

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E8 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 *Death is swallowed up in victory.*

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.

E9 2 Corinthians 4:14—5:1 *What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.*

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.

E10 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 *We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.*

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

E11 Philipians 3:20-21 *He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.*

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.

E12 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

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.

E13 2 Timothy 2:8-13 *If we have died with him we shall also live with him.*

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.

E14 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see him as he is.

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.

E15 1 John 3:14-16

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

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.

ADDITIONAL SECOND READING SELECTIONS

EX1 Revelation 14:13

Blessed (happy) are the dead who die in the Lord.

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."

EX2 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

There shall be no more death.

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. 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."

EX3 2 Timothy 4:6-8

From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me.

I am already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me; on that Day the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me --and not only to me but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

EX4 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger, neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never fails.

EX5 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13

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EX6 1 Peter 1:3-9

God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

EX7 Philipians 3:7-16, 20-21

*Because of Christ I consider everything as a loss, being conformed to his death.
Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.*

(But) whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and (the) sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ (Jesus). Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing, forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. Let us, then, who are "perfectly mature" adopt this attitude. And if you have a different attitude, this too God will reveal to you. Only, with regard to what we have attained, continue on the same course. But 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.

EX8 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory.

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak Gods wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

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GOSPEL READING SELECTIONS

G1 Matthew 5:1-12A

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

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."

G2 Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me and I will give you rest.

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 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."

G3 Matthew 25:1-13

Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!

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."

G4 Matthew 25:31-46 (long form) *Come, you who are blessed by my Father.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his 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 my 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 accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care or 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 these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

G4A Matthew 25:31-40 (short form) *Come, you who are blessed by my Father.*

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G5 Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 (long form) *Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.*

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 sabachthani?" 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!" When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him."

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G6 Luke 7:11-17 *Young man, I tell you, arise!*

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.

G7 Luke 12:35-40

You also must be prepared.

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."

G8 Luke 23:33, 39-43

Today you will be with me in Paradise.

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 not 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."

G9 Luke 23:44-46,50,52-53;24:1-6A

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

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. At daybreak on the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

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G10 Luke 24:13-35 (long form)

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?

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. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave 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. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to 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.

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G11 John 5:24-29 *Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.*

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 the possession 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.

G12 John 6:37-40 *Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day*

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."

G13 John 6:51-58 *Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

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."

G14 John 11:17-27 (long form) *I am the resurrection and the life.*

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. 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."

G14A John 11:21-27 (short form) *I am the resurrection and the life.*

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."

G15 John 11:32-45

Lazarus, come out!

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 a 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.

G16 John 12:23-28 (long form)

If it dies, it produces much fruit.

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. I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

G16A John 12:23-26 (short form)

If it dies, it produces much fruit.

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G17 John 14:1-6

In my Father's house there are many dwellings.

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."

G18 John 17:24-26

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

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."

G19 John 19:17-18, 25-39

And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.

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 also may 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.

ADDITIONAL GOSPEL READING SELECTIONS

GX1 John 15:9-17

Remain in my love. This is my commandment: love one another.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. One can have no greater love than to lay down one's life for their friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.

GX2 Mark 10:13-16

The Kingdom of heaven belongs to little children.

People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR CATHOLIC FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL MASS (*Contemporary Songs)

[ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING](#)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices let us sing

[AMAZING GRACE](#) - NEWTON

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!

[AMAZING GRACE /](#)

[MY CHAINS ARE GONE](#) ** - TOMLIN

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

[AVE MARIA](#) - SCHUBERT

Ave Maria, Gracia plena

[BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC](#)

Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord.

[BE NOT AFRAID](#) - DUFFORD

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.

[BE STILL MY SOUL](#) - SCHLEGEL

Be still my soul!
The Lord is on thy side;

[BETTER IS ONE DAY](#) ** - REDMAN

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for you.

[BLESSED BE YOUR NAME](#) ** - REDMAN

Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be your name.

[BREAD OF ANGELS](#) - STEPHAN

Bread of Angels, we receive you;
with us now abide.

[BREAD OF HEAVEN](#) ** - COLEMAN

I can almost see you,
as I walk before your throne.
Once we're there together,
my heart will finally be home.

[CENTER OF MY LIFE](#) - INWOOD

O Lord, you are the center of my life:
I will always praise you,
I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.

[CITY OF GOD](#) - SCHUTTE

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from our sleep!
A new day is dawning
for all those who weep.

[COME TO THE WATER](#) - FOLEY

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord.

COVENANT HYMN - COONEY

Wherever you go, I will follow.
Wherever you live is my home.

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;

EAT THIS BREAD - BERTHIER

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.

EYE HAS NOT SEEN - HAUGEN

Eye has not seen,
ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him.

FLY LIKE A BIRD ** - CANEDO

Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul.
I want to soar like an eagle.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS - WILLIAMS

For all the saints
who from their labors rest

FOREVER** - TOMLIN

His love endures forever
Forever and ever.

GOD WILL WIPE THE TEARS

- PISHNER
God will wipe the tears from our eyes
and we shall see him face to face.

HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

- LANDRY
Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

- HAUGEN
Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow.

HERE I AM, LORD - SCHUTTE

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.

HOSEA - NORBET

Come back to me with all your heart
Don't let fear keep us apart.

HOW BEAUTIFUL ** - PARIS

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine & the bread & the sons of the earth

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD **

- TOMLIN
How great is our God. (repeat)
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!

HOW GREAT THOU ART - HINE

O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.

HUNGRY ** - SCOTT

I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE - TALBOT

I am the bread of life,
all who eat this bread will never die.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE - TOOLAN

And I will raise you up,
I will raise you up,
I will raise you up on the last day.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE ** - MILLARD

I can only imagine what it will be like
when I walk by Your side.

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY - BONAR

I heard the voice of Jesus say
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down oh weary one, lay down.."

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES - DUKE

I know that my redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives.

I SURRENDER - DEVENTER

(ALL TO JESUS, I SURRENDER)

All to Jesus I surrender,
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD - THOMERSON

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.

IN PARADISUM - LATIN CHANT

(Procession to place of committal)

In paradisum deducant te angeli:
In tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,

IN PARADISUM - JANCO

(Procession to place of committal)
May the angels lead you into paradise;
May the martyrs come to welcome you.

IN PARADISUM - HUGHES

(Procession to place of committal)
May angels lead you into paradise.
May the martyrs come to welcome you.

IN PARADISUM

CELTIC SONG OF FAREWELL

(Procession to place of committal)
- adapt Steve Schaubel
(TUNE: O Danny Boy)
May choirs of angels lead you into paradise
And may the martyrs come to welcome you.

IN THE ARMS OF GOD - ALONSO

Come & rest in the arms of God,
leave your worry and fear. ..
God will dry every tear.

IN THE GARDEN - MILES

And he walks with me,
and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own.

JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME - TRAD.

Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?

JESUS, REMEMBER ME - BERTHIER

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL (ODE TO JOY)

- BEETHOVEN
Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

- UNKNOWN
Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

- JACKSON
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS - KITCHIN

Lift high the cross
the Love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

LITANY (OF THE SAINTS) - MAHER

Saint _____, pray for us
Saint _____,
pray for us....

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

- STRUTHER

Lord of all hopefulness Lord of all joy,
whose trust ever childlike
no cares could destroy.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

- WESLEY

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down.

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

- TEMPLE

Make me a channel of your peace,
where there is hatred let me bring your love.

MIGHTY IS THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

- TOMLIN

What can take a dying man and
raise him up to life again?
What can heal the wounded soul?

NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

- ADAMS/MASON

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to thee,
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me!

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

- WATTS

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
and our eternal home.

O LORD I AM NOT WORTHY

- BASILIAN FATHERS

O Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldst come to me,
but speak the words of comfort;
my spirit healed shall be.

ON EAGLE'S WINGS - JONCAS

And he will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun.....

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY - FOLEY

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.

ONLY IN GOD - TALBOT

Only in God is my soul at rest;
in him comes my salvation.

PAN DE VIDA - HURD

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del señor,
cup of blessing blood of Christ the Lord.

PANIS ANGELICUS - FRANCK

Panis Angelicus, Fit panis hominum.
Dat panis coelicus Figuris terminum.

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

- DORSEY

Precious Lord take my hand
Lead me on let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

QUIETLY, PEACEFULLY

- TRUE/DVORAK

Quietly, peacefully,
may she/he rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully,
bring her/him back to you.

REST IN GOD ALONE - STEPHAN

Rest in God alone;
rest in God alone,
rest in God alone my soul.

REST NOW IN ME - TATE

Don't be afraid, for I am with you:
rest now in me, rest now in me.

SHELTER ME, O GOD - HURD

Shelter me O God,
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
You alone are my hope.

SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow earth's dark story
To the former days belong.

SONG OF FAREWELL - JANCO

Saints of God, come to their aid.
Hasten to meet them, angels of the Lord!

STEAL AWAY TO JESUS

- AFR. AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Steal away, steal away,
steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home....

TAKE AND EAT - JONCAS

Take and eat, take and eat,
this is my body given up for you.

TASTE AND SEE - MOORE

Taste and see, Taste and see
The goodness of the Lord.

THE HAND OF GOD SHALL HOLD YOU

- HAUGEN

The hand of God shall hold you,
the peace of God enfold you,
the love that dreamed and formed you
still surrounds you here today.

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

- BAKER

The king of love, my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never.
I nothing lack for I am his
and he is mine forever.

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

- BENNARD

I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

THE STRIFE IS O'ER

- PALESTRINA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er the battle done.
O Lord for you to reveal yourself to us.

UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

- FARRELL

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain.

WE WALK BY FAITH - ALFORD/Haugen

We walk by faith, and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

- MEANS

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be

WHISPERING HOPE - WINNER

Whispering hope, O how welcome thy voice,
making my heart in its sorrow rejoice

YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES

- RILEY

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones.

YOU ARE NEAR - SCHUTTE

O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always by my side.

FUNERAL RECEPTION OPTIONS



The Bereavement Group of The Women of St. Jude is honored to prepare and serve at Receptions following Funeral Celebrations of our loved ones here at St. Jude Parish. This Ministry offers Funeral Receptions at no charge; however, donations are gratefully accepted. So that the volunteers' time is utilized efficiently, the reception space is reserved for 3 hours: 1 hour for set-up, 1 hour for Reception, and 1 hour for clean-up. See below for the different types of receptions that are typically offered.

COLD BUFFET RECEPTION

- Sandwiches—Variety of sandwiches, sliders, etc
- Finger Foods (for example Tortilla Roll-Ups, Meatballs, Kielbassa, Ham, Chicken etc)
- Deviled Eggs
- Salads (for example Lettuce, Pasta, Veggie, Potato, Slaw, etc)
- Fruit Tray or Salad
- Cheese Cubes & Crackers Plate, or Cheese Spread or Dips
- Relish Tray (Pickles, Olives, etc)
- Potato Chips etc
- DESSERTS—Variety of cookies, pies, brownies, cupcakes & other home-baked items
- BEVERAGES—Ice Tea, Water, Lemonade (coffee on request)

HOT BUFFET RECEPTION

- Casseroles—Variety of home-cooked hot dishes
- Salads (for example Lettuce, Pasta, Veggie, Potato, Slaw, etc)
- Deviled Eggs
- Fruit Tray or Salad
- Cheese Cubes & Crackers Plate, or Cheese Spread or Dips
- Rolls, Bread or Potato Chips etc
- DESSERTS—Variety of cookies, pies, brownies, cupcakes & other home-baked items
- BEVERAGES—Ice Tea, Water, Lemonade (coffee on request)

DESSERT BUFFET RECEPTION

- DESSERTS—Variety of cookies, pies, brownies, cupcakes & other home-baked items
- BEVERAGES—Ice Tea, Water, Lemonade (coffee on request)

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