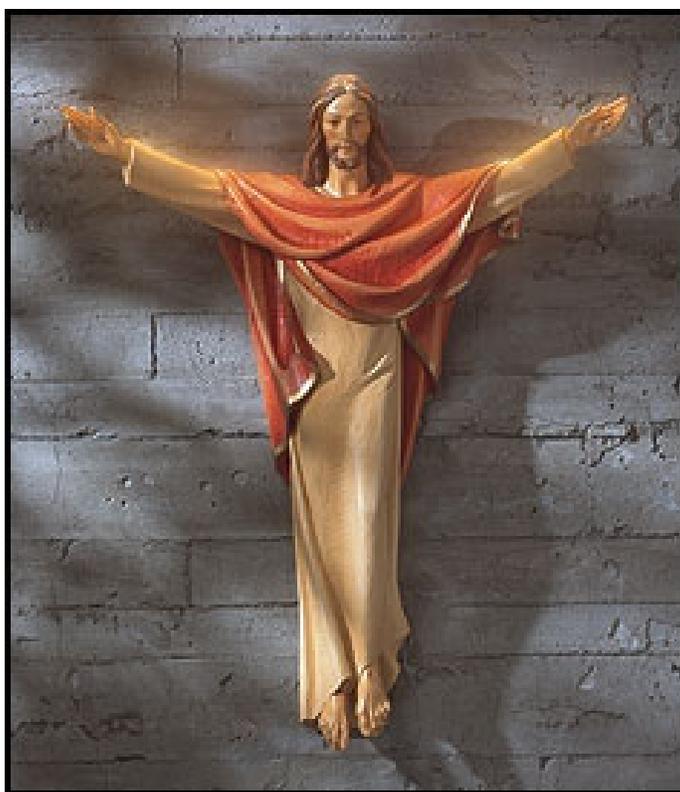


*Come to me and  
I will give you rest.*



*St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
Columbia, MD*

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Outline for Program

The Funeral Mass is the central liturgical celebration for the deceased and an important part of parish life. St. John's Catholic Church reaffirms in sign and symbol, word and gesture that through Baptism we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and look forward to the day when we will be raised up and united in the kingdom of light and peace.

## **VISITATION / WAKE / VIEWING**

This time may include a ritual to celebrate the vigil in a more prayerful way. It includes a time to gather, to pray, to read scripture, to tell stories and to support those who are grieving. The viewing may take place at the funeral home or at either of the Interfaith Centers. St. John's offers families the choice of having the viewing take place at church the night before the funeral Mass, if the room is available, or the day of the funeral, a couple of hours before Mass.

Generally a book is provided by the funeral home for people to sign. A family may choose to display photographs. At the Interfaith Centers these displays would be outside the worship space.

A prayer service, which includes Scripture readings, petitions/prayers or the Rosary may take place sometime during the viewing. A eulogy or open sharing of memories may also be offered at this time.

## **FUNERAL MASS**

St. John's invites families to have their funeral Mass at our daily Mass, Monday through Friday held at Noon at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. Funeral Masses may also be held earlier in the day at either Interfaith Center and anytime on Saturday prior to the Saturday evening Masses. The details of time, place, and celebrant will be confirmed with St. John's and the funeral home.

\*Funerals planned at 12 noon Mass are always streamed. Family should choose a 10am weekday or a Saturday if streaming is not wanted.

At the beginning of Mass, the casket is covered with a white cloth, a Pall, as a reminder of the white garment used at Baptism. The Pall symbolizes our unity in Christ through our Baptism. The placing of the Pall is done by family members or persons they name. At least two people are needed but can be done by more. The Easter Candle, another symbol of Baptism will stand at the head of the casket.

There are three readings and the Prayer of the Faithful that the family can choose. The Old Testament and the New Testament and the Prayer of the Faithful can be read by family members or friends. The Gospel is read by the Priest or Deacon.

At the Offertory two people are needed to bring the gifts to the altar. More than two people are welcome to be a part of the Offertory procession. The two carrying the pitcher of wine and the bowl of hosts should be at least 10 years of age.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to help distribute Communion. Ministers must have been commissioned in order to serve. If the family does not have people who are able to serve, St. John's will provide the Eucharistic Ministers.

It is suggested that eulogies be given during the Wake Service. If this is not possible, a brief eulogy may be given after communion. This should be written out.

### **BURIAL**

When the Burial Service follows the funeral, a funeral procession (the hearse, followed by family and friends) travels from the funeral Mass to the burial site. A priest or parish staff person will go to the burial site and offer prayers. Other times, the burial service takes place at a later time, when the final resting place is ready.

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

A Memorial Mass may be offered when a family chooses to wait to do a service, when the funeral has taken place out of town and the family would like to have a service at St. John's, or when a cremation has taken place. Cremated remains be brought to the church for the funeral. It is suggested that a picture of the deceased be placed beside the cremated remains for the memorial celebration. St. John's shares a family's loss by having a Memorial Mass. The format of the Mass along with the choices that are available are the same as a Funeral Mass.

### **RECEPTION / LUNCHEON**

The Wilde Lake Interfaith Center has rooms to rent for a Reception after the funeral / burial. Contact their office at 410-730-7920 during business hours. (Monday–Friday 9am-5pm) for availability.

## **ORDER OF THE FUNERAL/MEMORIAL MASS**

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Sign of the Cross, Greeting, Sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing of the Pall (done by the family members)

Opening Hymn– Sung by musicians / congregation. (Choices are at the end of booklet)

Opening Prayer

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading : Old Testament – can be read by family member or friend  
(Choices are at the end of booklet. During the Easter Season, two New Testament readings are read.)

Responsorial Psalm (sung by the parish cantor)

Second Reading : New Testament – can be read by family member or friend  
(Choices are at the end of booklet)

Gospel – read by Priest or Deacon (Choices are at the end of booklet)

Homily – Priest or Deacon

Intercessions : can be read by family member or friend  
(Choices are at the end of booklet)

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation Hymn - Sung by musicians / congregation.  
(Choices are at the end of booklet)

Preparation of the Gifts: Family members or friends bring forward the wine and hosts. Children should be at least 10years of age to carry gifts. At least two people are needed.

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymn – Sung by musicians / congregation.  
(Choices are at the end of booklet)

Communion under both species will be offered. Family members and friends who are Eucharistic Ministers may serve. Eucharistic Ministers from the parish are also available to serve

Eulogy – Optional - may be given by a family member or friend. (5 minute limit)  
A Eulogy can include simple reminiscences, stories, favorite jokes, or how a person may have been influential, caring, compassionate, thoughtful, etc. You may want to talk to other family members and friends for their input.

It is strongly recommended that the Eulogy be written. This is to avoid repeating what is said and to be certain that what you want said is not forgotten

### **FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING**

Incensing of the casket

Song of Farewell - musician

Final Prayer & Blessing

Final Hymn: Sung by musicians / congregation. (Choices are at the end of booklet)

Procession

**Choose one**  
**Old Testament Selections**  
**First Reading**

1. I Know That My Redeemer Lives: Job 19:1, 23-27

**A reading from the book of Job:**

Then Job answered, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Word of the Lord.

2. He Accepted Them As A Holocaust:

**A. Long Version: Wisdom 3:1-9**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom:**

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

**B. Short Version: Wisdom 3:1-6. 9**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom:**

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

**3. A Blameless Life Is A Ripe Old Age: Wisdom 4:7-15**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom:**

The righteous, though they die early, will be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, or measured by number of years; but understanding is grey hair for anyone, and a blameless life is ripe old age. There were some who pleased God and were loved by him, and while living among sinners were taken up. They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding or guile deceive their souls. For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness. Yet the peoples saw and did not understand, or take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are with his elect, and that he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

**4. The Lord God Will Destroy Death Forever: Isaiah 25: 6, 7-9**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over

all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

**5. It Is Good To Wait In Silence for the Lord God To Save: Lamentations 3:17-26**

**A reading from the book of Lamentations:**

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the Lord." The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**6. Of Those Who Lie Sleeping In The Dust Of The Earth Many Will Awake Daniel 12:1-3**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel:**

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

7. It Is Good And Holy To Think Of The Dead Rising Again  
2 Maccabees 12:43-46

**A reading from the second book of Maccabees:**

The noble Judas Maccabeus took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen asleep would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, so that they might be delivered from their sin.

The Word of the Lord.

8. "...A time to be born, a time to die..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes:**

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. What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Additional Old Testament Readings**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 "...A time to be born, a time to die..."  
Ecclesiastes 11:9--12:8 "...Before the silver cord is snapped..."  
Song of Songs 2:8-14 "...Arise my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!..."  
Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23 "...God did not make death, nor does he rejoice..."  
Sirach 1:1-10 "...All wisdom comes from the Lord..."  
Sirach 2:1-11 "...in fire gold is tested....Compassionate is the Lord..."  
Sirach 44: 1, 10-15 "...Now will I praise those godly men,..."  
Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19 "...your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise..."  
Isaiah 35:1-10 "...Here is your God, he comes with vindication..."  
Isaiah 40:1-11 "Comfort...to my people..." 183  
Isaiah 40:25-31 "...Though youths stagger and fall...they will soar..."  
Jeremiah 17:5-10 "...I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart..."  
Ezekiel 37:12-14 "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise..."  
Micah 7:7-9 "...though I sit in darkness, the Lord is my light..."  
Zephaniah 3:14-18 "...Shout for joy...the Lord has removed the judgment..."  
Malachi 3:13-20 "...And a record book was written before him..."

### **Choose one New Testament Readings Second Reading**

1. God Has Appointed Jesus To Judge Everyone, Alive Or Dead.  
A. Long Version: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the

prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**B. Short Version:** Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-36, 42-43

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**2. Having Been Justified By His Blood, We Will Be Saved From God's Anger Through Him.** Romans 5:1-11

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:**

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**3. Where Sin Increased, There Grace Abounded All The More.**  
Romans 5:17-21

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:**

If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**4. Let Us Walk In Newness Of Life.**  
**A. Long Version: Romans 6:3-9**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The Word of the Lord.

**B. Short Version: Romans 6:3-4, 8-9**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The Word of the Lord.

**5. We Groan While We Wait For The Redemption Of Our Bodies.  
Romans 8:14-23**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ -- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

**6. Who Can Ever Come Between Us and The Love Of Christ?  
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:**

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who

will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

#### 7. Whether Alive Or Dead, We Belong To The Lord. Romans 14:7-9. 10-12

##### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:**

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

#### 8. All People Will Be Brought To Life Through Christ 1 Corinthians 15:20-24, 25-28

##### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection," it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all

things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**9. Death Is Swallowed Up In Victory. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:**

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been 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.

**10. What Is Seen Is Transitory; What Is Unseen Is Eternal.  
2 Corinthians 4:13 -5:1, 6-10**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

**11. We Have An Everlasting Home In Heaven. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:**

We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from

God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord -- we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

**12. Jesus Will Transfigure These Wretched Bodies Of Ours To Be Like His Glorious Body. Philippians 3:20-21**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians:**

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

**13. We Shall Stay With The Lord For Ever. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**14. If We Have Died With Him, Then We Shall Live With Him. 2 Timothy 2:8-13**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy:**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

**15. We Shall See God As He Really Is. 1 John 3:1-2**

**A reading from the first letter of John:**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what 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 will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

**16. If We Have Passed From Death To Life, Because We Love Our Brothers And Sisters. 1 John 3:14-16**

**A reading from the first letter of John:**

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us -- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

The Word of the Lord.

**17. Happy Are Those Who Die In The Lord. Revelation 14:13**

**A reading from the book of Revelation:**

I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

The Word of the Lord.

**18. The Dead Have Been Judged According To Their Works.  
Revelation 20:11-21:1**

**A reading from the book of Revelation:**

I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**19. There Will Be No More Death: Revelation 21:1-5. 6-7**

**A reading from the book of Revelation:**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of

the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord.

#### Additional New Testament Readings

Acts 10: 34-43 - God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.

Romans 10:8-13 "No one who believes in him will be put to shame..."

Romans 11:33-36 "...How deep are the riches and the wisdom...of God..."

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 "God's folly is wiser than men,...weakness, more powerful"

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 "...Let him who would boast, boast in the Lord..."

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 "...Eye has not seen, ear..heard...what God has prepared..."

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 "...if Christ was not raised, your faith is worthless..."

2 Corinthians 4:6-10 "...this treasure we possess in earthen vessels..."

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 "...The old order has passed away; now all is new!"

Ephesians 1:3-10 "...he likewise predestined us...to be his sons..."

Ephesians 1:11-14 "...In Christ we were chosen..."

Ephesians 2:4-10 "...By this favor you were saved... not your own doing"

Philippians 3:8-14 "...I run toward the prize to which God calls me..."

Colossians 3:1-4 "...After all, you have died! Your life is hidden now..."

Colossians 3:12-17, 23-24 "...you will receive an inheritance from him..."

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11 "...We belong neither to darkness nor to night..."

2 Timothy 1:8-10 "Bear your share of the hardship...He has robbed death..."

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 "... I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race..."

Titus 2: 11-14 "...he who sacrificed himself for us, to redeem us..."

**Choose one**  
**Gospel Reading Selections**

1. Rejoice And Be Glad, For Your Reward Will Be Great In Heaven.  
Matthew 5:1-12

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:**

Jesus went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

2. Come To Me...And I Will Give You Rest. Matthew 11:25-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:**

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

3. Look The Bridegroom Comes. Go Out To Meet Him. Matthew 25:1-13

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:**

"The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. 'But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**4. Come, You Whom My Father Has Blessed. Matthew 25:31-46**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me 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 nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will

answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**5. Jesus Gave A Loud Cry And Breathed His Last.**

**A. Long Version:** Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**B. Short Version:** Mark 15:33-39

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### 6. Young Man, I Say To You, Arise. Luke 7:11-17

##### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:**

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### 7. Be Prepared. Luke 12:35-40

##### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:**

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**8. Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise. Luke 23:33, 39-43**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**9. Father, I Put My Life Into Your Hands. Luke 23:44-49; 24:1-6 or 23:44-49**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. Found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**10. Was Is Not Necessary That The Christ Should Suffer And So Enter Into His Glory?**

**A. Long Version: Luke 24:13-35**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleophas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**B.** Short Version: Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus,

about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**11. Whoever Hears My Word And Believes Has Passed From Death To Life. John 5:24-29**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Very truly, I tell 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 he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out -- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**12. All Who Believe In The Son Will Have Eternal Life And I Will Raise Them To Life Again On The Last Day. John 6:37-40**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to

me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**13. All Who Eat This Bread Will Live For Ever And I Will Raise Them Up On The Last Day. John 6:51-58**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**14. I Am The Resurrection And The Life. John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the

Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**15. Lazarus, Come Out. John 11:32-45**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

When Mary, the sister of Lazarus, came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt 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 came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**16. If A Grain Of Wheat Falls On The Ground And Dies, It Yields A Rich Harvest  
A. Long Version: John 12:23-28**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

Jesus answered Andrew and Philip, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say -- "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for

this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**B. Short Version: John 12:23-26**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

Jesus answered Andrew and Philip, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**17. There Are Many Rooms In My Father's House. John 14:1-6**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**18. Father, I Want Those You Have Given Me To Be With Me Where I am.  
John 17:24-26**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

Jesus prayed in the following words: Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous

Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**19. Jesus Bowed His Head And Gave Up His Spirit. John 19:17-18, 25-30**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS SELECTIONS

Opening Prayer : Priest

Response : Lord, hear our prayer

**Choose one prayer from each group**

I

A) Our brother/sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; may he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints, we pray to the Lord.

B) For \_\_\_\_\_, who in Baptism was given the promise of eternal life, that he/she now be admitted into the company of God's saints, we pray to the Lord.

C) In Baptism, \_\_\_\_\_, received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

II

A) \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished with your body and blood; grant him/her a place at the table in your kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

B) Our brother / sister \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

C) \_\_\_\_\_ ate the bread of eternal life, the body of Christ; raise him/her up, Lord, at the last day, we pray to the Lord.

D) We pray for our brothers and sisters, our relatives, for all who were close to us and good to us; Lord, give them the reward of their goodness; we pray to the Lord.

E) 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.

III

A) Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for \_\_\_\_\_ and dry the tears of those who weep, we pray to the Lord.

B) You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow, we pray to the Lord.

C) The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief, we pray to the

Lord.

D) For the family and friends of our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, we pray to the Lord.

E) Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of \_\_\_\_\_ let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope, we pray to the Lord.

#### IV

A) For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, we pray to the Lord.

B) Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone, we pray to the Lord.

C) 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.

D) 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.

E) We pray for all who have died in the hope of rising again; welcome them, Lord, into the light of your presence, we pray to the Lord.

#### V

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

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

C) We pray for all who have gathered here to worship in faith; Lord, make us one in your kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

D) For all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness, we pray to the Lord.

Music is essential to the Funeral Mass. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith.

**Choose four songs: Processional, Offertory, Communion and Recessional**

### OUTLINE FOR MASS PROGRAM

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Amazing Grace	Let There Be Peace on Earth
Anthem	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Ave Maria (Shubert, Bach/Gunot, Cacinni; Offertory & Meditation only)	Morning Has Broken
Be Not Afraid	My Soul in Stillness Waits
Blest Are They	O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Come to the Feast	On Eagle's Wings
Come to the Water	One Bread, One Body
Crown Him with Many Crowns	Only This I Want
Day is Done	Peace Is Flowing Like a River
Eat This Bread	Precious Lord
Eye Has Not Seen	Shall We Gather at the River
For All the Saints	Song of the Body of Christ
Gather Us In	Soon and Very Soon
God of Day and God of Darkness	Steal Away to Jesus
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman	Table Song
Here I Am Lord	Taste and See
Hosea	The Lord is My Light
How Can I Keep from Singing	Though the Mountains May Fall
How Great Thou Art	To Jesus Christ
I Am the Bread of Life	We Are Many Parts
I Danced in the Morning	We Are Marching
I Have Loved You	We Have Been Told
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	We Shall Rise Again
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Where Charity and Love Prevail
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	Without Seeing You
Jesus Remember Me	You Are Near

Opening Hymn : Title  
Opening Prayer : Priest's Name  
Placement of Pall  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading (OT): Name book, chapter & verse  
May list name of person reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (NT): Name book, chapter & verse  
May list name of person reading  
Gospel : Name book, chapter & verse  
May list name of Priest / Deacon  
Homily : May list name of Priest / Deacon  
General Intercessions : May list name of person reading  
Presentation Hymn : Title  
Gift Bearers : May list names of people carrying gifts  
Communion Hymn : Title  
\*Eulogy : Name of person giving eulogy if one being given. 5minute limit.  
Recessional Hymn : Title  
  
\*Eulogy placement May change- Priest's preference

#### **OUTLINE FOR PRAYER SERVICE**

Opening Prayer  
Gathering Hymn  
Placement of Pall  
1st reading (OT)  
Responsorial Psalm  
2nd Reading (NT)  
Gospel  
Homily  
Intercessions  
Closing Prayer  
Sending Forth Song

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