

The purpose of this Funeral Planning Link is to provide families with the opportunity to discuss and plan the readings, songs, and important information about your loved one prior to attending a funeral planning session with your consultant at St Jerome's. It is not required that you review any material prior to the meeting, but we have found that some families prefer to discuss the funeral service and make decisions with input from their family members.

We look forward to helping you plan a beautiful and meaningful service for your loved one and creating a loving and spiritual memory for all who attend.

### Links/Forms

The following links are to the materials that your funeral planning consultant will review or complete with you at your initial meeting. If you would like to select your readings and music choices ahead of time, that is fine but not necessary. If you wish to review or complete the Funeral Planning Sheet in advance, that is also acceptable, but again, not essential.

- [First Readings](#)
- [Second Readings](#)
- [Gospel Readings](#)
- [Songs](#)
  - o If there is a song you would like to request but it is not listed, please ask during your funeral consultation meeting.
  - o The songs listed can be rearranged to accommodate other parts of the Mass.
- [First Readings During Easter Season](#)
  - o Easter Season is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.
- [Funeral Planning Sheet](#)
  - o The funeral planning consultant will complete a funeral planning sheet at your initial meeting. If you would like to complete part or all of the form in advance you are welcome to do that. It is not necessary to do so.
- [Words of Remembrance Guidelines](#)
  - o The New Order of Christian Funerals allows a family member or friend to speak a remembrance of the deceased. This is not intended to be a eulogy Please refer to the guidelines when preparing the remembrance.

## FIRST READING

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

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A reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel,  
took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting  
to two thousand silver drachmas,  
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing  
this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the  
resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to  
rise again,  
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he  
did this with a view to the splendid reward  
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a  
holy and pious thought.  
Thus, he made atonement for the dead that they  
might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord

## FIRST READING

Job 19: 1, 23-27a

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A reading from the Book of Job

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

The Word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

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A reading from the book of Wisdom:

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality.

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

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A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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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 in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality.

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, - because God tried them, and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 4:7-15

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A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early,  
shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not with the  
passing of time,  
nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an  
unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased  
God was loved;

he who lived among sinners was transported-Snatched  
away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile  
his soul.

For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the  
whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become  
perfect in a short while,

he reached the fullness of a long career; for his  
soul was pleasing to the Lord,

therefore, he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

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

The Word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

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A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations; he will  
destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces.

The reproach of his people he will remove  
From the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the LORD for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

Lamentations 3: 17-26

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A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the LORD.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall.  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his  
mercies are not spent.  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;  
therefore, will I hope in him.  
Good is the LORD to one who waits for him, to the  
soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

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A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned  
and heard this word of the Lord:  
At that time there shall arise  
Michael, the great prince,  
guardian of your people;  
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since  
nations began until that time.  
At that time your people shall escape, everyone who  
is found written *in* the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some  
shall live forever,  
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.  
But the wise shall shine brightly  
like the splendor of the firmament, And those  
who lead the many to justice shall be like the  
stars forever.

The Word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3, 1-11

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A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for everything under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die,  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil?  
I have considered the task that God has appointed  
for the sons of men to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
And has put the timeless into their hearts,  
Without man's ever discovering,  
From beginning to end, the work which God has done.  
The Word of the Lord.

## **SECOND READING (1014 #1)**

Romans 5:5-11

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the  
appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though  
perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we  
be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were  
enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how  
much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

1 John 4: 7-12

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A reading from the book of John

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

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A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but I do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.  
And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.  
if I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. It is not jealous, not pompous, it is not inflated. It is not rude; it does not seek its own interests. It is not quick-tempered; it does not brood over injury. It does not rejoice over wrong-doing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing.  
If tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially, and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then, face to face.

At present, I know partially, but then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

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

The Word of the Lord

## SECOND READING (1014 #2)

Romans 5:17-21

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act,

acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death,

grace might also reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

## **SECOND READING (1014 #3)**

Romans 6:3-9

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

## **SECOND READING (1014 #3a)**

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING (1014 #4)

Romans 8: 14-23

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, "Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him

so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this. present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God;

for creation was made subject to futility, .

not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself

would be set free from slavery to corruption

and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We Know that all creation is groaning in labor pains *even* until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves

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

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING (1014 #5)

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who

also is at the right hand of God, who indeed

intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or

nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through  
him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor

angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things, nor

powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us from

the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING (1014 #6)

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,  
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is  
written:

As I live, says the Lord, every knee  
shall bend before me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING (1014 #7)

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each  
one in proper order; Christ the first fruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,  
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.  
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last  
enemy to be destroyed is death,  
*for he subjected everything under his feet.*  
But when it says that everything has been subjected,  
it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When  
everything is subjected to him,  
then the Son himself will also be subjected to the  
one who subjected everything to him, so that God  
may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

## **SECOND READING (1014 #7a)**

1Corinthians 15:20-23

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but  
each one in proper order; Christ the first fruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING (1014 #8)

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound,

the dead will be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

## **SECOND READING (1014 #9)**

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

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

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged;

rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction

is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,

we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

## **SECOND READING (1014 #10)**

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.  
Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.  
Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.  
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4: 3 – 8

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A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and be diverted to myths.

But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances. Put up with hardship, perform the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

I have fought a good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

From now on, the crown of glory awaits me,

which the Lord, the just judge,

will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but

to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord

## SECOND READING (1014 #12)

Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that *you* may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of-an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

## SECOND READING

Timothy 2:8-13

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A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:

such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,

so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him  
we shall also *live* with him;

if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him  
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2

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A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

Philippians t: 21-23

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A reading from the book of Philippians.

For me, life is Christ and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh,  
that means fruitful labor for me.

And I do not know which I shall choose.

I am caught between the two.

I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21: 1-7

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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."

Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then he said to me, "It is done!

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

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

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A Reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:  
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but  
do not have love,  
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And If I have the gift of prophecy  
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; If I have all faith  
so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,  
And if I hand my body over so that I may boast But do not have  
love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.  
It is not jealous, is not pompous,  
It is not inflated, it is not rude,  
It does not seek its own interests,  
It is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over  
wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things.

Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:20-21

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified Body  
by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

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to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

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

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

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

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

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

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

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

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

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #2)**

Matthew 11:25-30

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

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

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

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

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #3)**

Matthew 25:1-13

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

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

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

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

At midnight, there was a cry,

'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise,

'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied,

'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came

and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

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

But he said in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #4)

Matthew 25:31-46

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,  
he will sit upon 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 for me. Then they will  
answer and say,  
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger  
or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your  
needs?'  
He will answer them: 'Amen I say to you,  
what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not  
do for me.'  
And these will go off to eternal punishment,  
but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #5)

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #Sa)

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The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #6)**

Luke 7:11-17

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #7)**

Luke 12:35-40

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are  
those servants  
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.  
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,  
have them recline at table and proceed to wait on them. And should he  
come in the second or third watch  
and find them prepared in this way,  
blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief  
was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into.  
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son  
of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #8)**

Luke 23:33, 39-43

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

"Are you not the Christ?  
Save yourself and us."

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God,  
for you are subject to the same condemnation?

And indeed, we have been condemned justly,  
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

He replied to him,

"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #9)**

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

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #9a)**

Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #10)**

Luke 24:13-35

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week,  
two of the disciples of Jesus were going  
to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they  
were conversing about all the things that had  
occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus  
himself drew near and walked with them,  
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

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 days 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 seen a vision of angels

who announced 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 the prophets spoke!

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer all 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #IOa)

Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #11)**

John 5:24-29

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #12)**

John 6:37-40

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #13)

John 6:51-59

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

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

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man *give* us his Flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

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

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

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

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #14)**

John 11:17-27

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #14a)

John 11:21-27

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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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,

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Martha *said* to him,

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who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #15)**

John 11:32-45

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him,

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

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,

he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see. "And Jesus wept.

So, the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said,

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

So, Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

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

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #16)

John 12:23-28

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever *loves* his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever *serves* me must follow me,

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

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"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 I will glorify *it* again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #16a)**

John 12:23-26

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

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unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

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

The Father will honor whoever serves me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #17)**

John 14:1-6

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

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

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

If there were not,

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

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where

I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL (1016 #18)

John 17:24-26

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me. I wish that where I am, they also may be with me, that they may see the glory that you gave me, because you *loved* me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known that the *love* with which you *loved* me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL (1016 #19)**

John 19:17-18, 25-39

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

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

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

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,

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

So, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON

Acts 10: 34-43

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people . and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON

Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

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The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON

Revelation 14:13

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A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON

Revelation 20: 11-21: 1

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A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead;

then Death and Hades gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.)

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

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

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON

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A reading from the Book of Revelation

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

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

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

saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God

himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes,

and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said,

"Behold, I make all things new."

I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift  
from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts,

and I shall be his God,

and he will be my son."

The word of the Lord.

## SONG LIST

### ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH FUNERAL MASS SELECTION

#### OPENING SONG (Choose one)

Amazing Grace	432	0, God, Our Help in Ages Past	443
Sing with All the Saints in Glory	607	The Strife Is O'er(not in Lent)	564
For All the Saints (not in Lent)	708	I Heard the Voice of Jesus	462
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	608	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	473
Sing a New Song (not in Lent)	545	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	467
Christ Be Our Light	587	We Walk by Faith	495
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy One (not in Lent)	709	This Day God Gives Me	622
		To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King	723

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Choose one)

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, Oh God, Beyond My Wants, Beyond My Fears, From Death into Life	457
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd, There Is Nothing I Shall Want	742
Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation, Of Whom Should I Be Afraid?	751
Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place	670
Psalm 91: Be with Me, Lord, When I Am In Trouble; Be with Me Lord, I Pray	783
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful	794
I Have Loved You	603
With the Lord	652

#### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (Choose one)

Amazing Grace	432	Pescador de Hombres	502
Be Not Afraid	431	You Are Mine	456
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	573	Oh, Breathe on Me, Oh Breath of God	640
Keep in Mind	672	On Eagles' Wings	436
Only This I Want	508	Only a Shadow	438
Prayer of St. Francis	525	Seek Ye First	435
You Are Near	434	The King of Love, My Shepherd Is	467
Isaiah 49	601	There Is a Longing	401
Center of My Life	488	Turn to Me	650
Christ Be Our Light	587	We Will Rise Again	439
Hail, Mary, Gentle Woman	699	Blest Are They	775
Hosea	655	Come to Me	460
How Can I Keep from Singing?	442	Give Me Jesus	673
How Great Thou Art	424	How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place	670

I Heard the Voice of Jesus	462	I Have Loved You	602
Lord of All Hopefulness	402	I, the Lord	666
In Every Age	782	Parable	663
Oh, God, You Search Me	437	Shelter Me, Oh God	464
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	677	We Remember	493
This Alone	403	With the Lord	652
Where My Father Lives	611		

COMMUNION (Choose one)

On Eagles' Wings	436	There Is a Longing	401
Be Not Afraid	431	To Be Your Bread	321
You Are Near	434	Turn to Me	650
I Heard the Voice of Jesus	462	Unless a Grain of Wheat	329
The King of Love, My Shepherd Is	467	We Will Rise Again	439
Center of My Life	488	Whatever You Do	621
Behold, the Lamb	337	Because the Lord Is My Shepherd	465
Christ Be Our Light	587	Come to Me	460
Gift of Finest Wheat	322	Eye Has Not Seen	461
Here I Am, Lord	373	Give Me Jesus	673
How Great Thou Art	424	How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place	670
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	573	I Am the Bread of Life	362
Keep in Mind	672	I Have Loved You	602
Pescador de Hombre	502	I, the Lord	666
You Are Mine	456	In Every Age	466
One Bread, One Body	338	Parable	663
Only This I Want	508	Shelter Me, Oh God	464
Oh God, You Search Me	437	This Alone	403
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	677	Where My Father Lives	611
The Supper of the Lord	350	With the Lord	652
We Remember	493	Hallelujah	

COMMUNION MEDITATION (Optional)

Ave Maria		I Can only Imagine	
Panis Angelicus	367	Oh God, You Search Me	437
In Every Age	466	You Raise Me Up	826

FINAL COMMENDATION/FAREWELL HYMN (Optional)

Celtic Song of Farewell

## CLOSING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon (not in Lent)	577	Give Me Jesus	673
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	608	Go in Peace	669
Amazing Grace	432	How Great Thou Art	424
Now the Green Blade Rises	183	I Am the Bread of Ute	362
For All the Saints (not in Lent)	708	Lead Me, Lord	726
Christ Be Our Light	587	The Strife Is O'er(not in Lent)	564
City of God	385	To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King	728
Let There Be Peace on Earth	528	You Are Mine	456
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	473	We Walk By Faith	495
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	709	Where My Father Lives	611

## ST. JEROME'S FUNERAL PLANNING SHEET

READINGS	
1. OLD TESTAMENT _____	PAGE # _____
2. NEW TESTAMENT _____	PAGE # _____
3. GOSPEL READING _____	PAGE # _____

MUSIC	
OPENING SONG _____	COMMUNION MEDITATION _____
RESPONSORIAL PSALM _____	FINAL COMMENDATION _____
OFFERTORY SONG _____	RECESSIONAL SONG _____
COMMUNION SONG _____	MUSICIANS:      TOM      ERICA      BOTH

RECEPTION		
YES	ED KILROY	PARISH CENTER
NO		

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE	
YES	NO

BORN (When and Where)
MARRIED (When and Where)
PLACES HE/SHE LIVED
CHILDREN
GRANDCHILDREN
GREAT GRANDCHILDREN
DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

PATRON SAINT

THINGS HE/SHE WAS NOTED FOR SAYING OR TEACHING

SPECIAL MEMORIES

HOW DID HIS/HER SPIRITUALITY SHOW? HOW DID IT INFLUENCE OTHERS?

WORK EXPERIENCE

HOBBIES

ARMED SERVICES

SPECIAL TRAITS

## ***A Remembrance at a Funeral Mass***

The New Order of Christian Funerals allows a family member(s) or friend(s) to speak a remembrance of the deceased at Mass after the prayer following Communion. Many families have asked for some guidance on this. The following guidelines may be helpful.

1. It is appropriate but not mandatory to include Words of Remembrance at a funeral service. Some families prefer instead to present eulogies at the funeral home or at a reception after the funeral.
2. The remembrance should be short, one to three minutes. It is not meant to be a eulogy. The Words of Remembrance apply Christian values found in the readings to the deceased's life. The deceased is shown to have lived these values as an example to family and friends.
3. Storytelling, anecdotes, poems, songs, etc. can be a part of domestic gatherings, but should not be part of the reflection at the Funeral Mass.
4. The contents of the reflection may include:
  - a. The deceased person's inspiring qualities, including his/her life of faith.
  - b. How the deceased person's faith affected and taught others.
  - c. How our relationship with the deceased is maintained even in death and in our looking forward to meeting them again.
5. This remembrance at Mass should be written and approved by the priest before the Funeral Mass.
6. The priest celebrating the Funeral Mass is available to give guidance on writing the remembrance.