

Old Testament Readings (First Reading)

Old Testament Reading	Category	Description
2 Maccabees 12:43-46	Sacrifice for dead	View of the Resurrection
JOB 19:1,23-27a	Hope filled/Long life	I know my redeemer lives/My inmost being is consumed with longing
WISDOM 3:1-9	Long Suffering/Hope Filled/Good Christian Life	The souls of the just are in the hands of God-they are in peace
WISDOM 3:1-6,9	Long Suffering/Hope Filled/Good Christian Life	The souls of the just are in the hands of God-they are in peace
WISDOM 4:7-15	Young Person	But the just man, though he die early, shall be at rest
ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8, 11	General	There is a time for everything under heaven
ISAIAH 25:6a,7-9	Hope Filled	The Lord will destroy death forever/Let us Rejoice
LAMENTATIONS 3:17-26	Hope Filled/Sudden Death	From downcast to hope
DANIEL 12:1-3	Hope Filled/Good Christian Life	Those who lie sleeping will awake/Final Judgement and resurrection
During Easter Time one of the following four readings	New Testament is used as a 1st reading instead of a passage from the Old Test.	
ACTS of the APOSTLES 10:34-43 Long Version		Judge of the living and the dead
ACTS of the APOSTLES 10:34-36,42-43 Short Version		Judge of the living and the dead
Revelations 14:13		Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
Revelations 20:11-21:1		Judged according to their deeds
Revelations 21:1-5a,6b-7		There shall be no more death