



FUNERAL
READINGS AND
HYMNS

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MAY THE PEACE OF GOD COMFORT YOU AND GUIDE YOU
ALONG THIS PATH.

LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU.

THE READINGS AND SONGS IN THIS BOOKLET ARE
SUGGESTIONS. OTHER READINGS AND HYMN SELECTIONS CAN
BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PASTOR'S APPROVAL.

LITURGY PLANNER

Prelude: _____

Entrance Hymn: _____

1st Reading: _____

Psalm Setting: _____

2nd Reading: _____

Gospel Reading: _____

Gospel Acclamation Verse: _____

Presentation of Gifts: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Post Communion Meditation (Optional): _____

Song of Farewell: _____

Closing Hymn: _____

Presider: _____

Organist: _____

Cantor: _____

Reader 1: _____

Reader 2: _____

Servers: _____

Eucharistic Ministers: _____

Gift Bearers: _____

Sacristan: _____

Eucharistic Acclamations will be from Mass of Creation
The Alleluia Setting will be the Celtic Alleluia

1st Reading Options

Choose one of the following Old Testament readings

Job 19:1, 23-27a

.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.

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

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.

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.

Wisdom 4:7-15

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

You MAY ALSO LIKE:

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

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

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 *He will destroy death*

forever. Lamentations 3:17-26

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

1st Reading Options during Easter Season

Choose one of the following New Testament readings

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

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 all those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

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

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.]

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

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

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13

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.

Revelation 20:11—21:1

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.

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

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.

2nd Reading Options

Choose one of the following New Testament readings

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

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.

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.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

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.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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

Philippians 3:20-21

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.

YOU MAY ALSO LIKE:

Romans 8:14-23

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

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

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

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (short form, 15:20-23)

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

2 Corinthians 4:14—5:1

What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Gospel Reading Options

Choose one of the following New Testament readings

Matthew 5:1-12a

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

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 (short form, 15:33-39)

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.

Luke 23:33, 39-43

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 man, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
"Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our
crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal."
Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your
Kingdom."
He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.
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.

YOU MAY ALSO LIKE:

Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me and I will give you rest.

Matthew 25:31-46

Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a (short form, 23:44-46, 50, 52-53)

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

John 5:24-29

*Whoever hears my word and believes has passed
from death to life.*

John 6:37-40

*Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may
have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day.*

John 6:51-58

*Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will
raise them up on the last day.*

John 11:32-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Music Selections

Responsorial Psalms

Choose one to be sung during the Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 23 Shepherd Me O God –
Haugen

Psalm 25 To You O Lord I Lift My Soul
- Haugen

Psalm 27 The Lord Is My Light and
My Salvation – Haas

Hymns

Choose four hymns. These are only suggestions; I am happy to discuss other options

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

How Great Thou Art

I Am the Bread of Life

I Know That my Redeemer Lives

I Received the Living God

Jerusalem My Happy Home

Jesu, Dulcis Memoria

Lord of All Hopefulness

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Shepherd Me O God

Taste and See

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Solos

Ave Maria – Schubert

Song of Farewell

You may choose a preferred version of the Song of Farewell or I can chose for you

In Paradísium – Latin

To the tune of Old 100th

Song of Farewell by Ernest Sands

Gospel Acclamations

Choose one to be chanted before the Gospel reading. There are 11 options.

Matthew 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the childlike the mysteries of the Kingdom.

Matthew 25:34

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

John 6:39

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

John 6:40

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

John 6:51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

John 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Philippians 3:20

Our true home is in heaven, and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for, will come from heaven to save us.

2 Timothy 2:11-12a

If we die with Christ, we shall live with him and if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

Revelation 1:5a, 6b

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead; glory and power be his forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are those who die in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

Please let me know how I can be of assistance to you. May God bless you and strengthen you in the days ahead.

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Cantor

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