

# Order of Worship

## Introductory Rites

During the Introductory Rites pallbearers accompany the casket into the church to the baptismal font. After the presider sprinkles the casket with holy water, a large white cloth, also called a “pall” is placed over the casket. Family members are strongly encouraged to assist as pallbearers and with the placement of the white cloth over the casket.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Scripture Readings

The Word of God provides comfort and assurance during the Funeral Liturgy.

Normally, there are two readings and a Gospel proclaimed at the Funeral Liturgy. It is preferable that two family members or friends of the deceased read the first and second readings but one person may read both if necessary. After the first reading a parish cantor will lead the responsorial psalm.

The Gospel reading is chosen by the priest who will preach the homily.

Your Funeral Planner will help you choose the readings and will also provide you with copies at the end of your meeting. These should be given to those reading so that they may prepare before the Funeral Liturgy. The readings will also be in the ambo (pulpit) the day of the funeral.

### Prayer of the Faithful

During the Prayer of the Faithful, intercessions are raised to God for the deceased and bereaved.

One family member or friend of the family proclaims the Prayer of the Faithful. If there is no one available to proclaim it then it will be done by the priest.

Your Funeral Planner will provide you with a copy of the prayer of the faithful so that the person reading it may prepare before the Funeral Liturgy.