

Funeral Planning Guide



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For Christians, the Rite of Christian Burial brings hope and consolation to the living.

While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the Christian hope in the resurrection, the complete funeral rites also recall to bereaved families God's mercy and love and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis. As Catholics, we want to guarantee that our Catholic beliefs are recognized and honored when it comes to our final wishes, but unfortunately, many faithful and devoted Catholics are not aware of what these Rites are and how they should be celebrated.

As in Baptism we became a member of the Catholic Church family, in death we preserve our faith, our Catholic rites, and our unquestioning beliefs in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Keeping consistent with your Catholic beliefs, it is important for family member to clearly record their wishes for a Catholic Funeral service. This entails several elements such as which Mortuary to use, where the Vigil will be held, prayers to be said at the Vigil, the Funeral Mass and the Committal Service, music, flowers, and where the person would like their final resting place to be.

You can make these decisions and arrangements now, without feeling the pressure to rush. Your choices made now, will make it easier on your family in fulfilling your wishes.

Old Mission Parish Staff is available to work with you and answer any questions you may have regarding the Church and its guidelines for the Catholic Funeral Service.



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The Three Components of the Funeral Liturgy

- The Vigil for the Deceased
- The Funeral Liturgy (Mass)
- The Rite of Committal / Farewell

The Vigil takes place between the time of death and Funeral Mass. This Rite is presided over by a priest, deacon or prepared layperson. It's a time when family and friends gather to reflect upon that person's life and to express their own feelings. The *Vigil* is usually held in a Funeral Home, or in the same Church where the Funeral Mass will be held. It may also take place in your home.

The service consists of prayers and Scripture readings. The Rosary, or a portion of it, may be included in the service. The *Vigil* is typically held the day or evening before the funeral.

The Funeral Liturgy is the principal celebration of the Christian Funeral. It is the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and Resurrection and is a reminder that we are one with Christ in life, death and Resurrection. It is here that family and friends join to reaffirm the belief that life has not ended. Some of the symbolic actions that are incorporated in the liturgy include draping of a white pall, bible, rosary and cross over the casket signifying the person's baptism, placing of the Easter Candle at the foot of the casket or the urn, and sprinkling of holy water on the casket or urn.

The Rite of Committal is the last of the Funeral Rites. This Rite consists of a Scripture reading and short prayers lead by a priest, deacon or prepared layperson.

The Committal Service is celebrated near the final resting place of the deceased person such as the gravesite, mausoleum or cemetery chapel. It is here that family and friends gather to take their final leave with the comfort and promise of Resurrection.

Cremation • Embracing New Traditions

While there is a preference for traditional burial, as Christ was buried in the tomb, the Church has permitted cremation for over 40 years. The preference is for cremation to occur following the funeral liturgy so that the body can be present for the vigil and funeral services. However, it is possible to have a memorial service with the cremated remains present, if necessary.



The Church teaches that the cremated remains should be kept together (not scattered or divided) to respect the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and preferably interred in the consecrated grounds of a Catholic Cemetery.

Making your choices

The Church staff will assist your family so that your funeral plans will include the elements you have requested in this document.

You choose a funeral home. The decision is yours as to which funeral home you would like to work with. They too should be given a copy of your plans.

Please note that you are in control of your plans. Should you wish to make changes to your plans, or change the funeral home, it is your choice.

This booklet is being prepared for pre-need, so that you are able to make your wants known to your family.

(If pre-planning was not possible, then the family, relatives and friends of the deceased person should, if possible, plan the funeral service.)

The following is a guideline of the Funeral Liturgy.

The Funeral Liturgy

Name: *(Your Name or if not pre-need, Name of Deceased)* _____

Vigil: Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Presiding Priest/Deacon: _____

Mass: Church: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Presiding Priest: _____ Deacon: _____

Bell Ringer: _____

Altar Server(s): _____

Readers: Old Testament: _____ New Testament: _____

Gospel: _____

Gift Bearers: _____

Eucharistic Ministers: _____

Music: *(arranged with Music Director)* Accompanist: _____

Cantor: _____



Committal: Location: _____
Date: _____ Time: _____
Presiding Priest/Deacon: _____

Introductory Rites

The Catholic funeral begins at the door of the church. The priest and assisting ministers meet the family and other loved ones at the entrance where the coffin (or Urn) is brought inside. Holy water is used to sprinkle the coffin as a reminder of the baptism of the deceased. Family, friends or parish representatives then drape the coffin with the pall, a white cloth that recalls the white garment used in baptism. Symbols of Christian life, such as a bible, rosary or cross may be placed on the coffin. The entrance procession begins, usually accompanied by the opening hymn.
(Note, the Urn may be placed on a table in front of the altar prior to the procession. The Urn will be draped with a white cloth at this time)

Placing of the Pall

- By Family Members By Pall Bearers
 Other:

Names: _____

Placing of Christian Symbols

Book of the Gospels

- Yes. By Whom: _____ No

Rosary

- Yes. By Whom: _____ No

Cross

- Yes. By Whom: _____ No

Entrance Chant: *(Hymn)* _____

Opening Prayer

(At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites, the presider then goes to his chair and begins with the Collect, or opening prayer.)

Liturgy of the Word



The *Order of Christian Funerals* calls for either one or two readings before the gospel reading. (When only one reading is used, it is generally an Old Testament Reading except during the Easter Season, when it would be from the New Testament.)

When two readings are used, it is preferable that each be proclaimed by a different reader. A Responsorial Psalm is sung as a prayerful response to the first reading. An Alleluia, or Gospel Acclamation is sung to prepare for the proclamation of the Gospel. A brief homily and the General Intercessions conclude this part of the liturgy.

Readings

First Reading: _____

Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

(Sung: led by Music Ministers)

Second Reading: (Optional) _____

Read by: _____

Gospel Acclamation: _____

(Sung - led by music ministry)

Gospel: _____

Read by: (Deacon or presider) _____

Homily: (Presider or Deacon) _____

Prayers of the Faithful (General Intercessions)

Read by Deacon or: _____

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

(When a funeral is celebrated outside Mass, the liturgy continues with the Final Commendation and Farewell as described on page 8.)

When a Funeral Mass is celebrated, the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins. Family members or friends bring forward the offerings of bread and wine. The gifts are received and prepared at the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer that follows. This prayer offers to God our praise and thanksgiving by recalling what Jesus did on the night before he died while at supper with his disciples. The priest consecrates the bread and wine, which become for us the body and blood of Christ.



Offertory Chant: *(Hymn)* _____

Preparation of the Gifts

Preface

Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

The Communion Rite

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion

Those who are free to receive Holy Communion then come forward to do so.
An appropriate song is sung.

Communion Chant: *(Hymn)* _____

Song of Thanksgiving / Meditation: _____

(May be silent, instrumental, or sung)

Final Commendation and Farewell

This rite may be celebrated at the cemetery or place of committal rather than in church at the end of the funeral.

(The coffin may now be sprinkled with holy water and incensed, or this may take place during or after the song of farewell. If the body was sprinkled with the holy water during the rite of reception at the beginning of the funeral liturgy, the sprinkling is ordinarily omitted in the rite of final commendation.)

Song of Farewell

(Sung by the Music Ministry)

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal

A suitable song is sung during the procession to the entrance of the Church.

The Priest and assisting ministers precede the coffin while the family and mourners follow.

If a symbol of Christian life has been placed on the coffin, it is removed at this time.

The pall is also removed at the door of the church.

Closing Procession Song: _____



Liturgy of the Word

Selection of Readings

To help you plan the readings for your service, we have provided a selection of Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament and Gospel Readings. You may choose other scripture readings that the ones provided here, these are just suggestions.

The first reading is usually taken from the Old Testament, the second reading is usually taken from the New Testament, and the gospel, from the Gospels. *(Non-biblical texts may not replace scriptural readings, or the psalms at the Funeral Mass.)*

Note: **A single reading may be chosen to be read before the gospel.**

1st Readings From the Old Testament

1st-1 • 2 Maccabees 12:43 – 46

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.

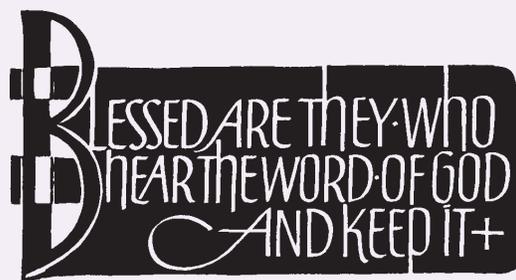
1st-2 • Job 19:1, 23 – 27 a

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.

1st-3 • Wisdom 3:1 - 9

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 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.



1st-4 • 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.

1st-5 • Isaiah 25:6a, 7- 9

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.

1st-6 • Lamentations 3:17-26

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.

1st-7 • Daniel 12:1-3

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.

During Easter Time New Testament Reading

(During the Easter Season, one of the following four readings is used as the First Reading in place of the Old Testament Reading.)

1st-8 (Short Version) • Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Act of 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. 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.



1st-9 (Long Version) • Apostles 10:34 - 43

A reading from the Act of 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 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.

1st-10 • 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.

1st-11 • 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.

1st-12 • Revelation 21:1-5,6b-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.



Responsorial Psalms



Psalm Choices

(The following choices of Psalms are for your reference, to help you choose something that is meaningful to you, and your family.

The Psalm is usually sung during the liturgy and there are many musical settings available. Our music ministry will choose a setting from the Psalm you have selected. If you have a particular verses you would like sung, please let our staff know what it is, and if possible, we will use it.)

P-1 • Psalm 23: 1-6

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures he makes me lie down;
to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.
He guides me along right paths
for the sake of his name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me.

You set a table before me in front of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
for endless days.

P-2 • Psalm 25:1-22

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul, my God,

In you I trust; do not let me be disgraced;
do not let my enemies gloat over me.
No one is disgraced who waits for you,
but only those who are treacherous without cause.

Make known to me your ways, LORD;
teach me your paths.
Guide me by your fidelity and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your compassion and your mercy, O LORD,
for they are ages old.

Remember no more the sins of my youth;
remember me according to your mercy,
because of your goodness, LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD,
therefore he shows sinners the way,
He guides the humble in righteousness,
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth toward
those who honor his covenant and decrees.
For the sake of your name, LORD,
pardon my guilt, though it is great.

Who is the one who fears the LORD?
God shows him the way he should choose.
He will abide in prosperity,
and his descendants will inherit the land.

The counsel of the LORD
belongs to those who fear him;
and his covenant instructs them.
My eyes are ever upon the LORD,
who frees my feet from the snare.

Look upon me, have pity on me,
for I am alone and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart;
bring me out of my distress.
Look upon my affliction and suffering;
take away all my sins.

See how many are my enemies,
see how fiercely they hate me.
Preserve my soul and rescue me;
do not let me be disgraced,
for in you I seek refuge.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me;
I wait for you, O LORD.
Redeem Israel, O God,
from all its distress!



P-3 • Psalm 27:1-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?
When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh,
These my enemies and foes themselves
stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart does not fear;
Though war be waged against me,
even then do I trust.

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:
To dwell in the LORD's house
all the days of my life,
To gaze on the LORD's beauty,
to visit his temple.

For God will hide me in his shelter in time of trouble,
He will conceal me in the cover of his tent;
and set me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is held high
above my enemies on every side!
I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and chant praise to the LORD.

Hear my voice, LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
"Come," says my heart, "seek his face";
your face, LORD, do I seek!
Do not hide your face from me;
do not repel your servant in anger.

You are my salvation; do not cast me off;
do not forsake me, God my savior!
Even if my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.

LORD, show me your way; lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not abandon me to the desire of my foes;
malicious and lying witnesses
have risen against me.

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD, take courage;
be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!

P-4 • Psalm 42:1-12

As the deer longs for streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, the living God.
When can I enter and see the face of God?
My tears have been my bread day and night,
as they ask me every day, "Where is your God?"

Those times I recall as I pour out my soul,
When I would cross over
to the shrine of the Mighty One,
to the house of God,
Amid loud cries of thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival.

Why are you downcast, my soul;
why do you groan within me?
Wait for God, for I shall again praise him,
my savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I remember you
From the land of the Jordan and Hermon,
from Mount Mizar,
Deep calls to deep in the roar of your torrents,
and all your waves and breakers sweep over me.

By day may the LORD send his mercy,
and by night may his righteousness be with me!
I will pray to the God of my life,
I will say to God, my rock:
"Why do you forget me?
Why must I go about mourning
with the enemy oppressing me?"

It shatters my bones,
when my adversaries reproach me,
when they say to me every day:
"Where is your God?"

Why are you downcast, my soul,
why do you groan within me?
Wait for God, for I shall again praise him,
my savior and my God.

P-5 • Psalm 62:2-9

My soul rests in God alone,
from whom comes my salvation.

God alone is my rock and salvation, my fortress;
I shall never fall.
How long will you set yourself against a man?
You shall all be destroyed,

Like a sagging wall or a tumbled down fence!
Even highly placed people plot to overthrow him.
They delight in lies; they bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.

My soul, be at rest in God alone,
from whom comes my hope.
God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not fall.

My deliverance and honor are with God,
my strong rock; my refuge is with God.
Trust God at all times, my people!
Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!



P-6 • Psalm 63:2-9

O God, you are my God—it is you I seek!

For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, In a
land parched, lifeless, and without water.

I look to you in the sanctuary
to see your power and glory.

For your love is better than life;
my lips shall ever praise you!

I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands, calling on your name.

My soul shall be sated as with choice food,
with joyous lips my mouth shall praise you!

I think of you upon my bed,
I remember you through the watches of the night

You indeed are my savior,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

P-7 • Psalm 85:8-14

Show us, LORD, your mercy;
grant us your salvation.

I will listen for what God, the LORD, has to say;
surely he will speak of peace

To his people and to his faithful.

May they not turn to foolishness!

Near indeed is his salvation for those who fear him;
glory will dwell in our land.

Love and truth will meet;
justice and peace will kiss.

Truth will spring from the earth;
justice will look down from heaven.

Yes, the LORD will grant his bounty;
our land will yield its produce.

Justice will march before him,
and make a way for his footsteps.

P-8 • Psalm 91:1-16

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shade of the Almighty,
Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust."

He will rescue you from the fowler's snare,
from the destroying plague,
He will shelter you with his pinions,
and under his wings you may take refuge;
his faithfulness is a protecting shield.

You shall not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,
nor the plague that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
near you it shall not come.

You need simply watch;
the punishment of the wicked you will see.

Because you have the LORD for your refuge
and have made the Most High your stronghold,
No evil shall befall you,
no affliction come near your tent.

For he commands his angels with regard to you,
to guard you wherever you go.

With their hands they shall support you,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You can tread upon the asp and the viper,
trample the lion and the dragon.

Because he clings to me I will deliver him;
because he knows my name I will set him on high.

He will call upon me and I will answer;
I will be with him in distress;

I will deliver him and give him honor.

With length of days I will satisfy him,
and fill him with my saving power.



P-9 • Psalm 103:1-22

Bless the LORD, my soul;
all my being, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, my soul;
and do not forget all his gifts,
Who pardons all your sins, and heals all your ills,
Who redeems your life from the pit,
and crowns you with mercy and compassion,
Who fills your days with good things,
so your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The LORD does righteous deeds,
brings justice to all the oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
to the Israelites his deeds.
Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
He will not always accuse,
and nurses no lasting anger;
He has not dealt with us as our sins merit,
nor requited us as our wrongs deserve.
For as the heavens tower over the earth,
so his mercy towers over those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
For he knows how we are formed,
remembers that we are dust.
As for man, his days are like the grass;
he blossoms like a flower in the field.
A wind sweeps over it and it is gone;
its place knows it no more.
But the LORD's mercy is from age to age,
toward those who fear him.
His salvation is for the children's children
of those who keep his covenant,
and remember to carry out his precepts.
The LORD has set his throne in heaven;
his dominion extends over all.
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
mighty in strength, acting at his behest,
obedient to his command.
Bless the LORD, all you his hosts,
his ministers who carry out his will.
Bless the LORD, all his creatures,
everywhere in his domain.
Bless the LORD, my soul!

P-10 • Psalm 116:1-19

I love the LORD, who listened
to my voice in supplication,

Who turned an ear to me on the day I called.
I was caught by the cords of death;
the snares of Sheol had seized me;
I felt agony and dread.
Then I called on the name of the LORD,
"O LORD, save my life!"
Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
yes, our God is merciful.
The LORD protects the simple;
I was helpless, but he saved me.
Return, my soul, to your rest;
the LORD has been very good to you.
For my soul has been freed from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
I kept faith, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted!"
I said in my alarm, "All men are liars!"
How can I repay the LORD
for all the great good done for me?
I will raise the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
Dear in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his devoted.
LORD, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your maidservant;
you have loosed my bonds.
I will offer a sacrifice of praise
and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!



P-11 • Psalm 122: 1-9

I rejoiced when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, Jerusalem.
Jerusalem, built as a city,
walled round about.

There the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
As it was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

There are the thrones of justice,
the thrones of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
"May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your ramparts,
prosperity within your towers."

For the sake of my brothers and friends I say,
"Peace be with you."

For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,
I pray for your good.

P-12 • Psalm 130:1-8

Out of the depths I call to you, LORD;

Lord, hear my cry!
May your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy
If you, LORD, keep account of sins,
Lord, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness
and so you are revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits
and I hope for his word.
My soul looks for the Lord
more than sentinels for daybreak.

More than sentinels for daybreak,
let Israel hope in the LORD,
For with the LORD is mercy,
with him is plenteous redemption,

And he will redeem Israel
from all its sins.

P-13 • Psalm 131:1-32

LORD, my heart is not proud;
nor are my eyes haughty.

I do not busy myself with great matters,
with things too sublime for me.

Rather, I have stilled my soul,
Like a weaned child to its mother,
weaned is my soul.

Israel, hope in the LORD,
now and forever.



2nd Readings From the New Testament

2nd-1 • Romans 5:5 - 11

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.

2nd-2 • Romans 5:17-21

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 the gift of justification come to reign in life through one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as though 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 also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

2nd-3 (Short) • Romans 6:3-4,8-9

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.

2nd-3 (Long) • Romans 6:3-9

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 though a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We do 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.



2nd-4 • Romans 8:14-23

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

The word of the Lord.

2nd-5 • Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

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.

2nd-6 • Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

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.

2nd-7 (Short) • 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The word of the Lord.



2nd-7 (Long) • 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

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Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 firstfruits; 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, 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.

2nd-8 • 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 immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothe 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.

2nd-9 • 1 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

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

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing 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.

2nd-10 • 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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.

2nd-11 • 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.



2nd-12 • Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the 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.

2nd-13 • 2 Timothy 2:8-13

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.

2nd-14 • 1 John 3:1-2

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.

2nd-15 • 1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.



Gospel Readings

G^{osp}-1 • 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.

G^{osp}-2 • Matthew 11:25-30

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.

G^{osp}-3 • Matthew 11:25-30

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.



G^{osp}-4 • Matthew 25:31-46

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 or 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.

G^{osp}-5 (Short) • Mark 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 in 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!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

G^{osp}-5 (Long) • Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6

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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.

G^{osp}-6 • Luke 7:11 - 17

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.



G^{osp}-7 • Luke 12:35-40

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. Ble4ssed 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.

G^{osp}-8 • 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.

G^{osp}-9 (Short) • Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53

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” I and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, through 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G^{osp}-9 (Long) • Luke 23:44-46,50,52-53; 24:1-6a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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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.

G^{osp}-10 (Short) • Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

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 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. 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 be 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.



G^{osp}-10 (Long) • **Luke 24:13-35**

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 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 day 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 indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that 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! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer 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.

G^{osp}-11 • **John 5:24 - 29**

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 the 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 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.

G^{osp}-12 • **John 6:37-40**

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.



G^{osp}-13 • John 6:51-59

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. Who ever 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.

G^{osp}-14 (Short) • John 11:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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.

G^{osp}-14 (Long) • John 11:17-27

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," "

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The Gospel of the Lord.

G^{osp}-15 • John 11:32-45

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 no 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 Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

G^{osp}-16 (Short) • John 12:23-26

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.

The Gospel of the Lord



G^{osp}-16 (Long) • John 12:23-28

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 will glorify it again.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G^{osp}-17 • 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?” And 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.

G^{osp}-18 • John 17:24-26

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 my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 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.

G^{osp}-19 • John 19:17-18, 25 - 39

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 love, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son,” Then he said to the disciple, “whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, you 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 the 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 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:
The 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.



Personal Information

(Personal Information may help family members as they are making and finalizing arrangements.)

Full Name: _____

Sex: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Birthplace: *(City, State, Zip)* _____

Residence Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Marital Status: _____

If married, surviving spouse name: _____
(If wife, include maiden name)

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____
(Include maiden name)

If burial, name of cemetery: _____

Location: _____

Name of Person Completing Arrangements: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____



Other Information

*(Other Information may help family members make some decisions.
Medical Information can be important for your spouse, children and grandchildren.)*

Living Will: Yes No

Location: _____

Remarks: _____

I am an Organ Donor: Yes No

Remarks: _____

Medical History: (Please list any serious or chronic medical problems)



Obituary Information

(The following information, in addition to information on page 27, will assist your family in putting together an obituary.)

Length of time living in your present city/state: _____

Previously from: _____

Religion: _____

Church: _____

Preceded in death by the following relatives:

Surviving Relatives:

Miscellaneous information: *(Memories from your childhood, adulthood, family moments, career, civic involvements, other achievements.)*

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