

Planning Guide for Funerals and Memorial Masses



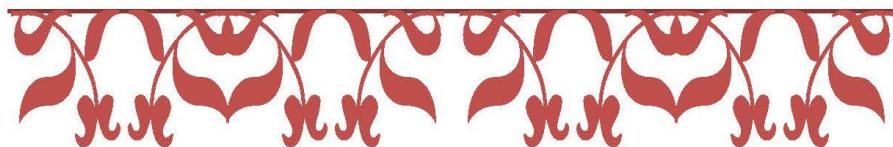
*May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

*May the choirs of angels welcome you
and lead you to the bosom of Abraham;
and where Lazarus is poor no longer
may you find eternal rest.*

Text: In paradisum and Chorus angelorum; Latin, 11th cent



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Dear friends: Our prayers and condolences are with you as you gather to plan and prepare this most important liturgy.

We thank you for allowing us to assist in you in this most difficult time as we walk together in our journey of faith. Know of our prayers for you, your family and your beloved.

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

(Romans 6:8)

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The letter in front of the liturgical element indicates the section in this booklet where you will find lists from which to choose:

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SCHEDULING

Scheduling of a Funeral or a Memorial Mass may be done by calling the parish office (847) 446-0856

Funeral Masses are celebrated Monday through Saturday, based upon the parish calendar, except for:

- 1) Solemnities that are Holy Days of Obligation
All Sundays of the year, January 1, August 15,
November 1, December 8 and December 25
- 2) Ash Wednesday
- 3) Observances of the Sacred Triduum –
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Good Friday, and
Holy Saturday

| ASH WEDNESDAY | SACRED TRIDUUM | EASTER TIME |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| February 17, 2021 | April 1 - 4, 2021 | April 5, 2021 - May 23, 2021 |
| March 2, 2022 | April 14 - 17, 2022 | April 17, 2022 - June 5, 2022 |
| February 22, 2023 | April 6 - 9, 2023 | April 19, 2023 - May 28, 2023 |
| February 14, 2024 | March 28 - 31, 2024 | March 31, 2024 - May 19, 2024 |
| March 5, 2025 | April 17 - April 20, 2025 | April 20, 2025 - June 8, 2025 |
| February 18, 2026 | April 2 – April 5, 2026 | April 5, 2026 – May 24, 2026 |

THE REALITY OF DEATH

The death of a loved one is wrenching. Grief and tears fill the days. Heavy hearts ache and we can think of nothing else except the one we love is gone from this world.

Grief is appropriate. But so is Christian hope. For believers do not grieve as

THE BONDS OF LOVE

Death is not the end. Death does not break the bonds of love forged in this life. There is more to life than meets the eye. Faith informs us that there is much more to life than this world. Because God loves us and makes all our human loving possible, we celebrate Christian funeral rites to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life that has now been returned to God who is the author of life and the hope of the just (cf. *Order of Christian Funerals* 5).

When a Christian believer dies we gather as a faithful people to intercede

people without hope. Heaven is our true home and it awaits us all. Friends of God look beyond this world to heaven. It is with this profound hope—along with our prayers, sympathy and support—that we offer this re-source for funeral preparations.

on behalf of our beloved deceased, confident that God will hear our prayers and that those prayers will assist our loved one as they approach the divine throne of mercy and grace.

The celebration of a Christian Funeral thus brings hope and consolation to the living. The funeral acknowledges that there truly is a spiritual bond between the living and the dead, a bond made possible by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

RITES AT THE DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN

Three interconnected liturgies mark the passage of a Christian from this world to the next:

The Vigil for the Deceased, or Wake, is usually held at a funeral home, although it can be observed in the gathering space at Sacred Heart.

This is the beginning rite of the funeral. The celebration of the wake service is the time for the Christian community to offer both prayer and consolation to the family of the one who has died. The wake service is usually led by a priest or

deacon. The priest or deacon will gather everyone together in prayer and then share a reading(s) from Scripture. They will then offer a brief homily on the reading(s) and prayers for the one who has died and for all those who mourn their loss. Everyone will then pray the Our Father together and the priest will offer a concluding prayer and a blessing.

The Funeral Mass or the Funeral Outside of Mass (a non-Eucharistic liturgy)

The Funeral (with or without a Mass) is the primary celebration of the funeral rites. This Mass celebrates our belief, as Christians, that death is a passage to a new life and, ultimately, to resurrection and eternal union with God. The resurrection is the theme that is reflected in the readings, the hymns/songs and prayers.

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ everyone in attendance is encouraged to actively participate in this Mass. The parish clergy and staff members will help the family select the readings, hymns/songs and prayers that are appropriate for the Funeral

Mass. Family members or friends of the deceased can serve as pall bearers, place the pall on the casket, read sacred scripture, offer prayer intentions and present the gifts during the Mass. A family member or friend who is an active Extraordinary of Holy Communion may ask to participate in the Mass.

The Funeral Mass/Memorial Mass is usually held in church, although a Funeral Liturgy (Outside of Mass) may be celebrated at a funeral home (whereas a Mass cannot be celebrated at the funeral home).

The Rite of Committal (burial) is held at the cemetery.

The Rite of Committal is celebrated at the place of burial or interment. In the committal of the body to its place of rest, we express our hope that the deceased will experience the glory of the resurrection. The committal must be celebrated immediately following the

funeral unless a good pastoral reason dictates otherwise such as travel to a distant cemetery. The Church directs that the cremated remains of the deceased must be interred in a consecrated burial site.

A Memorial Mass, to pray for the deceased, is celebrated at some time following the Committal.

Traditionally, we believe that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, the funeral liturgy is celebrated by bringing the body to church for the Funeral Mass. However, in 1997 the Holy See granted permission for Funeral Masses in the United States to be celebrated with cremated remains being brought to church in a worthy vessel containing the ashes. Following the liturgy, the committal takes place in a grave, mausoleum or columbarium.

For as one alone [Christ] accepted death, so that we might all escape from dying; as one man he chose to die, so that in your sight we might all live forever.

(Preface II for the Dead, Roman Missal, English Third Edition, 2010)

LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF THE FUNERAL (MEMORIAL) MASS

Information in this guide will assist families and loved ones in preparing the details of the Funeral/Memorial Mass, whether the funeral takes place with the body or the cremated remains or takes place following internment.

FIRST: Choose the readings for the liturgy

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| First Reading | Gospel |
| Responsorial Psalm | Universal Prayer |
| Second Reading | |

SECOND: Choose the liturgical music

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Entrance | Song of Farewell |
| Offertory (optional Assembly song) | Sending |
| Communion | |

THIRD: Choose ministers/participants

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Placing of the Pall | Intercessor (for the Universal Prayer) |
| First Reader | Presenters of the Eucharistic Gifts |
| Second Reader | |

FOURTH: Information about Your Loved One

Information about your loved one is shared with the priest presider. The priest is interested in knowing some information about your loved one that might be included in the homily. These questions may help with information to share. Also consider reflection about the selected scripture readings in notes about your loved one and how she or he modeled their life in their Christian belief.

- ❖ How would your loved one like to be remembered?
- ❖ How would you describe their faith journey?
- ❖ What would he/she be most proud of from their personal life?
- ❖ What was she/he most passionate about?
- ❖ What were his/her most positive traits or characteristics?
- ❖ Is there a particular story or incident that would exemplify their life?
- ❖ How would she/he be described by their closest family and friends?
- ❖ Did he/she have any personal interests that reflect what kind of person they were?

FIFTH: Eulogy or Words of Remembrance

In the *Order of Christian Funerals*, the speaking in remembrance normally occurs following the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Commendation. In the case of a true pastoral necessity, the presider may direct that the sharing occur before the reception of the body or the cremated remains at the Church (if the reception has not already occurred) or before the Opening Prayer of the Funeral Liturgy by way of

introduction. If the sharing occurs at the beginning of the Funeral Mass, another sharing should not be given after Communion.

For a Funeral Outside of Mass or a Memorial Mass, the Words of Remembrance may be offered before the Blessing and Dismissal.

The sharing in remembrance of the deceased is not a biography. In keeping with Church tradition, only *one* member or friend of the family should speak in remembrance of the deceased at the Funeral Mass. The pastor or presider of the Funeral Liturgy may determine otherwise, but the number who will speak must be determined before the liturgy.

The Vigil or wake is the more appropriate time for sharing informal stories about the deceased. Though not mentioned in the *Order of Christian Funerals*, a sharing might also be given at the burial or interment of the deceased.

The sharing is not a time to philosophize about death, but to recall with gratitude the blessings of God for one loved by God and now returned to God. **The sharing should not take more than 3 minutes.**

ENVIRONMENT

Special environmental elements for liturgical seasons during 1) Advent, 2) Lent, 3) Christmas or 4) Easter Time remain in church for funeral celebrations. Additional flowers, however, can be added.

I believe the words of the wise, that is, that every fair and God-beloved soul, when it leaves here and is set free from the bonds of the body, at once enjoys a sense and perception of the blessings that await.

Saint Gregory of Nazianzus (*On His Brother Caesarius*, Oration, 7.21, in Ancient Christian Doctrine, vol 5, p 257, ed., Angelo Di Berardino, IVP Academic, Downers Grove, IL, 2010)

FUNERAL LITURGY (MASS)

Introductory Rites

Greeting
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Placing of the Pall
Entrance Hymn or Song
Collect (Opening Prayer)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel Reading
Homily
Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn or Song
Preparation of the Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer with Acclamations
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Hymn or Song (s)

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell
Processional to the Place of Committal
(Sending Hymn or Song)

FUNERAL LITURGY (OUTSIDE OF MASS)

Introductory Rites

Greeting
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Placing of the Pall
Entrance Hymn or Song
Collect (Opening Prayer)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel Reading
Homily
Universal Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell
Processional to the Place of Committal
(Sending Hymn or Song)

MEMORIAL MASS

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn or Song
Greeting
Penitential Act
Collect (Opening Prayer)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel Reading
Homily
Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn or Song
Preparation of the Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer with Acclamations
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Hymn or Song (s)

Concluding Rites

Blessing
Dismissal
Sending Hymn or Song

MEMORIAL LITURGY (OUTSIDE OF MASS)

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn or Song
Greeting
Penitential Act
Collect (Opening Prayer)

Liturgy of the Word

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Responsorial Psalm
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SYMBOLS USED AT THE FUNERAL LITURGY

A Catholic funeral liturgy celebrates the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ and how, through Baptism, the deceased shares in the life of Christ. At a Catholic funeral liturgy many symbols are used to express the dignity of the deceased as a child of God.

The funeral liturgy begins with the reception of the body when the Presider sprinkles the coffin or urn with Holy Water as a remembrance that in the waters of baptism Christians receive the pledge of eternal life. Then the coffin is covered with a funeral pall, a cloth which drapes the casket during the liturgy. The pall symbolizes the white baptismal garment that the deceased received on the day of their Baptism when they, as St. Paul tells us, "put on Christ". The pall is a sign of the Christian dignity of the person and that all are equal in the eyes of God. Family members are invited to place the pall on the casket.

Draped with the pall, the coffin is now moved to the base of the sanctuary

where the Paschal Candle stands. The Paschal Candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The Paschal Candle reminds us of Jesus' victory over sin and death and of our participation in Christ's victory because of our Baptism. It reminds us, too, of our own Baptism when we received a Baptismal candle which was lit from the Paschal Candle and told that we have been enlightened by Christ and are to always walk as a child of the light. The priest wears white vestments when celebrating a funeral liturgy because this color is associated with resurrection.

At some point during the funeral liturgy, usually at the end, the coffin or the cremated remains is incensed. Incense is used as a sign of honor to the body of the deceased, which through Baptism became a temple of the Holy Spirit. Incense is also used as a sign of the community's prayers for the deceased rising to the throne of God and as a sign of farewell.

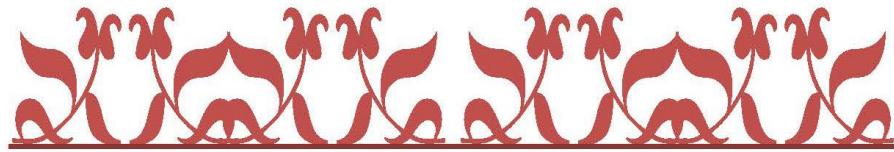
V. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.
R. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Fidelium animae, per misericordiam Dei,
requiescant in pace.
Amen.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

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Scripture Readings for Funerals and Memorial Masses



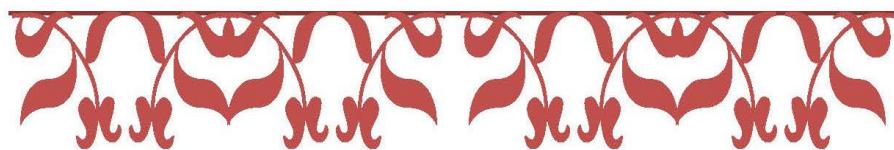
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CL indicates readings which may be considered for a child's funeral.

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| B2 | Proverbs 3:1-14 | <i>Confidence in God leads to prosperity.</i> |
| B3 | Proverbs 31:10-31 | <i>The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.</i> |
| B4 | Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 | <i>There is time for everything under the heavens.</i> |
| B5 | Isaiah 12:1-4 | <i>A Song of Thanksgiving</i> |
| B6 | Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 (CL) | <i>He will destroy death forever.</i> |
| B7 | Isaiah 42:1, 6; 43:1, 4, 10-11, 21 | <i>Promises of redemption and restoration.</i> |
| B8 | Isaiah 55:6-9 | <i>An invitation to grace.</i> |
| B9 | Isaiah 60:1-3, 4-5, 19-20 | <i>The dawning of divine glory.</i> |
| B10 | Lamentations 3:17-26 | <i>It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.</i> |
| B11 | Ezekiel 34:11-16 | <i>Parable of the Shepherds</i> |
| B12 | Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 | <i>As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.</i> |
| B13 | Wisdom 4:7-15 | <i>An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.</i> |
| B14 | 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 | <i>He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.</i> |
| B15 | Sirach 3:1-9a | <i>Responsibility to parents.</i> |
| B16 | Daniel 12:1-3 | <i>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.</i> |

FIRST READINGS

B1

Job 19:1, 23-27a

I know that my Vindicator lives.

A reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered 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.

B2

Proverbs 3:1-4

Confidence in God leads to prosperity.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

My son, forget not my teaching, keep in mind my commands;

For many day, and years of life, and peace, will they bring you.

Let not kindness and fidelity

leave you;
bind them around your neck;

Then will you win favor and good esteem in the sight of God and people.

The word of the Lord.

B3

Proverbs 31:10-31

The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Who can find a capable wife?

She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

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She does him good, and not harm all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands...

She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household.

She considers a field and buys it; with the work of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She opens her hands to the poor, and reaches out her hand to the needy.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, she laughs at the time to come. She

opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her the reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

B4

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

There is time for everything under the heavens.

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

There is a season for everything; a time for every occupation under heaven.

A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning, a time for dancing.

A time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing; a time for keeping, a time for discarding.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war, and a time for peace.

And when we eat and drink and find happiness in all our achievements, this is a gift from God.

The word of the Lord.

FIRST READINGS

B5

Isaiah 12:1-4

A Song of Thanksgiving

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On that day you will say:

I give you thanks, O Lord;
though you have been angry with me,
your anger has abated, and you have
consoled me.

God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the
Lord, and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation,
and say on that day:

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his
name!

The word of the Lord.

B6/CL

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.

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B7

Isaiah 42:1, 6; 43:1, 4, 10-11, 21

Promises of redemption and restoration.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am
pleased:

I have formed you and I have grasped
you by the hand.

Do not be afraid, for I have called you
by your name and you are mine.

You are precious in my eyes;
you are honored and I love you.

You are my witness, my servant whom I
have chosen, that people may know and
believe me and understand that it is I.

I am the Lord, there is no other savior
but me.

I have formed you for myself, to sing
my praises,
and I am your God.

The word of the Lord.

B8

Isaiah 55:6-9

An invitation to grace.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;

Let him turn to the Lord for mercy,
to our God who is generous in
forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the
Lord.

As high as the heavens are above the
earth, so high are my ways above your
ways and my thoughts above your
thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

B9

Isaiah 60:1-3, 4-5, 19-20

The dawning of divine glory.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Arise, Jerusalem, rise clothed in light;
your light has come and the glory of the
Lord shines over you. For, though

darkness covers the earth and dark
night the nations, the Lord shall shine

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upon you and over you shall his glory appear.

Lift up your eyes and look all around: they flock together, all of them, and come to you; your sons also shall come from afar, your daughters walking beside them leading the way. Then shall you see, and shine with joy, when your heart shall thrill with pride; the riches of the sea shall be lavished upon you and you shall possess the wealth of nations.

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor the moon shine on you when evening falls; the Lord shall be your everlasting light, your God shall be your glory. Never again shall the sun set nor the moon withdraw her light; but the Lord shall be your everlasting light and the days of your mourning shall be ended.

The word of the Lord.

(*The section in italics may be omitted.*)

B10

Lamentations 3:17-26

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

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.

B11

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Parable of the Shepherds

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will

look after and tend my sheep.

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As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep.

I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them back from the foreign lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel in the land's ravines and all its inhabited place.

In good pastures will I pasture them, and the mountain heights of Israel shall

B12

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will pasture my sheep: I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

The word of the Lord.

As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

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.

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.

B13

Wisdom 4:7-15

An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

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But the righteous, though they die early, will be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, or measured by number of years; but understanding is gray hair for anyone, and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him, and while living among sinners were taken up. They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding or guile deceive their souls.

For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord. Therefore, God took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.

Yet the people saw and did not understand, or take such a thing to heart.

The word of the Lord.

B14**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.

B15**Sirach 3:1-9a**

Responsibility to parents.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Children, listen to me, your father; act accordingly, that you may be safe.

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority over her sons.

Those who honor their father atone for sins; they store up riches who respect their mother.

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Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they are heard.

Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

Those who fear the Lord honor their father, and serve their parents as masters.

In word and deed honor your father, that all blessings may come to you.

A father's blessing gives a person firm roots.

The word of the Lord.

B16

Daniel 12:1-3

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

C1 -- Ps. 23

CL

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

C2 -- Ps. 25

CL

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

C3 -- Ps. 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?

C4 -- Ps. 42

CL

As the deer longs for running streams, so I long for you.

C5 -- Ps. 63

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.

C6 -- Ps. 103

The Lord is kind and merciful.

C7 -- Ps. 116

In the land of the living, I will walk with God all my days.

C8 -- Ps. 121

Our help is from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

C9 -- Ps. 122

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

C10 -- Ps. 130

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

or *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.*

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SECOND READINGS

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| D1 | Romans 5:5-11 | <i>Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.</i> |
| D2 | Romans 5:17-21 | <i>Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.</i> |
| D3 | Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 | <i>We too might live in newness of life.</i> |
| D4 | Romans 8:14-23 | <i>We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.</i> |
| D5 | Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 | <i>What will separate us from the love of Christ?</i> |
| D6 | Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12 (CL) | <i>Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.</i> |
| D7 | 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (CL) | <i>So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.</i> |
| D8 | 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 | <i>Death is swallowed up in victory.</i> |
| D9 | 2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1 | <i>What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.</i> |
| D10 | 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 | <i>We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.</i> |
| D11 | Philippians 3:20-21 | <i>He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.</i> |
| D12 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (CL) | <i>Thus we shall always be with the Lord.</i> |
| D13 | 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | <i>If we have died with him we shall also live with him.</i> |
| D14 | 1 John 3:1-2 | <i>We shall see him as he is.</i> |
| D15 | 1 John 3:14-16 | <i>We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.</i> |

These readings may also be considered for a Second Reading outside of Easter Time.

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| B17 | Acts 10:34-36, 42-43 | <i>He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.</i> |
| B18 | Revelation 14:13 | <i>Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.</i> |
| B19 | Revelation 20:11 - 21:1 | <i>The dead were judged according to their deeds.</i> |
| B20 | Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 | <i>There shall be no more death.</i> |

SECOND READINGS

D1

Romans 5:5-11

*Since we are now justified by his Blood,
we will be saved through him from the wrath.*

A reading from the Letter of 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.

D2

Romans 5:17-21

Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READINGS

D3

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

We too might live in newness of life.

A reading from the Letter of 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.

D4

Romans 8:14-23

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

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation

the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READINGS

D5

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

A reading from the Letter of 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.

D6/CL

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

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

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your

brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: *As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.* So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READINGS

D7/CL

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

A reading from the first Letter of 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.

D8

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death is swallowed up in victory.

A reading from the first Letter of 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.

D9

2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1

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

A reading from the second Letter of 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

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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.

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D10**2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.

A reading from the second Letter of 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.

D11**Philippians 3:20-21**

*He will change our lowly bodies
to conform to his glory*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified Body by the power that

enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord.

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D12/CL

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of 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.

D13

2 Timothy 2:8-13

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

A reading from the second Letter of 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.

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D14

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see him as he is.

A reading from the first Letter of 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.

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D15

1 John 3:14-16

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

A reading from the first Letter of 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.

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| E1 | Matthew 5:1-12a | <i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.</i> |
| E2 | Matthew 11:25-30 (CL) | <i>Come to me and I will give you rest.</i> |
| E3 | Matthew 25:1-13 | <i>Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!</i> |
| E4 | Matthew 25:31-46 | <i>Come, you who are blessed by my Father.</i> |
| E5 | Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 (long form) | <i>Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.</i> |
| E6 | Mark 15:33-39 (short form) | <i>Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.</i> |
| E7 | Luke 7:11-17 | <i>Young man, I tell you, arise!</i> |
| E8 | Luke 12:35-40 | <i>You also must be prepared.</i> |
| E9 | Luke 23:33, 39-43 | <i>Today you will be with me in Paradise.</i> |
| E10 | Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a (long form) | <i>Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.</i> |
| E11 | Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53 (short form) | <i>Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.</i> |
| E12 | Luke 24:13-35 (long form) | <i>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?</i> |
| E13 | Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 (short form) | <i>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?</i> |
| E14 | John 5:24-29 | <i>Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.</i> |
| E15 | John 6:37-40 (CL) | <i>Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day.</i> |
| E16 | John 6:51-58 (CL) | <i>Whoever eats this bread will live forever. I will raise them up on the last day.</i> |
| E17 | John 11:21-27 | <i>I am the resurrection and the life.</i> |
| E18 | John 11:32-45 (CL) | <i>Lazarus, come out!</i> |
| E19 | John 12:23-26 | <i>If it dies, it produces much fruit.</i> |
| E20 | John 14:1-6 | <i>In my Father's house there are many dwellings.</i> |

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E1

Matthew 5:1-12a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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."

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E2/CL

Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me and I will give you rest.

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."

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E3

Matthew 25:1-13

Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!

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

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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."

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E4

Matthew 25:31-46

Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you

ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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E5

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 (Long Form)

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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.

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E6

Mark 15:33-39 (Short Form)

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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!"

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E7

Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you, arise!

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.

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E8

Luke 12:35-40

You also must be prepared.

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

and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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E9

Luke 23:33, 39-43

Today you will be with me in Paradise.

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

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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."

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E10

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

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus. After he had taken the Body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. At daybreak on

the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

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E11

Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53 (Short Form)

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E12

Luke 24:13-35 (Long Form)

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third 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! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! 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.

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GOSPEL PROCLAMATIONS

E13

Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 (Short Form)

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E14

John 5:24-29

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

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself. And he

gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation."

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E15/CL

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.*

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."

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E16/CL

John 6:51-59

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

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise

him on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever who eats this bread will live forever."

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E17

John 11:21-27

I am the resurrection and the life.

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

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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."

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E18/CL

John 11:32-45

Lazarus, come out!

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell

you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to the crowd, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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E19

John 12:23-26

If the grain of wheat dies, it produces much fruit.

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

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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."

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E20

John 14:1-6

In my Father's house there are many dwellings.

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."

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(Prayer of the Faithful)

F1

Priest's Introduction:

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Reader: In Baptism N. was given the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him (her) over the waters of death. We pray:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Our brother (sister) N. was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him (her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother (sister) N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the Lord. We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest's Prayer:

Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the Blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

(Prayer of the Faithful)

F2

Priest's Introduction:

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For **N.** who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he (**she**) may now be admitted to the company of the Saints.
We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our brother (**sister**) who at the Body of Christ, the Bread of life, that he (**she**) may be raised upon on the last day.
We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

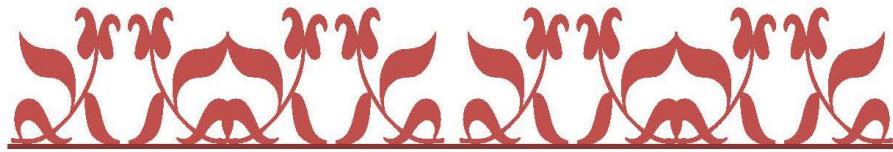
Reader: For the family and friends of our brother (**sister**) **N.**, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom. We pray. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest's Prayer:

May the prayer of those who cry to you benefit the souls of your servants, O Lord: free them, we pray, from all their sins and make them sharers in your redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.



Music Selections for Funerals and Memorial Masses



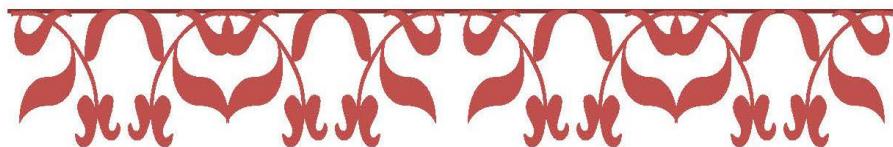
*May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

*May the choirs of angels welcome you
and lead you to the bosom of Abraham;
and where Lazarus is poor no longer
may you find eternal rest.*

Text: In paradisum and Chorus angelorum; Latin, 11th cent



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MUSIC of the FUNERAL RITES

The songs and hymnody for funerals are chosen from our Christian repertoire since their purpose is to express our faith in the context of the liturgy. When appropriate, a Sending Song may be chosen from secular music.

With respect to the song selections outlined on subsequent pages, these songs are suggested at the appropriate points in the Mass. However, some of them could also be shifted to other points as well. For example, Psalmody is very appropriate during the Entrance and Communion Processions. Many of the Entrance and Sending hymns/songs are also interchangeable. Secular music is not permitted within the context of either a Funeral/Memorial Mass or a Liturgy Outside of Mass celebration. Hymns and songs that contain “Alleluia” are not sung during the Lenten Season.

Psalmists and Song Leaders must be active in this ministry at our parish or another Catholic parish. Soloist (family members, friends and/or non-active Catholic cantors) are most welcome to sing a Prelude, Offertory Song or a Communion Meditation.

As worshipers gather in the church to begin the Mass, a moment of music may be offered before the Entrance Song. You may suggest a Prelude that the music ministry might sing or play before the liturgy begins. If no suggestion is made the music director may decide on either an appropriate instrumental or vocal selection.

The Responsorial Psalms are based on the lectionary from the *Rite of Christian Funerals*. Composers’ settings which are interpretations of the lectionary text are included in the Hymns and Songs and may not be used for the Psalm. *Shepherd Me, O God* is an example of a song, based on Psalm 23, however, does not follow the biblical, i.e., lectionary text, and is more appropriately sung during Communion.

The following parts of the Mass are required for the Assembly and is not substituted with a vocalist:

Entrance, Responsorial Psalm, Communion and *Song of Farewell (Commendation)
Hymns or Songs
(*. *The Commendation Song is not used during a Memorial Mass*).

The following parts of the Mass are optional for the Assembly and a vocal solo is permitted:

Offertory (*if not a hymn/song it is instrumental*)
Sending (*if not a hymn/song it is instrumental*)

Music appropriate for **Military Honors** are included with the Sending Songs.

Music that is appropriate for the various liturgical Seasons of the Church Year are appropriate. Please discuss your requests with the Director of Liturgy and Music.

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The parish music office maintains a list of qualified music ministers (instrumentalists) who have prayed with us in song throughout the year. You are welcome to invite your own instrumentalists/soloist from either family or friends. There is an extra stipend request for each instrumentalist and/or vocalist which may include rehearsal time.

If you wish a bagpiper to be present you may contact the player of your choice or the music office can assist you. Typically, the piper escorts the family to and from the hearse. The piper cannot play in the church, but rather, begins and ends the procession in the church narthex/gathering area.

Music that is not within the parish repertoire will be considered, however, the family needs to provide copyright available music for the music ministers. Typically, one copy for each music minister is required. Following the liturgy, the music will be returned to the family or it may be donated to the parish music library.

The music in this guide is not exhaustive. You may always request alternate hymns and songs based on family favorites and tradition. As long as we have copyright permission to use such music, we will strive to find resources for the music to include in your worship.

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*I believe the words of the wise, that is, that
every fair and God-beloved soul, when it
leaves here and is set free from the bonds of
the body, at once enjoys a sense and
perception of the blessings that await.*

Saint Gregory of Nazianzus (*On His Brother Caesarius*, Oration, 7.21,
in Ancient Christian Doctrine, vol 5, p 257, ed., Angelo Di Berardino, IVP
Academic, Downers Grove, IL, 2010)

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* A Song of Farewell is not included in a Memorial Mass.

ENTRANCE SONGS

A1

Amazing Grace

(NEW BRITAIN) John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

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A2

Be Still, My Soul

(FINLANDIA) tr. by Jane Borthwick

Be still, my soul the Lord is on thy side! Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to order and provide in ev'ry change, he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul thy best, thy heav'nly friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Jean Sibelius

A3

Children of the Heavenly Father

tr. By Ernst W. Olson

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird or star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

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A4

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

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A5

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

(GROSSER GOTT) tr. by Clarence A. Walsworth

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee! All on earth thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore thee; infinite, thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

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A6

Hosea

Gregory R. Norbert, O.S. B.

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Treed do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

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A7

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Kine

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

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A8

I Call You to My Father's House

(NEW BRITAIN) Delores Dufner

I call you to my Father's house, a lovely dwelling place. He comes to meet you on the road, arms ready to embrace.

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A9

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(KINGSFOLD) Horatius Bonar

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

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A10

I, the Lord

Tom Kendzia

I, the Lord, am with you, always by your side. Come and take my hand, for I will lead you home. Follow me, follow me.

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I11

Jesus, Remember Me

Jaques Berthier

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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A12

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(HYMN TO JOY) Henry van Dyke

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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A13

Lord of All Hopefulness

(SLANE) Jan Struther

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

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A14

Lord of the Dance

(SHAKER SONG) Sydney B. Carter

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I dance in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

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A15*Lord, You Have Come*

Cesáro Gabaráin

Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow.

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A16*Morning Has Broken*(BUNESSAN) Eleanor Farjeon (*Irish Tune*)

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

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A17*O God beyond All Praising*

(THAXTED) G. Holst

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

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A18*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(LOBE DEN HERREN)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear: Now to his altar draw near, joining in glad adoration!

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A19*Sing a New Song*

Dan Shutte

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

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(*This song has an alternate ending during Lent*)

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing praise our God most high.

A20*Sing with All the Saints*

(HYMN TO JOY) William J. Irons

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness, we awaken, knowing ever lasting peace.

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A21*Though the Mountains May Fall*

Dan Schutte

Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all who will call on his name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

C1 -- Ps. 23

CL

*The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.*

C2 -- Ps. 25

CL

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

C3 -- Ps. 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?

C4 -- Ps. 42

CL

As the deer longs for running streams, so I long for you.

C5 -- Ps. 63

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.

C6 -- Ps. 103

The Lord is kind and merciful.

C7 -- Ps. 116

In the land of the living, I will walk with God all my days.

C8 -- Ps. 121

Our help is from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

C9 -- Ps. 122

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

C10 -- Ps. 130

*With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.
or Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.*

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OFFERTORY SONGS

optional Assembly song

may be a vocal solo or instrumental selection

G1

All I Ask of You

Gregory Norbert, OSB

All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.

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G2

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford, SJ

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

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G3

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

David Haas

Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you, then I'll come back to take you with me, that where I am, you may also be.

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G4

Down to the River to Pray

American Folk Song

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way. And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

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G5

Eye Has Not Seen

Marty Haugen

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

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G6

God Will Wipe the Tears

Stephen Pishner

God will wipe the tears from our eyes and we shall see him face to face. On that day we shall rejoice and be with God in his holy place.

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G7

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Carey Landry

Gentle woman, quiet light morning star so strong and bright gentle Mother, peaceful dove teach us wisdom, teach us love.

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G8

I Have Loved You

Michael Joncas

I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine.

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G9

I Will Be with You

James E. Moore, Jr.

"I will be with you!" That is my promise. "I will be with you forevermore." Trust in my love; Bring me all your cares, for I will be with you forevermore.

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OFFERTORY SONGS

G10*Keep in Mind*

Lucien Deiss, CSSp

Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord, he is joy for all ages.

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G11*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, we are family. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

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G12*Nearer My God to Thee L*

(BETHANY) Lowell Mason

Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my songs shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

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G13*O God, You Search Me*

Bernadette Farrell

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days. © 1992, OCP

G14*Parable*

M.D. Ridge

To ev'ry thing there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die.

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G15*Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)*

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

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G16*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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G17*Shelter Me, O God*

Bob Hurd

Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings. You alone are my hope.

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G18*Softly and Tenderly*

Will L. Thompson

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, waiting for you and for me.

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G19*The Servant Song*

Richard Gillard

Will you let me by your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.

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G20*There Is a Place*

Liam Lawton

There's a time for rememb'ring, a time to recall, the trials and the triumphs, the fears and the falls. There's a time to be grateful for moments so blessed, the jewels of our mem'ry where love is our guest.

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G21*You Are Near*

Dan Schutte

O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

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COMMUNION SONGS

H1*Blest Are They*

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

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H2*Bread of Life*

Bobby Fisher

Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you. Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Transform our lives anew. Open our eyes so that we might see your presence in one another. Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.

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H3*Come, All You Blessed Ones*

Steven C. Warner

Come, all you blessed ones, blest of a loving God, enter into the joy prepared for you.

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H4*Come to Me*

Gregory K. Norbet, OSB

Come, to me, all who labor and are heavy burdened, and I shall give your rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you'll find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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H5*Gift of Finest Wheat (You Satisfy the Hungry Heart)*

Omer Westendorf

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat, come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

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COMMUNION SONGS

H6*Hidden Here before Me (Adoro de devote)*

Hidden here before me, Lord, I worship you, Hidden in these symbols, yet completely true. Lord, my soul surrenders, longing to obey, And in contemplation wholly faints away.

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H7*How Beautiful*

Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

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H8*I Am the Bread of Life*

Suzanne Toolin, SM

I am the Bread of Life, you who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons. ©1978 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

H9*I Receive the Living God*

(LIVING GOD)

I receive the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I receive the living God, and my heart is full of joy. Jesus says: "I am the Bread sent to you from God Most High; Take and eat, and you will live; You need never fear to die.

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H10*Now We Remain*

David Haas

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Living; now we remain with Jesus the Christ.

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H11*One Bread, One Body*

John Foley, S.J.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the world, we are one body in this one Lord.

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H12*Pan de Vida*

Bob Hurd

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord. At this table the last shall be first. Poder es server porque Dios es amor.

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H13*Panis Angelicus*

Louis Lambilotte

This is the hymn version for the assembly which may be sung during Communion.

Panis angélicus fit panis hóminum; Dat panis cáelicus figúris térmínū: O res mirábilis!
Mandúcat Dóminum Pauper, servus et húmiliis.

Jesus, our living bread, great gift from heaven sent, fulfill the signs of old, and be our nourishment. We humble people come to eat your sacred food. In peace, joy, love and gratitude.

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COMMUNION SONGS

H14*Shepherd Me, O God*

Marty Haugen

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

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H15*Taste and See*

Marty Haugen

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord. © 1980, GIA Publications, Inc.

H16*Taste and See*

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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H17*Unless a Grain of Wheat*

Bernadette Farrell

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall to the ground and die, it remains a single grain. with no life. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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H18*We Remember*

Marty Haugen

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

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H19*We Will Rise Again*

David Haas

Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care. I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

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H20*You Are Mine*

David Haas

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

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SONGS OF FAREWELL

Please note that a Song of Farewell is not sung during a Memorial Mass, however, any of these songs may be used for the Entrance, Offertory, Communion or Sending selections.

I1*Celtic Song of Farewell*

Adapt. By Steve Schaubel Irish melody: Londonderry Air

May choirs of angels lead you into paradise, and may the martyrs come to welcome you, to bring you home, into the holy city, so you may dwell in new Jerusalem. May holy angels be there at your welcoming, with all the saints who go before you there, that you may know the peace and joy of paradise; that you may enter into everlasting rest.

Irish melody, text © 1998 WLP

SONGS OF FAREWELL

I2*Come to His/Her Aid*

Dennis C. Smolarski

Come to her/his aid, O saints of God; Come, meet her/him, angels of the Lord. Receive her/his soul, O holy ones; present her/him now to God, Most High. © 1981 Dennis C. Smolarski

I3*Dying You Destroyed Our Death!*

Michael Joncas

Dying you destroyed our death! Rising you restored our life! Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, come in glory! © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

I4*Go Now in Peace*

Dan Schutte

Go now in peace, faithful friend of God, as you take our love into paradise. God's holy angels will lead you home to the wide waiting arms of the Lord. © 1990, Daniel L. Schutte, OCP

I5*Go, Silent Friend*

John L. Bell Irish melody: Londonderry Air

Go, silent friend, your life has found its ending; To dust returns your weary mortal frame. God, who before birth called you into being, now calls you hence, his accent still the same. © 1996 The Iona Community, GIA Publications Inc., agent.

I6*How Bright Is the Day*

(SAWYER'S EXIT)

How bright is the day when the Christian receives the sweet message to come, to rise to the mansions of glory and be there forever at home. © 2015 GIA Publications, Inc.

I7*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

David Haas

I know that my redeemer lives; on the last day I shall rise again, and in my flesh I shall see God; on the last day I shall rise again! © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

I8*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

Scott Soper

I know that my redeemer lives; the One who calls me home. I long to see God face to face to see with my own eyes. © 1990, OCP

I9*In Paradisum / May Angels Guide You*

Chant Mode VII

In paradísum dedúcant te ángeli; in tuo advéntu suscípiant te mártires, et perdúcant te in civitátem sanctam Jerúsalem. Chorus angelórum te suscípiant, et cum Lázaro quondam páupere aéternam hábeas réquiem.

May angels guide you and bring you into paradise: and may all the martyrs come forth to welcome you home; and may they lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

May the angel chorus sing to welcome you, and like Lazarus, forgotten and poor, you shall have everlasting life.

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I10*Jesus, Remember Me*

Jaques Berthier

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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I11*May Holy Angels*

John L. Bell Irish melody: Londonderry Air

May holy angels lead you forth to paradise, and may the martyrs greet your coming home. May you find welcome there within God's dwelling place, the radiant city, New Jerusalem. May angel choirs receive you, singing joyfully, as you behold with Lazarus, once poor, the blessed vision of the Holy Trinity. May you know rest and peace with God forevermore.

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I12*May the Angels Be Your Guide* Michelle MacAller & Kathy McGrath

May the angels be your guide, may they lead you into paradise, and take you home to the new Jerusalem.

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I13*May the Choirs of Angels*

E. Sands

May the choirs of angels, come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise. May the Lord enfold you in his mercy. May you find eternal life.

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I14*O Loving God*

Irish melody: Londonderry Air, Paulette M. McCoy

O loving God, we send your daughter/son home to you, home to a place of everlasting love, to join there with the angel choirs and blessed saints, and to be hold your glorious holy face.

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I15*Saints of God*

Steven R. Janco

Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

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I16*The Hand of God Shall Hold You*

Marty Haugen

The hand of God shall hold you, the peace of God enfold you, the love that dreamed and formed you still surrounds you here today; The light of God beside you, above, beneath, inside you, the light that shines to guide you home to the loving hand of God.

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SENDING SONGS

J1*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

(HYMN TO JOY)

(Outside of Lent) Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

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SENDING SONGS

J2*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

(*Outside of Lent*) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone; Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation Hath redeemed us by his blood.

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J3*City of God*

Daniel L. Schutte

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

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J4*Dwellers in the Holy City*

(ST. THOMAS) Delores Dufner, OSB

Dwellers in the holy city, open wide the golden door; may our friend from this world summoned, know God's presence evermore. Saints and angels, make her/him welcome, glad at home for evermore.

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J5 & J6*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

(MELITA) John B. Dykes

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we raise our plea for those in peril on the sea. *May include respective verse for military service.*

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J7*For All the Saints*

(SINE NOMINE)

(*Outside of Lent*) For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who you by faith before the world confessed, Your Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

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J8*God Bless America*

Irving Berlin

God bless America land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her. Thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies to the oceans white with foam. God bless America. My home sweet home.

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J9*God of Our Fathers (U.S. Army Hymn)*

(NATIONAL HYMN)

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

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J10*Grant Them Eternal Rest*

Owen Alstott

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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SENDING SONGS

J11*Grant Them Eternal Rest*

Christoph Tietze

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and gladness for all time, and may the light that never dies on them forever shine.

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J12*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

(DUKE STREET) John Hatton

I know that my Redeemer lives; what joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting Head!

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J13*(An) Irish Blessing*

arr. by Kevin McChesney

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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J14*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

(LAND OF REST) Joseph Bromehead

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I with you be? When shall my sorrows have an end? Your joys when shall I see?

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J15*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

(EASTER HYMN)

(*Outside of Lent*) Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem, Alleluia!

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J16*Jesus, Lord, Have Mercy*

(ADORO TE DEVOTE) Edmund S. Palmer

Jesus, Lord, have mercy on the souls so blest, who in faith gone from us now in death find rest. Here 'mid stress and conflict toils can never cease; There the warfare ended, bid them rest in peace.

Chant, Mode V

J17*Lead Me, Lord*

John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

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J18*May God Keep and Bless You*

(FELINDRE) Marty Haugen

May God keep and bless you, and nothing distress you. May God guard and guide you, and friends walk beside you. May God's arms surround you, and fear not confound you. May God's light shine through you, and night not subdue you. As you sleep and wake may your prayers arise as love songs for God, whose love never dies, whose love never dies.

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SENDING SONGS

J19 (*sung outside of Lent*)

Mine Eyes Have Seen

(BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC)

(*Outside of Lent*) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

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J20

New Jerusalem

(SHANDORE) Rory Cooney

Jerusalem from God is given, come ye down in light and beauty. O see her shining the bride of heaven. And death shall be no more in the new Jerusalem. And death shall be no more in the new Jerusalem.

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J21

Now Thank We All Our God

(NUN DUNKET) tr. by Catherine Winkworth

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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J22

O Lord, You Died That All Might Live

(MELITA)

O Lord, you died that all might live and rise to see the perfect day. The fullness of your mercy give to this our friend for whom we pray.

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J23

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

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J24

Shall We Gather at the River

(HANSON PLACE) Robert Lowry

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; With its crystal tide for ever Flowing by the throne of God?

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J25 (*sung outside of Lent*)

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

(*Outside of Lent*) Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King ...Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

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J26

Take Me Home

David Haas

Take me home, to your dwelling place, in your sweet embrace, ready to hold me in your arms. Take me home, to your loving eyes, with you alone I'll rise, singing forever, in your arms, take me home.

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J27

We Are Called

David Haas

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

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SENDING SONGS

J28

We Walk by Faith

(SHANTI) Marty Haugen

We walk by faith and not by sight: No gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

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J29

When the Saints Go Marching In

(WHEN THE SAINTS) Spiritual

O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.

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J30

Where My Father Lives

M.D. Ridge

Where my Father lives there is room for all; there is room for all where my Father lives, and a place for you will be waiting there. Come to me; I will bring you home.

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The introduction to the *Order of Christian Funerals* devotes four paragraphs to the question of Music in the Funeral liturgy (numbers 30-34).

Music is integral to the Funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that word alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.

Thus, while Funeral music may express "convictions and feelings," its subject must always be the paschal mystery and it must be related to the readings from Scripture.

Rather than adopting popular secular songs which are inappropriate to a liturgical setting, we should seek out good liturgical music on a paschal theme which can "support, console, and uplift participants and help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory."

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(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n 1680)

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