

*Through Death to Life:
Preparing Funerals
at
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish
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We at Holy Trinity want to express our sympathy at the loss of your loved one. Our faith reminds us that God comforts us in all our afflictions. May our compassionate Lord be with you in a special way during this time of grief.

Through its funeral rites, the Church celebrates the good works of God shown through the life of the deceased, and commends her/him to God's merciful love. Especially at the celebration of the Eucharist, the Christian community expresses the union of the earthly Church on earth with the heavenly Church in the communion of saints. While witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection of Jesus, the funeral rites also affirm God's consolation to all who take part in them.

Safety Guidelines for Public Funerals while Emerging from Ongoing Pandemic

Although great strides have been made in the past few months due to the wider availability of vaccines and reduced rates of infection/hospitalization, the COVID-19 pandemic is not over. On May 12, 2021, the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS rescinded all Covid-19 related worship restrictions. Nevertheless, out of our Catholic duty to respect 1) the common good, 2) the rights of others, and 3) our own duties toward others, Holy Trinity Parish continues to strongly recommend the wearing of masks and physical distancing between households while attending Mass.

Who Can Be Offered a Funeral Mass

Holy Trinity parish celebrates funeral services for current or former parishioners and their relatives. Other requests having no parish connection will be determined by the pastor.

Catholic burial, including the funeral Mass, is permitted for a baptized non-Catholic who might reasonably be presumed to desire or prefer Catholic burial services. Such a decision would be appropriate where the non-Catholic party worshiped regularly at the Catholic Church or identified with the Catholic Church more than any other. It would not be appropriate if the deceased were an active member of a non-Catholic Christian Church, except in cases where the minister of the deceased was unavailable. (Canon 1183.3) Under certain circumstances, a *Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass* may be permitted at the discretion of the pastor.

Funeral Times

Funeral arrangements begin with a meeting with the funeral director. Next the parish is contacted, (usually by the funeral home) where a priest/deacon will confirm the date and time for the funeral Mass. The parish staff will contact the family to arrange a meeting to discuss the musical and liturgical details of the funeral rites.

The Mass of Christian Burial is the primary service, customarily celebrated in the morning, reflecting the theme of resurrection. At Holy Trinity, morning funeral masses are scheduled at **10:30am**; visitation can be scheduled at 9:30am if not held the preceding evening at the funeral home. Procession to the cemetery and burial usually follow the Mass.

The Order of Christian Funerals

The Order of Christian Funerals is divided into three groups of rites: ***Vigil*** (wake service), ***Mass of Christian Burial***, and ***Rite of Committal*** (burial).

A Vigil service at the wake is an optional alternative to the recitation of the Rosary the evening before the funeral. It consists of prayers, scripture readings, and intercessions. Eulogies and stories of the deceased may be shared after the Rosary or Vigil liturgy has ended.

Viewing the body is encouraged, because it helps remove doubts that the loved one has truly died. The body may be viewed privately or during visitation at the funeral home, or at the church just before the funeral liturgy. During the funeral liturgy the casket is closed.

Music

Because the Mass is a public act of worship of the church, the parish is ultimately responsible for the music in the liturgy, which expresses faith in Jesus' victory over death and our personal share in his resurrection. Careful music choices acknowledge our grief within the hopeful context of Christ's Easter promise. Nonreligious songs that may be personal favorites, but that do not meet these liturgical norms, are most fittingly shared during the funeral home visitation or at the funeral luncheon, rather than in church on the day of the funeral liturgy.

At Holy Trinity, we require an organist/pianist and cantor for all funerals. These musicians are needed to support and lead the music for the parts of the Catholic liturgy that have priority for congregational singing. The Holy Trinity music director is the designated organist/pianist who plays for all Holy Trinity funerals; s/he will also recruit, schedule, and rehearse with a Holy Trinity cantor. Outside musicians requested by the family may participate, e.g. with prelude or offertory music, provided they demonstrate vocal or instrumental competency and/or cantor experience, but we ask that they not replace the music director.

The music director will provide a worship aid containing all music (provided the church has the proper copyright licenses) for the Mass. S/he will also choose all Mass parts and the musical setting for the (requested responsorial) psalm. All music can be decided by the music director if the family requests it. The use of recorded music in the liturgy is not permitted.

Cremation and Cremation-Only Providers

It is the Catholic Church's preference that the funeral Mass be celebrated with the body of the deceased present. The body may either be buried or cremated after the funeral Mass. In the event that cremation occurs first, the cremains may be brought to the church for the funeral Mass. Church law requires that cremains be laid to rest in consecrated ground, either buried or kept in a columbarium/mausoleum. If neither the body nor the cremains are present, a memorial Mass may be celebrated.

Unlike full-service funeral homes, cremation-only providers may or may not offer the following items/services, which also are not provided by Holy Trinity Church:

- Guest Book, Pens
- Memorial Contribution Envelopes
- Acknowledgment Cards and Envelopes
- Prayer Cards
- Memorial Folders
- Crucifix
- Display Easels (for photo boards)
- Obituary posting
- Honoraria (see page 5; typically included in a funeral home's itemized statement)

Other Considerations

Flowers. Flowers are permitted. The parish staff will direct the placement of the flowers. Please be sure to remove, after Mass, only the flowers family and friends provided and not those that belong to the Church. The parish does welcome donations of flower arrangements should the family wish it.

Photographs and Memorabilia. Memorial displays are encouraged at the wake at the funeral home. If some images are to be used at the church, the display is to be kept simple and placed outside the sanctuary area. **We regret that we are not able to accommodate requests for DVD presentations using Church, Social Room, or Quigley Center AV equipment.**

Stone Chapel Funerals. The Stone Chapel is **NOT** handicapped accessible. Please keep this in mind when communicating funeral arrangements to family and friends.

Funeral Luncheon. As of August 1, 2021, the parish will resume offering the hospitality of a light lunch following the funeral hosted by parish volunteers, consisting of sliced ham and sliced turkey, sliced cheese, bread, and condiments. **A minimal cost of \$3.00 per person, based upon the family's best estimate,** is payable to Holy Trinity Church on the day of the funeral. The Luncheon Committee will supply salads, vegetables, desserts and beverages. The family is always welcome to bring in their own caterer, at their own expense.

Other Church Fees and Honoraria. Most funeral directors itemize all costs within their billings to include other church fees and honoraria, **customarily paid on the day of the funeral. It is appreciated if families who are taking care of these fees personally likewise do so before the funeral liturgy begins.** Please note that the musicians for funeral liturgies do not receive payment from the church. The only remuneration they receive for their services comes from the family.

The current Holy Trinity funeral fee and honoraria schedule is:

- Organist: \$150, payable by check made out to the organist/pianist (not to Holy Trinity)
- Cantor: \$125, payable by check made out to the cantor (not to Holy Trinity)
- Servers: \$20 per server (usually 3 servers), payable separately in cash.

A gift to the priest that is at least commensurate with the organist is appropriate and appreciated. The parish also accepts memorial gifts in memory of the deceased. If desired, the donor may specify the purpose for the gift.

Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office.

Funeral directors should contact the parish office with any questions about the fee schedule: 913-888-2770.

We hope this pamphlet is of assistance during your time of grief.
Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever, bring us safely home.

The pastor and parish staff of Holy Trinity
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To assist in the funeral liturgy planning we are including:

- List of Old and New Testament readings
- List of Options for the Universal Prayer (formerly Prayers of the Faithful)
- Planning Worksheets for Funeral Liturgy and Participation of Family and/or Friends
- List of Music Recommendations

Hebrew (Old) Testament Readings

LECTIONARY OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (OT 1-7)

JOB 19:1, 23-27 OT-1

I know that my Redeemer lives.

WISDOM 3:1-9/ 3:1-6, 9 OT-2

The souls of the just are in the hand of God.

WISDOM 4:7-15 OT-3

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.

ISAIAH 25:6-9 OT-4

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

LAMENTATIONS 3:17-26 OT-5

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

DANIEL 12:1-3 OT-6

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

2 MACCABEES 12:43-46 OT-7

It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LECTIONARY (OT 8-10)

ISAIAH 35:1-6a, 10 OT-8

Those the Lord ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

EZEKIEL 37:12-14 OT-9

You shall know I am the Lord, when I open your graves and you rise from them.

MICAH 6:6-8 OT-10

Do right, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God.

OT ONE ~ Job 19:1, 23-27

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

“Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! As for me, I know that my vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust. This will happen when my skin has been stripped off, and from my flesh I will see God: I will see for myself, my own eyes, not another’s, will behold him; my inmost being is consumed with longing.”

OT TWO~ Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their judgment they shall shine and dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

OT THREE ~ Wisdom 4:7-15

The righteous one, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding passes for gray hair, and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age. The one who pleased God was loved, living among sinners, was transported—snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take that consideration into account. Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

OT FOUR ~ Isaiah 25:6, 7-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. 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: “Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us! This is the Lord to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

OT FIVE ~ Lamentations 3:17-26

My life is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; my enduring hope, I said, has perished before the Lord. The thought of my wretched homelessness is wormwood and poison; remembering it over and over, my soul is downcast. But this I will call to mind; therefore I will hope: the Lord’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; they are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness! The Lord is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the Lord’s deliverance.

OT SIX ~ Daniel 12:1-3

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 the nation 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 to everlasting life, others to reproach and everlasting disgrace. But those with insight shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

OT SEVEN ~ 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then 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 in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. 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 absolved from their sin.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS NOT LISTED IN THE LECTIONARY (OT 8-10)

OT EIGHT ~ Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The wilderness and the parched land will exult; the desert will rejoice and bloom; like the crocus it shall bloom abundantly, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen hands that are feeble, make firm knees that are weak. Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; Then the lame shall leap like a stag, and the mute tongue sing for joy. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; They meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning flee away.

OT NINE ~ Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord God said to me: “Prophesy [PROF–eh–sigh] and say to them: ‘Thus says the Lord God: Look! I am going to open your graves; I will make you come up out of your graves, my people, and bring you back to the land of Israel. You shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. I have spoken; I will do it.’”

OT TEN ~ Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow before God most high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with myriad streams of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my crime, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Greek (New) Testament Readings

LECTIONARY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (NT 1-19)

ACTS 10:34-43

NT-1/ ENT-1

God shows no partiality; everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness.

ROMANS 5:5-11

NT-2

Hope does not disappoint; God's love has been poured on us. Reconciled to God, we will be saved through Jesus' death.

ROMANS 5:17-21

NT-3

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

ROMANS 6:3-9

NT-4

Baptized into the death of Christ, let us walk in newness of life by his resurrection.

ROMANS 8:14-23

NT-5

We groan within ourselves while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.

ROMANS 8:31b-35, 37-39

NT-6

No one/nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ.

ROMANS 14:7-9, 10b-12

NT-7

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-23, 24b-28

NT-8

All people will be brought to life in Christ, who destroys death, the last enemy.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

NT-9

Death is swallowed up in victory.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:14 – 5:1

NT-10

What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1, 6-10

NT-11

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

LECTIONARY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (continued)

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 NT-12

Jesus will transfigure our bodies to be like his glorious body.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 NT-13

Do not grieve those fallen asleep; we shall stay with the Lord for ever.

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13 NT-14

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

1 JOHN 3:1-2 NT-15

We shall see God as God really is.

1 JOHN 3:14-16 NT-16

We have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters.

REVELATION 14:13 NT-17/ ENT-2

Happy are those who die in the Lord, finding rest from their labors.

REVELATION 20:11 – 21:1 NT-18/ ENT-3

The book of life is opened, and the dead were judged by their deeds.

REVELATION 21:1 – 5a, 6b-7 NT-19/ ENT-4

God will wipe every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LECTIONARY (NT 20-22)

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 NT-20

I completed well, finished the race, kept the faith.

1 PETER 1:3-9 NT-21

Though you suffer trials, this proves genuineness of faith, achieving your salvation.

REVELATION 22:1-5 NT-22

They will look upon God's face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

NT ONE/ Easter NT ONE ~ Acts 10:34-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God. You know the word that God sent to the Israelites, proclaiming peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. Jesus went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that Jesus did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. God raised this man on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Jesus commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

NT TWO ~ Romans 5:5-11

Brothers and sisters, hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet 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.

NT THREE ~ Romans 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters, if, by the transgression of one person, 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 person 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 one person the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of 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.

NT FOUR ~ Romans 6:3-9

Brothers and sisters, are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

NT FIVE ~ Romans 8:14-23

Brothers and sisters, those who are led by the Spirit of God are children 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.

NT SIX ~ Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters, if God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how 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.

NT SEVEN ~ Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Brothers and sisters, none of us 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 account of oneself to God.

NT EIGHT ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Brothers and sisters, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. 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 first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.” But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

NT NINE ~ 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

NT TEN ~ 2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1

Brothers and sisters, we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

NT ELEVEN ~ 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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. So 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 one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

NT TWELVE ~ Philippians 3:20-21

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.

NT THIRTEEN ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

NT FOURTEEN ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-13

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.

NT FIFTEEN ~ 1 John 3:1-2

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.

NT SIXTEEN ~ 1 John 3:14-16

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.

NT SEVENTEEN/ Easter NT TWO/ ~ Revelation 14:13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

NT EIGHTEEN/ Easter NT THREE ~ Revelation 20:11 – 21:1

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

NT NINETEEN/ Easter NT FOUR ~ Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. God will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LECTIONARY (NT 20-22)

NT TWENTY ~ 2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

NT TWENTY-ONE ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who, by the power of God, are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet you believe in him; you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

NT TWENTY-TWO ~ Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of its street. On either side of the river grew the tree of life that produces fruit twelve times a year, once each month; the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

Scripture readings are taken from: *The New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE, 2011)*.
<https://www.biblegateway.com>

The Universal Prayer

OPTION 1 (OCF 401-1)

Priest: *God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead. With confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:*

For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life:
may s/he now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life:
may s/he be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the family and friends of our brother/sister N.:
may they be consoled in their grief by the Lord Jesus, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our deceased relatives and friends, and for all who have helped us:
may they have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again:
may they see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith:
may we be gathered together again in your kingdom.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: *God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OPTION 2 (OCF 401-2)

Priest: *My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.*

May the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel be given the strength to express in action the Word they proclaim.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May those in public office promote justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body never feel forsaken by You or by us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You deliver the soul of Your servant N. from punishment and from the powers of darkness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You in Your mercy blot out all his/her offenses.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You establish him/her in light and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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The Universal Prayer (continued)

May You welcome into Your glory those of our families and friends who have departed this life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Priest: *O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love, and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OPTION 3 (OCF 401-3)

Priest: *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:*

In baptism N. received the light of Christ.

Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Savior.

Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom.

Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day.

Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.

Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation.

Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Priest: *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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OPTION 4 (OCF 401-6 For a baptized child; this set may be sung)

Priest: *The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our only sure hope. Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this dark hour.*

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The Universal Prayer (continued)

You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life: to you we pray,

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience through suffering: to you we pray,

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom: to you we pray,

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You comforted those who mourned the loss of children and friends: to you we pray,

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all: to you we pray,

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You promised to raise up those who believe in you just as you were raised up in glory by the Father:
to you we pray,

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

Priest: *Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care and now you embrace him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OPTION 5 (OCF 401-7, For a deceased child)

Priest: *Let us pray for N., his/her family and friends, and for all God's people.*

For N., child of God [and heir to the kingdom]:

may s/he be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For N.'s family, especially his/her mother and father, [his/her brother(s) and sister(s)]:

may they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For N.'s friends, those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her:

may they be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another, we pray to the

Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all parents who grieve over the death of their children:

may they be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For children who have died of hunger and disease:

may these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the whole Church: may we prepare worthily for the hour of our death,

when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: *Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care, and now you embrace him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping, together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL – SCRIPTURES, MUSIC, PETITIONS

Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Priest Celebrant: _____ # of Worship Aids to Print _____

Family Contact: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Call to Worship (prelude/music rehearsal) _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing of Pall

Entrance Song _____

Placing of Christian Symbols

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading _____

Responsorial Psalm Psalm # _____ Setting _____

Second Reading _____

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Gospel Reading _____

Homily/Preaching _____

The Universal Prayer (Petitions) _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation/Preparation of Altar and Gifts _____

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Memorial Acclamation *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Great Amen *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Communion Processional _____

Psalm/Hymn of Praise/Instrumental/Silence _____

Prayer after Communion

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer

Sign of Farewell (incensing) _____

Prayer of Commendation _____

Procession to Place of Committal _____

PARTICIPATION of FAMILY/ FRIENDS

Placing of the Pall
(casket only) _____

Placing of Christian Symbols _____

Casket/Urn Bearer/s _____

Lector/s _____

The Universal Prayer _____

Gift Bearer/s _____

Extraordinary Minister/s of Holy Communion _____

Servers _____

Funeral Music Recommendations

Holy Trinity Music Director: Dr. Chloë Stodt @ 913-895-0682/ cstodt@htlenexa.org.

Entrance Procession

RS 211 - Give him/her eternal rest, O Lord (Ref) with verses from Psalm 116 (Entr. Antiphon for Funerals)
RS 609 - Sing with All the Saints in Glory (vv. 1, 2, 4)/ HYMN TO JOY
RS 730 - How Great Thou Art (vv. 1, 4)/ O STORE GUD
RS 757 - Amazing Grace/ NEW BRITAIN
RS 789 - Keep in Mind
RS 804 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past/ ST. ANNE
RS 819 - Eye Has Not Seen
RS 821 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, "Come unto Me and Rest"/ KINGSFOLD
RS 854 - O Christ the Great Foundation (vv. 1, 2, 4)/ AURELIA
RS 984 - For All the Saints (vv. 1, 2, 4)/ SINE NOMINE
RS 1079 - God of Love, Whose Mercies Daily/ BEACH SPRING
W&R 518 - Give Thanks for Life/ SINE NOMINE

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16 - RS 788 - Center of My Life
Ps 23 - RS 41 - My Shepherd Is the Lord
Ps 23 - RS 39 - Shepherd Me, O God
Ps 23 - RS 212 - The Lord Is My Shepherd
Ps 23 - RS 820 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is (metrical)
Ps 27 - RS 44, 45 - The Lord Is My Light/I Believe that I Shall See/Put Your Hope in the Lord
Ps 42 - RS 55 - As the Deer Longs
Ps 63 - RS 63, 65 - My Soul Is Thirsting
Ps 84 - OCP 209 - How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
Ps 90 - RS 804 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past (metrical)
Ps 103 - RS 84 - The Lord Is Kind and Merciful, Cotter
Ps 121 - RS 98 - Our Help Comes from the Lord
Ps 122 - RS 99 - Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord
Ps 126 - RS 101 - The Lord Has Done Great Things
Ps 130 - RS 105 - With the Lord There Is Mercy

Prayer of Intercession: Funeral for a Deceased Child (child's funeral)

Presentation/Preparation of Gifts

RS 693 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light/ HOUSTON
RS 755 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy/ IN BABILONE
RS 757 - Amazing Grace/ NEW BRITAIN
RS 758 - Lord of All Hopefulness (vv. 1, 3, 4)/ SLANE
RS 772 - God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn/KINGSFOLD
RS 776 - O God, Why Are You Silent?/ PASSION CHORALE
RS 783 - We Walk by Faith/ SHANTI
RS 787 - Faith of Our Fathers/ ST. CATHERINE
RS 797 - Be Not Afraid
RS 802 - How Can I Keep from Singing
RS 807 - What Wondrous Love Is This/ WONDROUS LOVE
RS 819 - Eye Has Not Seen
RS 820 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is/ ST. COLUMBA

Presentation/Preparation of Gifts (continued)

RS 959 - Steal Away to Jesus
RS 1079 - God of Love, Whose Mercies Daily/ BEACH SPRING
RS 1080 - There Is a Place (**child's funeral**)
W4-973 – When Memory Fades/ FINLANDIA
W&R 451 - Be Still, My Soul/ FINLANDIA
W&R 515 - In the Bulb There Is a Flower/ HYMN OF PROMISE
W&R 518 – Give Thanks for Life/ SINE NOMINE
W&R 683 - Little One, Born to Bring (**child's funeral**)

Communion

RS 763 – Open My Eyes (interreligious)
RS 789 – Keep in Mind (interreligious)
RS 795 - On Eagle's Wings (interreligious)
RS 808 - Where True Charity (interreligious)
RS 819 - Eye Has Not Seen (interreligious)
RS 1027 - One Bread, One Body
RS 1028 - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart/ BICENTENNIAL
RS 1029 - I Am the Bread of Life/ BREAD OF LIFE
RS 1031 - Taste and See
RS 1033 - Eat This Bread
RS 1037 - Draw Near

Final Commendation: Song of Farewell

Preferred

OCF 403.5 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives (O WALY WALY/ OLD HUNDREDTH/ TALLIS' CANON)
OCP 219 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper)
RS 611 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives (DUKE STREET)
RS 1084 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Hughes)
OCP 706 - Song of Farewell, Smolarski (Come to his/her aid, O Saints of God/OLD HUNDREDTH)

Other Option

RS 1081 - O Lord, You Died That All Might Live/ MELITA (Navy Hymn – for families with Navy connection)

Procession to the Place of Committal: Closing

Preferred

RS 219 - *In Paradisum* (Latin or English), arr. Proulx
RS 1078 - May the Angels Lead You into Paradise (*In Paradisum*/ Hughes) with congregational refrain
RS 1082 - May Holy Angels Lead You (*In Paradisum*, tr. Krisman/LONDONDERRY AIR)
OCF 396.E - May Saints and Angels Lead You On (*In Paradisum* / OLD HUNDREDTH)
OCF 396.E - May Saints and Angels Lead You On (*In Paradisum* / O WALY WALY)

Other Options

RS 609 - Sing with All the Saints in Glory (vv. 1, 4)/ HYMN TO JOY
RS 758 - Lord of All Hopefulness (vv. 1, 3, 4)/ SLANE
RS 783 - We Walk by Faith/ SHANTI
RS 842 - Jesus, Remember Me
RS 984 - For all the Saints (vv. 5, [6], 7, 8)/ SINE NOMINE
SNC 284 - Go, My Children, with My Blessing (vv. selected)/ AR HYD Y NOS
W&R 518 – Give Thanks for Life/ SINE NOMINE