

**“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE;
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL
LIVE, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN
ME WILL NEVER DIE.”** *John 11:25-26*

Dear Members of Our Lady of Grace Parish Family and Friends,

The peace and promise of the Risen Christ Jesus be with you. Jesus said to His dear friend Martha at the death of her brother Lazarus 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die' (John 11:25-26). Jesus then asks her a question; 'Do you believe this?' This promise of Jesus is meant for us as well, as is the question. It is our Christian faith that Jesus will bring all who believe in Him to eternal life. We like Martha answer with a resounding 'yes' and we find comfort in Jesus' promise as we face the passing of a loved one to eternal life. The priests, deacons and members of our parish family extend to you and your family our heartfelt sympathy during this time of sorrow. Our prayers and support are with you as you journey through this time of grief and loss.

Our Lady of Grace is honored to provide this planning booklet to assist you as you prepare for the Funeral Liturgy. You will find choices for appropriate readings, music selections and other liturgical actions. Please choose one reading each from the Old and New Testament, a Responsorial Psalm and one of the Prayer of the Faithful options. You may also choose one of the Gospel passages if one of them is special to you, or you may leave the Gospel selection to the priest. Please ask family and friends to assist with readings, bringing of gifts to the Altar, and placing the pall on the casket. Please choose four hymns, from the selections found on page 80, to be sung at the Mass. One of the priests will be contacting you to answer any questions you may have and to help finalize your selections. At that time, the priest would also like to obtain some personal background about your loved one for use in his homily. Please use the Funeral Liturgy Planning sheet, found on page 81, to record your choices. You may drop the completed planning sheet off at the Parish Office, or give it to the priest when he comes to the wake.

You have our sincere sympathy and a promise of our personal prayer.

Sincerely,

The Priest of Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

About Cremation

In May 1963, the Vatican's Holy Office lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites.

The Christian faithful are unequivocally confronted by the mystery of life and death when they are faced with the presence of the body of one who has died. The body which lies in death naturally recalls the personal story of faith, the loving family bonds, the friendships, and the words and acts of kindness of the deceased person.

The body of the deceased is also the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life. Thus, the Church's reverence for the sacredness of the human body grows out of a reverence and concern both natural and supernatural for the human person. The body of the deceased forcefully brings to mind the Church's conviction that the human body is in Christ, a temple of the Holy Spirit and is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead.

When the choice has been made to cremate a body, it is recommended that the cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy. In this case, the Vigil of the Deceased and related prayers would be used. Sometimes, however, it is not possible for the body to be present for the Funeral Mass. When extraordinary circumstances make the cremation of a body the only feasible choice, the cremated remains (ashes) may be brought into Church. The cremated remains (ashes) should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

If you have any questions on this matter, please ask the priest.

The Pastoral Team

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OLD TESTAMENT

A1 Job 19:1, 23-27

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.

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A2 Wisdom 3:1-9

**A reading from the Book of
Wisdom**

**The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no
torment**

**shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to
be dead; and their passing away was thought an
affliction**

**and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they
are in peace.**

For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial

offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall 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.

A2b Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9

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The Word of the Lord

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A3 Wisdom 4:7-15

**A reading from the book of
Wisdom**

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved; He who lived among sinners

was transported, snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his

mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry

things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire

transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of

**the midst of
wickedness.**

**But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they
take this into account.**

The Word of the Lord.

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A4 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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A5 Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore I will hope in Him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul who seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

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A6 Daniel 12:1-3

**A reading from the book of the prophet
Daniel**

**I, Daniel, mourned and I 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 in 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 stars forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

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A7 2Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

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 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.

A8 Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (E-klee-zee-assteez)

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything

appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered.

The Word of the Lord.

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A9 Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.

They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

**Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees
that are weak, Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with
vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf
be cleared; Then will the lame leap like a stag, then
the
tongue of the dumb will sing. Those whom the Lord has
ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned
with
everlasting joy; They will meet with joy and
gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.**

The Word of the Lord

A10 Isaiah 40:25-31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

“To whom can you liken me as an equal?” says the Holy

One. Lift up your eyes on high and see who created these:

He leads out their army and numbers them, calling them all by name. By his great might and the strength of his power not one of them is missing! Why, O Jacob, do you say, and declare, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and

my right is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know?

Have you not heard? The LORD is God from of old, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, they that

**hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar
on eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary,
walk
and not grow
faint.**

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A11 Isaiah 49:8, 13-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

**Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I answer you, on
the day of salvation I help you; I form you and set you as a
covenant for the people, to restore the land and allot the
devastated heritages.**

**Sing out, heavens, and rejoice, earth; break forth into song,
you mountains, for the LORD comforts his people and
shows mercy to his afflicted. But Zion said, “The LORD
has
forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” Can a mother
forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of
her
womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See,
upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you; your
walls
are ever before
me.**

The Word of the Lord.

A12 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Who can find a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value. Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack income. She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life. She seeks out wool and flax and weaves with skillful hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praise. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

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A13 Sirach 2:1-11

A reading from the book of Sirach

My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself

for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, and do not be impetuous in time of adversity. Cling to him, do not leave him, that you may prosper in your last days. Accept whatever happens to you; in periods of humiliation be

patient. For in fire gold is tested, and the chosen, in the

crucible of humiliation. Trust in God, and he will help you; make your ways straight and hope in him. You that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, do not stray lest you fall. You that fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not be lost. You that fear the LORD, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy. Consider the generations long past and see: has anyone trusted in the Lord and been disappointed? Has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken? Has anyone called upon him and been ignored? For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; forgives sins and saves in time of trouble.

The Word of the Lord

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A14 Ezekiel 34:11-16

**A reading from the book of the prophet
Ezekiel**

For thus says the Lord GOD: Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them. As a shepherd examines his flock while he himself is among his scattered sheep, so will I examine my sheep. I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of dark clouds. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and every inhabited place in the land. In good pastures I will pasture them; on the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down on good grazing ground; in rich pastures they will be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest—oracle of the Lord GOD. The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I

will

**bind up, and the sick I will heal; but the sleek and the strong
I will destroy. I will shepherd them in judgment.**

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PS23 – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

PS25 – To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

PS27 – The Lord is my light and my salvation

PS63 – My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my

God

**PS103 – The Lord is kind and
merciful**

**PS116 – I will walk before the Lord in the land of the
living**

**PS122 – I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to
the house of the Lord**

**PS130 – Out of the depths, I cry to you,
Lord**

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TESTAMENT

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B1 Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: “In truth, I see that God shows no particularity. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over

Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us. The witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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B1b Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

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witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive

forgiveness of sins through his

name.”

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B2 Romans 5:5-11

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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 provides his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from 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.

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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.**

The Word of the Lord.

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B4 Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

**Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ
Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried
with him through baptism into death, so that, just as
Christ
was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too**

might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death

like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that

our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

B4b Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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.

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B5 Romans 8:14-23

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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 to 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 children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

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B6 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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

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B7 Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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, the he might
be**

**Lord of both the dead and the living. 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 himself to God.

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B8 1Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his

feet”. But when it says that everything has been subjected, it

is clear that it excludes the One who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

B8b 1Corinthians 15:20-23

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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

The Word of the Lord.

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B9 1Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

That which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility. That which is mortal must clothe itself with

**immortality. And when that which is corruptible clothes
itself with incorruptibility and that 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.

B10 2Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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B11 2Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

B12 Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

**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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B13 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St. 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.

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B14 2Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

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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B15 1John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are, the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

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B16 1John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of St. John

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

The Word of the Lord.

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B17 Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the

dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” said the

Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works

accompany them.”

The Word of the Lord.

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B18 Revelation 20:11-21:1

A reading from the book of Revelation

I saw a large white throne and one who was sitting on it.

The

earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no

place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly,
standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then

another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead
were

judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the
scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades
gave

up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their
deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of
fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone
whose

name was not found written in the book of life was thrown
into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The
former

heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the
sea

was no

more.

The Word of the Lord.

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B19 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the book of Revelation

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. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned

for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He

will dwell with them and they will be his people and

God

himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.
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The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

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B20 1Corinthians 2:1-10

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which

God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "What eye has

not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him," this

God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord

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B21 Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and

patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one

another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of

Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and

admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual

songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the

Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READINGS

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C1 Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C2 Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: “I give praise to you,

Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have

hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have

revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me

by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to

whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will

give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest

for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C3 Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply, ‘Amen I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C4 Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them from one 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 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 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 imprison, and not minister to your needs?” He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C5 Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which is

translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “Look, he is calling Elijah.” One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C5b Mark 15:33-39

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

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afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud

voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which is translated,

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centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his
last**

**he said, “Truly this man was the Son of
God!”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C6 Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the

only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd

from the city was with her. When Jesus 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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The Gospel of the Lord.

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C7 Luke 12:35-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Jesus said to his
disciples:**

**“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like
servants**

**who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to**

open immediately when he comes and knocks. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C8 Luke 22:33, 39-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

When they came to the place called 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 Messiah? Save yourself and us.” The other,

however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of

God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And

indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done

nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when

you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I

say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C9 Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

It was now 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 called 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 him 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.

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

here, but he has been raised.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C9b Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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C10 Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Now that very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, 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 priest 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

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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 prophet spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” Then

beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he 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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C10b Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, 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. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C11 John 5:24-29

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**Jesus said to the
Jews:**

**“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 his 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.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C12 John 6:37-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

**“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I**

**will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I
came**

**down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of
the**

**one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent
me,**

that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I

should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my

**Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in
him**

**may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last
day.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

C13 John 6:51-58

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd;

**“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 eats this bread will
live
forever.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

C14 John 11:17-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

When Jesus arrived in Bethany he found that Lazarus had

already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them

about their brother, when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "your brother will rise". Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day". Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in

me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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C14b John 11:21-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "your brother will rise". Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day". Jesus told

her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

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C15 John 11:32-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would 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 them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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