



**“If one member suffers  
in the body of Christ which is the  
Church, all members  
suffer with that member.”**

*1 Corinthians 12:26*

*St. Ann  
Catholic Parish*

***“The time immediately following death is often one of bewilderment and may involve shock or heartrending grief for the family and close friends.  
(Order of Christian Funerals)***

**Grief needs to be shared. Our Catholic community stands by you in your loss. We will support you as you remember, honor, and commemorate the death of your loved one.**

# Funeral Liturgy Planning Worksheet

*(Please bring this sheet with you when you come to meet with the priest.)*

**Music that comforts my family/music that our loved one enjoyed\*:**

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**Scripture/Bible readings that are appropriate/passages our loved one favored+:**

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**Family and Friends we want involved....**

Bringing up the gifts \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

**People or things we especially want to pray for:**

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**Will there be Cremains or Casket** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon Here Y/N** \_\_\_\_\_ **If yes, approximate count** \_\_\_\_\_

**Visitation date and time** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rosary Y/N** \_\_\_\_\_ **If yes, date and time** \_\_\_\_\_

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When you meet with the priest, be prepared to share memories of your loved one.  
You *may* bring a photo, if you want, or a CD of music, if you have a special request.

# Funeral

## John Q. Sample

Mar 10, 2020

- Opening Song:** *Be Not Afraid*      Choir
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Sirach 26: 1-4, 13-13*      Read by \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm:** *The Lord is My Shepherd*      Choir
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Timothy 4:4-8*      Read by \_\_\_\_\_
- Gospel:** *John 14:1-6*      Read by Deacon or Priest
- Prayer of the Faithful:**      Read By \_\_\_\_\_
- Offertory:**    *On Eagles Wings*      Choir
- Gift Bearers:**      \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Communion:** *Amazing Grace*      Choir
- Meditation:** *Ave Maria*      Music Director / Cantor
- Song of Farewell*      Music Director / Cantor
- Recessional:** *How Great Thou Art*      Choir

Spouse/Family Phone Number    Home: \_\_\_\_\_    Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Entrance/Recessional Hymns *(choose 2)***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Blest Are They

For All The Saints

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

How Great Thou Art

I Am the Bread of Life

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Lord of All Hopefulness

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

On Eagle's Wings

Seek Ye First

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

Soon and very Soon

## **Offertory/Communion Hymns *(choose 2)***

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Blest Are They

Come To Me (Joncas)

Dwelling Place

Eye Has Not Seen

Here I Am, Lord

Healer of our Every Ill

Hosea

I Have Loved You

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Like a Shepherd

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Now We Remain

On Eagle's Wings

Only In God

Prayer of St. Francis

Precious Lord Take My Hand

We Remember

We Shall Rise Again

You Are Mine

You Are Near

You Are the Light I Seek

## Other requests for Offertory/Communion

Ave Maria

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Panis Angelicus

Pie Jesu

## Responsorial Psalms *(choose 1)* Please

**see the next page for Psalm verses**

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me O God

Psalm 25: To You O Lord I Lift My Soul

Psalm 27: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the Land of the Living

Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid.

Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us O God, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm 34: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

Psalm 42: Like a Deer that Longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you, my God.

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see Your kindness.

Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Psalm 103: Loving and forgiving are you, O God, slow to anger, rich in kindness; loving and forgiving are you.

Psalm 116: I will take the cup of life, I will call God's name all my days.

Psalm 130: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Psalm 116: Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

Psalm 25: Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

The Cry of the Poor

## Eucharistic Songs – appropriate for Communion

All Who Hunger

Behold the Lamb

Bread of the World

Draw Near

Eat This Bread

Eucharistic Litany

Gift of Finest Wheat

I Am the Bread of Life

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Pan de Vida

Taste and See

Take and Eat This Bread

## **Funeral Psalms with beautiful Musical Settings**

### **(verses may be omitted if desired)**

#### **Psalm 23: Refrain: Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my needs, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd so nothing shall I want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love. I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I shall wander the valley of death, I fear no evil for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

#### **Psalm 25: Refrain: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul, To You I lift my soul.**

Lord, let me know your ways, teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth, for You are God, my Savior.

For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander, gently leading the poor and the humble.

To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love, God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

#### **Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?**

The Lord is my light and my help: whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life: before whom should I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord: for this I long: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living; hope in God, and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

#### **Psalm 27: I believe, I believe, I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land, in the land of the living**

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my rock, my salvation. The Lord is my refuge, guarding my life; of whom should I be afraid?

Only one thing I ask: may I live in the house of my Lord. I shall gaze on God's goodness all of my days; I shall live in the shelter of God.

I believe I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living. Be strong, wait for the Lord.

**Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be On Us O God, as we place our trust in you.**

Your words, O God are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.

See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all those who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine.

Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield, May your Kindness O God be upon us, who place our hope in you.

**Psalm 42: Like a Deer that longs for running streams, so my soul longs for You, my God.**

**Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name; bless the Lord and forget not God's benefits.

God pardons all your iniquities and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.

Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in Kindness.

**(alternate melody/version)**

**Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving are you, o God. Slow to anger, rich in kindness; loving and forgiving are you.**

All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God.

God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love.

Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God.

As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us.

**Psalm 116: I will take the cup of life, I will call God's name all my days.**

How can I make a return for the goodness of God? This saving cup, I will bless and sing, and call the name of God.

The dying of those who keep faith is precious to our God. I am your servant called from your hands, you have set me free.

To you I will offer my thanks and call upon your name. You are my promise, for all to see, I love your name, O God.

**Psalm 130: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

From out of the depths, I cry unto you, Lord hear my voice, come hear my prayer; O let your ear be open to my pleading.

If you O Lord should mark our guilt, then who could stand within your sight? But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.

Just as those who wait for the morning light, even more I long for the Lord, my God, whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

# St. Ann Parish-Augusta MI

## Funeral Readings

Please select one each from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel  
Plus option 1 or 2 for the prayers of the faithful

### Old Testament Readings (Select only one)

#### 1. A reading from the second book of 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 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.**

#### 2. A reading from the book of Job

19:1, 23-27

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.**

#### 3. A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

3:1-12

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, 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 up. 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 advantage has the worker from their toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for humanity to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without our ever discovering it, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognize that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life. For everyone to eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor is a gift from God. I recognize that whatever God does will endure forever. There is no adding to it or taking from it. Thus has God done that God may be revered.

**The Word of the Lord.**

#### **4. A reading from the book of Wisdom**

**3:1-9**

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.**

*Shorter Form:*

#### **5. A reading from the book of Wisdom**

**3:1-6, 9**

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**The Word of the Lord.**

#### **6. A reading from the book of Wisdom**

**4:7-15**

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.**

## **7. A reading from the book of Sirach (Sirach 26: 1-4, 13-16)**

A valiant woman – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive much joy. A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing wealth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste person.

Like the sun rising in the Lord’s heavens, the beauty of a valiant woman is the radiance of her home. When she opens her mouth she does so wisely; on her tongue is kingly instruction. She is clothed with strength and dignity; her husband sings her praises and her children proclaim her fidelity. Charm is deceitful and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the gates.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **8. A reading from the book of Sirach (Sirach 6:5-15)**

A kind mouth multiplies friends, and gracious lips prompt friendly greetings. Let your acquaintances be many, but one in a thousand your confidant. When you gain a friend, first test him, and be not too ready to trust him. For one sort of friend is a friend when it suits him, but he will not be with you in time of distress. Another is a friend who becomes an enemy, and tells of the quarrel to your shame.

Another is a friend, a boon companion, who will not be with you when sorrow comes. When things go well, he is your other self, and lords it over your servants; but if you are brought low, he turns against you and avoids meeting you. But a faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance their worth.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **9. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

**25:6a, 7-9**

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.**

## **10. A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah**

**49: 8-16**

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you, Along the ways they shall find pasture, on every bare height shall their pastures be. They shall not hunger or thirst, nor shall the scorching wind or the sun strike them; for God who has compassion for them leads them and guides them beside springs of water.

Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O 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 or the child within her womb? Even if she should forget, I will never forget you. I have carved you on the palm of my hand.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **11. A reading from the book of Lamentations**

**3:17-26**

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 t have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **12. A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel**

**12:1-3**

“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

**The Word of the Lord.**

## New Testament Readings *(Select only one)*

### **13. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**10:34-43**

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him. You know the word that He sent to the 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.”

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Shorter Form:*

### **14. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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**The Word of the Lord**

### **15. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**5:5-11**

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, 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.**

## **16. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**5:17-21**

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 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.**

## **17. A reading from the letter of Paul to Romans**

**6:3-9**

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. 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.**

*Shorter Form:*

## **18. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**6:3-4, 8-9**

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **19. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**8:14-23**

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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **20. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**8:31b-35, 37-39**

*Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?*

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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **21. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**14:7-9, 10b-12**

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 sister? Or you, why do you look down on your brother or sister? 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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Longer Form:*

**22. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**15:20-28**

Christ who 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 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. 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.**

*Shorter Form:*

**23. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**15:20-23**

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**The Word of the Lord.**

**24. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**12:31 - 13:8**

I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. Love is never jealous; it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never ends.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **25. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**15:51-57**

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 in 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 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.**

## **26. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**4:13-5:1**

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.**

## **27. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**5:1, 6-10**

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.**

## **28. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**

**3:20-21**

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.**

## **29. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the 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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **30. A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

**2:8-13**

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.**

### **31. A reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy**

**4:4-8**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power; to proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. Be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of glory 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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **32. A reading from the first letter of John**

**3:1-2**

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.**

### **33. A reading from the first letter of John**

**3:14-16**

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.**

### **34. A reading from the book of Revelation**

**14:13**

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.**

### **35. A reading from the book of Revelation**

**20:11—21:1**

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

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **36. A reading from the book of Revelation**

**21:1-5a, 6b-7**

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.

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 live-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.**

## Gospel Readings *(Select only one)*

### **37. Matthews 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 they 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**

### **38. 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**

### **39. Matthew 25: 1-13**

#### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The reign of God can be likened to ten bridesmaids who took their torches and went out to welcome the groom. Five of them were foolish, while the other five were sensible. The foolish ones, in taking their torches, brought no oil along, but the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their torches. The groom delayed his coming, so they all began to nod, then to fall asleep. At midnight someone shouted, ‘the groom is here! Come out and greet him!’ At the outcry all of the virgins woke up and got their torches ready. The foolish ones said to the sensible, ‘Give us some of your oil. Our torches are going out.’ But the sensible ones replied, ‘No, there may not be enough for you and us. You had better go to the dealers and buy yourself some.’ While they went off to buy it the groom arrived, and the ones who were ready went in to the wedding with him. Then the door was barred. Later the other bridesmaids came back. ‘Master, master!’ they cried. ‘Open the door for us.’ But he answered, ‘I tell you, I do not know you.’ The moral is: keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## **40. 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, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon his royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. Then he will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right: ‘Come. You have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then the just will ask him: ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison? The king will answer them: I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brother or sisters, you did it for me.’”

#### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **41. Mark 15: 33-39**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark**

When noon came, darkness fell on the whole countryside and lasted until midafternoon. At that time Jesus cried in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” Which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” A few of the bystanders who heard it remarked, “Listen! He is calling on Elijah!” Someone ran off, and soaking a sponge in sour wine, stuck it on a reed to try to make him drink. The man said, “Now let’s see whether Elijah comes to take him down.” Then Jesus, uttering a loud cry, breathed his last. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion who stood guard over him, on seeing the manner of his death, declared, “Clearly this man was the Son of God!” When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought perfumed oils with which they intended to go and anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise 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, they found that the stone had been rolled back (it was a huge one). On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This frightened them thoroughly, but he reassured them: “You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”

#### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **42. Luke 7:11-17**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke**

Jesus went to a town called Naim, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he approached the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of a widowed mother. A considerable crowd of townsfolk were with her. The Lord was moved with pity upon seeing her, and said to her, “Do not cry.” Then he stepped forward and touched the litter; at this, the bearers halted. He said, “Young man, I bid you get up.” The dead man sat up and began to speak. Then Jesus gave him back to his mother. Fear seized them all and they began to praise God. “A great prophet has risen among us,” they said, and, “God has visited his people.” This was the report that spread about him throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

#### **The Gospel of the Lord**

### **43. Luke 12: 35-40**

#### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke**

Jesus told his disciples: “Let your belts be fastened around your waists and your lamps be burning ready. Be like those awaiting their master’s return from a wedding, so that when he arrives and knocks, you will open for him without delay. It will go well with these servants whom the master finds wide-awake on his return. I tell you, he will put on an apron, seat them at table, and proceed to wait on them. Should he happen to come at midnight or before sunrise and find them prepared, it will go well with them. You know as well as I that if the head of the house knew when the thief was coming he would not let him break into his house. Be on guard, therefore. The Son of Man will come when you least expect him.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### **44. Luke 23: 44-49**

#### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke**

It was around midday, and darkness came over the whole land until midafternoon with an eclipse of the sun. The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two. Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” After he had said this, he expired. The centurion, upon seeing what had happened, gave glory to God by saying, “Surely this was an innocent man.” After the crowd assembled for this spectacle witnessed what had happened, they returned beating their breasts. All his friends and the women who had accompanied him from Galilee were standing at a distance watching everything. On the first day of the week, at dawn, the women came to the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two men in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The men said to them, “Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? He is not here; he has been raised.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### **45. Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35**

#### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke**

Two of the disciples of Jesus on that same day (the first day of the week) were making their way to a village named Emmaus, seven miles distance from Jerusalem, discussing as they went all that had happened. In the course of their lively exchange, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them. However, they were restrained from recognizing him. By now they were near the village to which they were going, and he acted as if he were going farther. But they pressed him: “Stay with us. It is nearly evening-the day is practically over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he had seated himself with them to eat, he took the bread, pronounced the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him; whereupon he vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us? They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. They were greeted with, “The Lord has been raised! It is true! He has appeared to Simon.” Then they recounted what had happened on the road and how they had come to know him in the breaking of bread.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## **46. 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**

## **47. John 6: 51-58**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John**

Jesus told the crowd: "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world." At this the Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can he give us his flesh to eat?" Thereupon Jesus said to them: "Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. The one who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood real drink. The one who feeds on my flesh and drink my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the Father who has life sent me and I have life because of the Father, so 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 died nonetheless, the one who feeds on this bread shall live forever."

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **48. 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**

## **49. 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 never have died. Even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask of him." "Your brother will rise again," Jesus assured her. "I know he will rise again," Martha replied, "in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God: he who is come into the world."

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **50. John 11: 32-45**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John**

When Mary the sister of Lazarus came to the place where Jesus was, seeing him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would never have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jewish folk who had accompanied her also weeping, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions. "Where have you laid him?" He asked. "Lord, come and see," they said. Jesus began to weep, which caused the Jews to remark, "See how much he loved him!" But some said, "He opened the eyes of that blind man. Why could he not have done something to stop this man from dying?" Once again troubled in spirit, Jesus approached the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across it. "Take away the stone," Jesus directed. Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, it has been four days now; surely there will be a stench!" Jesus replied, "Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" They then took away the stone and Jesus looked upward and said: "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they may believe that you have sent me." Having said this, he called loudly, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. "Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go free." This caused many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, to put their faith in him.

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **51. John 12:23-26**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John**

Jesus told his disciples: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I solemnly assure you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. The one who loves their life loses it, while the one who hates their life in this world preserves it to life eternal. If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be. Anyone who serves me, the Father will honor."

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **52. John 14:1-6**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's home there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to Him, "Master, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **53. John 17: 24-26**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John**

Raising his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed and said: "Father, all those you gave me I would have in my company where I am, to see this glory of mine which is your gift to me, because of the love you bore me before the world began. Just Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you; and these men have known that you sent me. To them I have revealed your name, and I will continue to reveal it so that your love for me may live in them, and I may live in them."

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **Prayers of the Faithful – Option 1** (Select only one)

In baptism **N.** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead **him/her** over the waters of death.

**We Pray to the Lord... Lord 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.

**We Pray to the Lord... Lord 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.

**We Pray to the Lord... Lord 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.

**We Pray to the Lord... Lord 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.

**We Pray to the Lord... Lord 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.

**We Pray to the Lord... Lord 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.

**We Pray To the Lord... Lord Hear Our Prayer**

## Prayers of the Faithful – Option 2

For **N.** who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that **he/she** may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

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