

**FUNERAL LITURGY
SECOND READING**

ROMANS 8:31-35,37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Since God did not spare the Only Begotten, but gave Christ up for the sake of us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? Since God is the one who justifies, who has the power to condemn? Only Christ Jesus who died—or rather was raised—and sits at the right hand of God, and who now intercedes for us!

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? Calamity? Persecution? Hunger? Nakedness? Danger? Violence? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us.

For I’m certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, neither the height nor depths—nor anything else in all creation—will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.



ROMANS 14:7-9,10b-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

We don’t live for ourselves, nor do we die for ourselves. While we live, we live for Christ Jesus, and when we die, we die for Christ Jesus. Both in life and in death we belong to Christ. That is why Christ died and came to life again—in order to reign supreme over both the living and the dead.

But you, how can you sit in judgment of your sisters and brothers? We will all have to appear before the judgment seat of God. Scripture says “ ‘As surely as I live’ - it is Our God who speaks— ‘every knee will bend and every tongue will give praise to God.’ ” We will all have to give an account of ourselves before God.

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2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

For we know that when our earthly tent is folded up, there is waiting for us a house built by God, an everlasting home in the heavens, not made by human hands.

We are full of confidence, even though we realize that to live in the body means to be absent from Jesus Christ. We walk by faith, not by sight. We are full of confidence, I repeat, and would actually prefer to be absent from the body and make our home with Christ. Whether we are living in the body or absent from it, we are intent on pleasing Christ. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and each of us will get what we deserve for the things we do while in the body, good or bad.

THE WORD OF GOD.



ROMANS 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people. It is not easy to die even for a good person—though of course for someone really worthy, there might be someone prepared to die—but the proof of God's love is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Now that we have been justified by Christ's blood, it is all the more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath. For if we were reconciled to God by Christ's death while we were God's enemies, how much more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by Christ's life.

Not only that, we go so far as to make God our boast through our Savior Jesus Christ through whom we have now received reconciliation.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

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Roman 6:3-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Don't you know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into Christ's death? We've been buried with Jesus through baptism, and we joined with Jesus in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by God's glory, we too might live a new life.

For we have been united with Christ in the likeness of Christ's death, we will also be united with Christ in the likeness of Christ's resurrection. We must realize that our former selves have been crucified with Christ to make the body of sin and failure completely powerless, to free us from the slavery of sin; for when people die, they are finished with sin.

But we believe that, having died with Christ, we will also live with Christ—knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again; death is now powerless over our Savior.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.



Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians:

We have our citizenship in heaven; it's from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of the glorified body, by Christ's power to bring everything under subjection.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Sisters and brothers, we want you to be clear about those who sleep in death; otherwise you might yield to grief and lose all hope. For if you believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way God will bring forth all those who have fallen asleep believing in Jesus.

We are speaking to you now just as if Jesus were speaking to you; we who live, who survive until Jesus returns will have no advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, Jesus will personally come down from heaven with a shout, at the sound of the archangel's voice and the trumpet of God, and those who have died with Christ will rise first. Then the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet Jesus in the air—and thenceforth we will be with Jesus unceasingly. Therefore console one another with these words.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.



Revelation 21:1-5a,6-7

A reading from the book of Revelation:

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer.

I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day.

And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's Tabernacle is among humanity! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen."

The One who sat on the throne said to me, "Look! I'm making everything new!" And that One continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life. This is the rightful inheritance of the overcomers. I will be their God and they will be my daughters and sons."

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Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation:

Then a voice from heaven said, "Write this down; Happy are they who die in Our God for all eternity."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "let them rest from their work, for their deeds accompany them."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.



1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John:

See what love Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God.

My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.