

**1.** Job 19: 1, 23-27a *I know that my Vindicator lives.*

**A reading from the Book of Job**

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:  
Oh, would that my words were written down!  
Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead  
they were cut in the rock forever!  
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.**

**2.** Ecclesiastes 3:1-12 *To everything, there is a season.*

**A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes**

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for everything 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.  
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 his toil?  
I have considered the task that God has appointed  
for the sons of men to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without man's ever discovering,  
from beginning to end, the work which God has done.  
I perceived that there is nothing better for them  
than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live.

**The word of the Lord.**

**3.** *Wisdom 3: 1-9 As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

**A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.  
But they are in peace.  
For if before men, indeed they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.  
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.**

**4.** *Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9 As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

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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.**

**5.** *Wisdom 4: 7-15 An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*

**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.**

**6.** *Lamentations 3: 17-26 It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.*

**A reading from the Book of Lamentations**

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the LORD.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;  
therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the LORD.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Second Readings

**1.** Romans 5: 5-11 *We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.*

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:  
Hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.  
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,  
though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.  
But God proves his love for us  
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,  
will we be saved through him from the wrath.  
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,  
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life.  
Not only that,  
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **The word of the Lord.**

**2.** Romans 6: 3-9 *We too might live in newness of life.*

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:  
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?  
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

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.**

**3.** Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39 *What will separate us from the love of Christ?*

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,  
will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,  
who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**4.** Romans 14: 7-9, 10c-12 *Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,  
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;  
for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

**The word of the Lord.**

**5.** 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10 *We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.*

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.  
Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.  
Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.  
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

**The word of the Lord.**

**6.** 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 *Thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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.**

**7.** 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 *If we have died with him we shall also live with him.*

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:

such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,  
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,  
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,  
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.  
But if we deny him  
he will deny us.  
If we are unfaithful  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Readings**

**1.** Matthew 5: 1-12a *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

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

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**2.** *Matthew 11: 25-30 Come to me and I will give you rest.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

At that time Jesus answered:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.  
No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**3.** *John 3:16, 17, 21 God so loved the world*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

For God so loved the world that he gave  
his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish but might have eternal life.  
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn  
the world, but that the world might be saved through him.  
But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,  
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**4.** *John 6: 37-40 Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,  
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will  
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,  
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,  
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,  
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life,  
and I shall raise him on the last day."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**5.** John 6:51-59 *Whoever eats this bread will live forever. I will raise them up on the last day.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh  
for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,

"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood,  
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
has eternal life,

and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father,  
so also the one who feeds on me  
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,  
whoever who eats this bread will live forever."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**6.** John 12: 23-26 *If it dies, it produces much fruit.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,  
and whoever hates his life in this world  
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**7.** John 14: 1-6 *In my Father's house there are many dwellings.*

**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 house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

    would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

    I will come back again and take you to myself,

    so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

    "Master, we do not know where you are going;

    how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

# *Prayers of the Faithful*

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## **A**

That **N** find rest in the Lord's merciful love,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That all who have been touched by **N**'s life and death  
find ways to touch the lives of others,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That our deceased family members and friends  
enjoy the fullness of God's heavenly glory,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That those who knew **N** in life  
give comfort to one another at this lonely time,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That all of us gathered here today  
find courage in Christ when we approach our own death,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

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## **B**

For all who have been baptized  
into the death, burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

For the people of the world,  
especially those who mourn,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

For **N** and for all who rest now  
in the gentle arms of their Savior,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

For the consolation and peace  
of the family and friends of **N**,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

For all of us who have come together this day  
around this holy table of remembrance,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

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C

That all members of the church remember death  
not as an end but as a step to a better life,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That all people who mourn find consolation and  
peace in God through those around them,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That **N** and all who have died today  
enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That all the family members and friends of **N**  
experience the strength of our faith in the resurrection of Christ,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

That all of us present today to honor **N**  
renew our faith and our firm hope in the resurrection of Jesus,  
**we pray to the Lord:**

Choose **one** reading from the Old Testament, **one** reading from the New Testament and **one** reading from the Gospels.

**\*\*Non-Scripture readings cannot be read in place of these readings\*\***

#### Old Testament

- 1. Job 19: 1, 23-27 "...I know that my vindicator lives...."
- 2. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 "...A time to be born, a time to die..."
- 3. Wisdom 3:1-9 "...The souls of the just are in the hand of God..."
- 4. Wisdom 3:16, 9 "...The souls of the just are in the hand of God..."
- 5. Wisdom 4:7-14 "The One, though he die early, shall be at rest..."
- 6. Lamentations 3:17-26 "...My portion is the Lord, says my soul..."

#### New Testament

- 1. Romans 5:5-11 "...We were reconciled through the death of his Son..."
- 2. Romans 6:3-9 "...if we have died with Christ, we shall live with him..."
- 3. Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- 4. Romans 14:7-9, 10-12 "This is why Christ died and came to life"
- 5. 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10 "We have a building from God, eternal in heaven"
- 6. 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 "If we have died with him we shall also live with him."
- 7. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 "If we believe that Jesus died and rose..."

#### Gospel

- 1. Matthew 5:1-12a "The Eight Beatitudes"
- 2. Matthew 11:25-30 "come to me . . . and I will give you rest."
- 3. John 3:16, 17, 21 "God so loved the world..."
- 4. John 6:37-40 "All who believe in the Son will have eternal life..."
- 5. John 6:51-59 "All who eat this bread will live forever...."
- 6. John 12:23-26 "If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies..."
- 7. John 14:1-6 "There are many rooms in my Father's house."

#### Prayers of the Faithful

- A     B     C

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First Reading proclaimed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading proclaimed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers of the Faithful read by: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of the Gifts (maximum of 3 people): \_\_\_\_\_

# Music Selections

## **PSALM RESPONSES**

*(Sung in between the First and Second readings - CHOOSE ONE)*

- As The Deer Longs (Ps 42/43) G&P 149
- I Lift Up My Soul (Ps 25) G&P 130
- Let Your Mercy Be on Us GC-45 (Ps 33)
- Shepherd Me, O God (Ps 23) G&P 642
- The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Ps 103)
- To You, O Lord (Ps 25) G&P 132

## **SONGS & HYMNS for MASS**

**PLEASE CHOOSE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) SONGS\***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amazing Grace G&P 614                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Only This I Want G&P 562                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An Irish Blessing - Solo              | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Prayer G&P 680                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As The Deer Longs G&P 590             | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer of St. Francis G&P 679             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ave Maria - Solo                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Precious Lord, Take my Hand G&P 424       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be Not Afraid G&P 600                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Serdecza Matko (Polish Hymn) solo         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blest Are They G&P 759                | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Me, O God G&P 649                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christ, Be Our Light G&P 683          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sing of the Lord's Goodness G&P 740       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Has Not Seen G&P 645              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sing With All the Saints in Glory G&P 774 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For All The Saints G&P 388            | <input type="checkbox"/> Song of Farewell (OLD HUNDRETH) G&P 438   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go In Peace G&P 445                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Song of Farewell (Sands) G&P 442          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hail Mary, Gentle Woman G&P 372       | <input type="checkbox"/> Soon and Very Soon G&P 750                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Here I Am, Lord G&P 539               | <input type="checkbox"/> Taste and See G&P 511                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Darkness G&P 420                 | <input type="checkbox"/> The King of Love My Shepherd Is G&P 648   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How Great Thou Art G&P 694            | <input type="checkbox"/> There is a Longing G&P 634                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Am the Bread of Life G&P 493        | <input type="checkbox"/> Unless a Grain of Wheat G&P 563           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Know that My Redeemer Lives G&P 431 | <input type="checkbox"/> We Have Been Told G&P 564                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 49 G&P 767                     | <input type="checkbox"/> We Walk by Faith G&P 594                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jerusalem, My Happy Home G&P 775      | <input type="checkbox"/> We Will Rise Again G&P 609                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Me, Lord G&P 760                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Without Seeing You GC - 844               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> O God, You Search Me G&P 620          | <input type="checkbox"/> You are Mine G&P 651                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> O Loving God (Danny Boy tune) G&P 439 | <input type="checkbox"/> You Are Near G&P 610                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On Eagle's Wings G&P 606              |  |

**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MUSIC MINISTER WILL DETERMINE THE PLACEMENT OF YOUR SONG SELECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SUNG IN THE APPROPRIATE ORDER OF THE MASS**