

~ SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FUNERAL LITURGY ~

Three readings are usually selected: chose one from each section below.
Those marked * are more familiar or frequently chosen.

Texts of the following passages may be found in any *New American Bible* (NAB) or the website of the United States Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org, under Prayer and Worship, then Bereavement and Funerals, then Readings for the Funeral Liturgy.

FIRST READING ~ OLD TESTAMENT

II Maccabees 12:43-46
Job 19:1, 23-27a
Wisdom 3:1-9 *
Wisdom 3:1-6,9 *
Wisdom 4:7-15
Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 *
Lamentations 3:17-26
Daniel 12:1-3

During Eastertime, the First Reading is selected from the New Testament:

Acts 10:34-43
Acts 10:34-36, 42-43
Revelation 14:13 *
Revelation 20:11-21:1
Revelation 21:1-5a, 6-7 *

A PSALM is sung after the First Reading; all sing a Refrain
Specific musical settings will be discussed in consultation with family

Psalm 23: 1-6 *
Psalm 25: 6, 7, 17-18, 20-21 *
Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14 *
Psalm 42: 2-3, 5, 43: 3, 4, 5 *
Psalm 63: 2-9
Psalm 103: 8, 10, 13-18 *
Psalm 116: 5-6, 10-11, 15-16
Psalm 122: 1-2, 4-9 *
Psalm 130: 1-8
Psalm 143: 1-2, 5-8, 10

*The Lord is my shepherd...
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul
The Lord is my light and my salvation
My soul is thirsting for the living God...
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God
The Lord is kind and merciful
I will walk in the presence of the Lord...
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word
O Lord, hear my prayer*

SECOND READING ~ NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 5:5-11 *

Romans 5:17-21

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 (or 6:3-9) *

Romans 8:14-23

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

Romans 14:7-9. 10c-12

I Corinthians 15:20-28 (or 15:20-23) *

I Corinthians 15:51-57 *

II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

Philippians 3:20-21

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

II Timothy 2:8-13

I John 3:1-2 *

I John 3:14-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung by all before the Gospel, and led by a Cantor*)

GOSPEL READING (*read by Presider or other ordained person*)

Matthew 5:1-12 *

Matthew 11:25-30

Matthew 25:1-13

Matthew 25:31-46

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 (or 15:33-39)

Luke 7:11-17

Luke 12: 35-40

Luke 23:33, 39-43

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

Luke 24:13-35 (or 24:13-16, 28-35)

John 5:24-29

John 6:37-40 *

John 6:51-59 *

John 11:17-27 (or 11:21-27 or 11:32-45)

John 12:23-28

John 14:1-6 *

John 17:24-26

John 19:17-18, 25-39