

Readings for Funerals

A "Through Death to Life" booklet may be borrowed from the Pax Christi office which includes the text for most of the scripture choices.

First Reading

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

(Not listed in booklet):

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12
Ezekiel 36:24-27
Isaiah 41:10-13
Isaiah 49:1-4
Joshua 24:14-15
Micah 7:7-9
Proverbs 12:19-28
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 23
Wisdom 7:7-11

If the funeral is during the Easter Season (from Easter Sunday through Pentecost) the First Reading must be chosen from the following passages:
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43
Acts 10:34-36, 42-43
Revelation 14:13
Revelation 20:11 – 21:1
Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7
Revelation 21:1-7

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
1 Corinthians 15:20-23
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
1 Corinthians 15:51-57
1 John 3:1-2
1 John 3:14-16
1 Peter 5:1-11

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1
2 Corinthians 5:1-10
2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
2 Timothy 2:8-13
2 Timothy 4:6-7, 17a, 18b
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43
Acts 10:34-36, 42-43
Philippians 3:20-21
Philippians 4:4-9

Revelation 14:13
Revelation 20:11-21
Revelation 21:1-7
Romans 5:5-11
Romans 5:17-21
Romans 6:3-9
Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
Romans 8:14-23
Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Gospel

John 5:24-29
John 6:37-40
John 6:51-59
John 11:17-27
John 11:21-27
John 11:32-45
John 12:23-28
John 12:23-26
John 14:1-6
John 14:6-11
John 15:9-12
John 17:24-26
John 19:17-18, 25-39

Luke 7:11-17
Luke 12:35-40
Luke 23:33, 39-43
Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53, 24:1-6a
Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53
Luke 24:13-35
Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6
Mark 15:33-39
Mark 16:1-6
Matthew 5:1-12a
Matthew 11:25-30
Matthew 11:27-30
Matthew 25:1-13
Matthew 25:31-46