

Order of Christian Funerals

The death of a loved one is very painful. Grief over the loss can make it hard to make decisions. However, arrangements do have to be made. This booklet provides information to help you.

Church's Recognition of Cremation

The Church recognizes that there are times that cremation best meets the needs of the family. In March, 1977, the Holy See granted an indult to the Order of Christian Funerals. Even though the Church's preference is to have the body of the beloved present at the funeral liturgy (with cremation after the funeral Mass), prayers are now provided in the Catholic funeral rite when cremation happens before the funeral and the cremated remains are present for the funeral liturgy.

Care of the Cremated Remains:

The remains are to be placed in a worthy vessel, transported with the same care as a casket and placed in a final resting place where throughout the years family and friends may return again and again to visit and pray for their loved one. Just as in burying a casket, a plaque or gravestone recording the name and dates of a loved one is appropriate, the same approach is appropriate for the cremated remains.

Visitation/Vigil Service

The visitation is usually the first opportunity for the community to come and offer condolences, give support and share stories of the life events of the one who has died.

A vigil service provides the opportunity for the Christian community to pray together for the one who has died and in support of the loved ones who are in grief. Such prayer allows the bereaved to find strength in the presence of Christ.

The visitation may be at the funeral home the evening before the funeral. Or you may wish to have the visitation at the church, instead of or, in addition to, the funeral home.

Funeral Liturgy

The funeral liturgy is most important. It is the faith community's main prayer for the one who has died. The funeral liturgy also gives comfort to the family and friends of the deceased. The liturgy affirms Christ's victory over sin and death and expresses the close connection between the living and the dead in the communion of saints.

The funeral liturgy is usually a Mass. Some exceptions are made. The funeral Mass is customarily held in the parish church of the deceased or the church of her/his family.

If the funeral liturgy is celebrated outside of a Mass (a prayer service), it may be held either at the church or at the funeral home.

Rite of Committal (Burial) at the Cemetery

The rite of committal is the final liturgy in the order of Christian funerals. Like the vigil service, the rite of committal makes use of scripture, intercessions and prayers. To have a priest or deacon at this final moment is a great source of consolation to those who will now have to continue their journey in life without their beloved.

The Catholic Cemeteries Difference

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha is a non-profit organization serving Catholic families, the clergy and religious orders with the corporal work of mercy of respectfully interring the deceased and providing their perpetual care.

Our five Cemeteries are designed and maintained to encourage prayerful visitation through the use of statuary, landscaping, architecture, and Christian memorials.

Memorial Masses are regularly offered for the repose of the souls of loved ones interred in the Cemeteries.

All products and services can be pre-planned.

Personal wishes and difficult decisions can be made today, minimizing the emotional stress your mourning family may have at the time of need.

Prepaid prices of certain memorials (i.e., markers, monuments, bronze plaques, etc.) are guaranteed for up to 5 years and ALL other prepaid arrangements are guaranteed for life so your family will avoid incurring future inflation.

Our Ministry here at the Catholic Cemeteries is to assist you and your family in any way we can. Please call if you have any questions or concerns at (402) 391-3711 or stop by our central office in Calvary Cemetery. We are privileged to provide general information, maps, and pre-planning services suited to your unique family needs. Feel free to drive through the five Catholic Cemeteries and go into the mausoleums, which are open 7 days a week, all year long. May our perpetual care provide you and your family peace as we await the final Resurrection.

The death of a loved one is very painful. Grief over the loss can make it hard to make decisions. However decisions must be made. We prayerfully hope this booklet assists you.

These initial steps should be taken in your pre-planning at the time of death

- * Contact funeral home of choice
- * Contact your church
- * Contact Catholic Cemeteries

Where Do I Start?

Step 1: CATHOLIC FAMILY RECORD GUIDE

Catholic Cemeteries offers this complimentary Catholic Family Record Guide to assist you in planning your Wake/Visitation, Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal. The guide may be found on our website www.CatholicCem.com, or, if you prefer, call one of our Family Service Representatives at our central office in Calvary Cemetery at (402) 391- 3711 for a copy.

Step 2: OBTAIN A FINAL RESTING PLACE

Common Questions to Consider

- * Do I want to be in a particular cemetery?
- * Are there any family members or friends I wish to be near?
- * Do I want a traditional casket or cremation burial in the ground, or do I want to be in a crypt or niche above ground?
- * Do my spouse and I agree on the same type of interment, or do we each want a different type where we can still be together?
- * If I desire to be buried, do I want an upright monument or a flat marker?
- * Do I want additional spaces for family members?

General Policies

Flat Markers. Only fresh flowers are permitted in permanent and approved in-ground vases from April 1st through November 1st. Appropriate artificial decorations may be placed November 2nd through March 31st.

Monuments. Appropriate decorations may be placed year round on the base of an upright memorial so long as they do not interfere with the daily operations of the cemetery.

Mausoleums, Crypts, Niches. Items can only be placed in or on an approved vase attached to a crypt or niche front. No items can be taped, wired or otherwise attached to the crypt or niche front. Fresh flowers are not permitted in a mausoleum, and will be promptly removed if found.

Inappropriate Items. Items not conforming to Catholic Cemeteries' policies, items placed in the ground or those extending onto adjoining graves, crypts or niches will be removed without notice. Out of respect for our consecrated grounds, pets and smoking are not permitted.

Holidays. Appropriate decorations may be placed on in-ground graves starting at noon on the Thursday prior to the following holidays: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day.

Decorations must be removed prior to gate closing on the Sunday following these holidays; and, Catholic Cemeteries will dispose of all artificial decorations starting on the following day, Monday.

Memorial Replacement Assistance Program. Catholic Cemeteries accepts no responsibility for missing decorations or damage to memorials placed in any of our Cemeteries. Memorial items are the responsibility of the purchaser or family. However, Catholic Cemeteries offers a program to help defray some of the costs of replacing certain memorials. Please call the office at 402-391-3711 and ask for the Memorial Department for details.

Vases. Certain cremation niches were not originally designed or intended to have Cemetery-approved flower vases attached to the front cover. Unapproved vases are not to be attached and will be removed without notice. In-ground vases should be left turned down in the cemeteries during the winter months.

Our Five Consecrated Catholic Cemeteries

Calvary, 7710 West Center Road
Resurrection, 7800 West Center Road
Holy Sepulchre, 4912 Leavenworth Street
St. Mary Magdalene, 5226 South 46th Street
St. Mary, 3353 Q Street

Gates. 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.
Otherwise, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monthly Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass is celebrated on the first Monday of every month unless otherwise scheduled due to a civil holiday or religious observance. A Rosary is recited at 5:00 pm and Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. in Holy Angels Mausoleum within Resurrection Cemetery. Please call our office to confirm specific Mass dates.

Providing our Catholic Families with

- ✠ Respectful interment
- ✠ Daily prayer for all those deceased
- ✠ Perpetual care of consecrated grounds
- ✠ Peaceful environment and facilities
- ✠ Catholic artwork
- ✠ Pre-need assistance
- ✠ Holiday flowers and wreaths
- ✠ Vaults, vases, and memorializations

LIFE RECORD

LIFE RECORD FOR

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	
ADDRESS/STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
BIRTHPLACE	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY

CAREER

OCCUPATION	RETIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
COMPANY	ADDRESS	YEARS EMPLOYED	
PRIOR EMPLOYMENT	ADDRESS	YEARS EMPLOYED	

EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	YEAR		
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR		
HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR		
TRADE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COLLEGE	DEGREES	YEARS GRADUATED	
UNIVERSITY	DEGREES	YEARS GRADUATED	
FRATERNITIES/HONOUR SOCIETY AFFILIATION			
CIVIC ACTIVITIES/PUBLIC OFFICES HELD/ORGANIZATIONS			
MISCELLANEOUS			

MILITARY SERVICE

BRANCH	RANK	UNIT	SERIAL NUMBER	ENLISTMENT DATE	LOCATION
THEATRES OF SERVICE/DUTY				DISCHARGE DATE	LOCATION
VETERAN/RESERVE ORGANIZATION					
LOCATION OF DISCHARGE PAPERS					

OTHER

SPOUSE NAME (MAIDEN)	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE/DATE OF MARRIAGE
PRECEDED IN DEATH BY		

Life Record

MEMORABLE EVENTS

Please list Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding(s), birthdays, first date, promotions, accomplishments, hobbies, etc.

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Memorable Events

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERAL PREFERENCES

Please list Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding(s), birthdays, first date, promotions, accomplishments, hobbies, etc.

DEPOSITION PREFERENCE FOR

☐ ORGAN DONOR (OPTIONAL)

☐ FULL BODY

☐ CREMATION

☐ ANATOMICAL DONOR

MORTUARY

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

JEWELRY TO BE

☐ WORN

WEDDING RING

☐ STAYS ON

☐ REMOVED

☐ RETURN TO _____

TYPE OF FLOWERS FOR CASKET/CHARITABLE DONATIONS

PALL BEARERS (IF CREMATION, HONORARY PALL BEARERS)

VIGIL INSTRUCTION

VISITATION

☐ YES

☐ NO

PRIEST/DEACON

MUSIC

READING(S)

SPEAKERS (SHARING OF MEMORIES)

ROSARY LEADER

FAVORITE BIBLE PASSAGES, POETRY, QUOTATIONS, VERSES, OTHER LITERATURE, ETC.:

MASS/MEMORIAL SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

PARISH AND PRIEST

LECTORS

PERSON(S) TO PLACE PALL ON CASKET

ITEM TO PLACE ON PALL (CRUCIFIX)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1ST READING

2ND READING

RESPONSIBLE PSALM

GOSPEL READING

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

MUSIC SELECTIONS

OPENING HYMN

OFFERING HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

FINAL HYMN

GIFT BEARERS

VOCALIST

ORGANIST

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERAL PREFERENCES – CONTINUED

COMMITTAL (CEMETERY)

PRIEST/DEACON

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS: ☐ FRATERNAL ☐ MILITARY ☐ LODGE ☐ SOCIETY ☐ OTHER

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

RECEPTION LUNCH

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (I.E. CHURCH LUNCHEON OR CATERER)

CEMETERY SELECTION

☐ CALVARY CEMETERY – 7710 W. CENTER ROAD

☐ HOLY SEPULCHRE – 4912 LEAVENWORTH STREET

☐ RESURRECTION CEMETERY – 7800 W. CENTER ROAD

☐ RESURRECTION CEMETERY – 7800 W. CENTER ROAD

☐ ST. MARY – 3353 Q STREET

☐ OTHER _____

INTERMENT LOCATION

SECTION	ROW	LOW	GRAVE NUMBER	MAUSOLEUM/COLUMBARIUM	CORRIDOR/WALL	ROW	SPACE
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BURIAL VAULT:

TYPE _____

PURCHASED AT _____

DELIVERY, SET-UP, TENT _____ ☐ PAID ☐ NOT PAID

INTERMENT FEE:
("OPEN/CLOSE")

\$ _____ ☐ PAID ☐ NOT PAID

TYPE _____

MEMORIAL (MARKER, MONUMENT, PANEL ON CRYPT OR NICHE)

TYPE _____

PURCHASED AT _____ INSTALLED ☐ YES ☐ NO

ADDITIONAL LETTERING NEEDED: _____

TYPE (GRANITE ENGRAVING, BRONZE SCROLL) _____

PURCHASED AT: _____

OTHER OPTIONS (VASE, VETERAN, PICTURES) _____

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OBITUARY

Obituary details can be written prior to death. This helps provide information which surviving family members may struggle to remember. Consider including information like specific dates (birth, employment, retirement, previous deaths, and military service). Other items to include are memberships to volunteer organizations and community clubs. You may also want to include your wishes for memorials for Masses, your parish endowment funds, or other charitable or religious causes.

Do you want to include a picture? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Obituary

FAMILY

BIOLOGICAL PARENTS (NEEDED FOR DEATH CERTIFICATE)

FATHER	BIRTH DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH
	ADDRESS & PHONE
	DEATH DATE & PLACE (IF APPLICABLE)

MOTHER (MAIDEN NAME)	BIRTH DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH
	ADDRESS & PHONE
	DEATH DATE & PLACE (IF APPLICABLE)

STEP OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS (NEEDED FOR DEATH CERTIFICATE)

FATHER	BIRTH DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH
	ADDRESS & PHONE
	DEATH DATE & PLACE (IF APPLICABLE)

MOTHER (MAIDEN NAME)	BIRTH DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH
	ADDRESS & PHONE
	DEATH DATE & PLACE (IF APPLICABLE)

IN-LAWS

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OTHER RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

INDIVIDUALS TO BE CONTACTED AT TIME OF DEATH.

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL

TELEPHONE

RELATIONSHIP

NOTES

Other Relatives, Friends And Organization Affiliations

SECURITY

HOME COMPUTER

PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
EBAY ACCOUNT	USER ID	PASSWORD
PAYPAL ACCOUNT	USER ID	PASSWORD

OFFICE COMPUTER

PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD

CELL PHONE

Number /Website	USER ID	PASSWORD
Number/Website	USER ID	PASSWORD

ELECTRONIC DEVICE

PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD

HOME SAFE/FORE-PROOF SAFE OR FIRM ARMS SAFE

PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD

HOME SECURITY OR BUSINESS SECURITY

PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
PROGRAM/WEBSITE	USER ID	PASSWORD
GARAGE DOOR CODE		

Security

LOCATION OF IMPORTANT PAPERS

Indicate in the space the location of the various important papers by inserting the following letters.

H-HOME

B-SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

W-WORK

A-ATTORNEY

O-OTHER (Specify in notes section)

____ WILLS

____ CERTIFICATE OF BURIAL RIGHTS

____ BIRTH CERTIFICATE(S)

____ TAX RETURNS AND INFORMATION

____ CEMETERY PROPERTY DOCUMENTS

____ HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY

____ MARRIAGE LICENSE

____ MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONS

____ LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

____ PERSONAL ASSETS (HOME) INVENTORY

____ ACCIDENT & HEALTH POLICIES

____ 401K'S

____ PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

____ IRA'S

____ AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

____ ANNUITY

____ CITIZENSHIP PAPERS (IF APPLICABLE)

____ STOCK CERTIFICATE(S)

____ MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS

____ BOND CERTIFICATE(S)

____ COPY OF MORTGAGE OR LEASE

____ PASSPORT(S)

____ DEED TO HOME

____ ADDRESS BOOK (PERSONAL/ WORK/ ELECTRONIC)

____ AUTOMOBILE TITLE OR BILL OF SALE

____ OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS OR VALUABLES

____ BOAT TITLE

Locations of Important Papers • Trusts/Wills

TRUSTS/ WILLS

____ OFFICIAL NAME OF TRUST/WILL

____ DATE

____ IS LOCATED

____ I HAVE NAMED AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

____ ADDRESS

____ MY FAMILY ATTORNEY IS

____ ADDRESS

____ OFFICIAL NAME OF TRUST/WILL

____ DATE

____ IS LOCATED

____ I HAVE NAMED AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

____ ADDRESS

FINANCES

Ordinarily, access to an individual account will not be honoured until permission has been obtained from the local Inheritance Tax Department or Court.

BANK ACCOUNTS

NAME AND LOCATION OF BANK	TYPE OF ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	LOCATION OF BANKBOOKS, CHECKBOOKS, STATEMENTS	NAME ON ACCOUNT

SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

NAME AND LOCATION OF BANK	BOX NUMBER	LOCATION OF KEYS	PERSONS WITH ACCESS	CONTENTS

CHARGE ACCOUNTS AND CREDIT CARDS

NAME AND LOCATION OF COMPANY	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TYPE OF ACCOUNT (MONTHLY, REVOLVING)

CAR TITLES

YEAR, MAKE, MODEL	BANK FINANCED	LISTED TITLE NAME

ADVISORS

FINANCIAL ADVISOR/BROKER	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
ACCOUNTANT/TAX PREPARER	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
ATTORNEY	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL

Finances

INSURANCE

Record your policies in this book and reconfirm your primary and contingent beneficiary. If policies are lost or destroyed, all you need to make a claim is to know the name of the company and the policy number.

LIFE INSURANCE

NAME OF COMPANY	POLICY NUMBER	PRIMARY AND CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY	DEATH BENEFIT AMOUNT
NAME OF INSURANCE AGENT		COMPANY	OFFICE PHONE #
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ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE

NAME OF COMPANY	POLICY NUMBER	AMOUNT OF DEATH & DISABILITY BENEFIT	WEEKLY ACCIDENTAL BENEFIT
NAME OF INSURANCE AGENT		COMPANY	OFFICE PHONE #

INSURANCE AGENTS (HOME/RENTERS/AUTO)

AGENT	INSURANCE COMPANY	OFFICE PHONE
AGENT	INSURANCE COMPANY	OFFICE PHONE
AGENT	INSURANCE COMPANY	OFFICE PHONE

Note: You will need to provide a certified copy of the Death Certificate to each Company to collect life insurance.

SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH BENEFITS

Social Security benefits are not paid automatically. Applications must be made on prescribed forms and specific documents must be furnished. Further, there are time limits on submitting claims. The Federal Government provides a varying death benefit to those covered by Social Security. This is payable to the surviving spouse or administrator that pays the funeral expenses.

To facilitate receiving Social Security death benefits, you will need many of the following items when contacting the Social Security Office

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (COPY ACCEPTABLE) | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SURVIVING SPOUSE BIRTH CERTIFICATE | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED BIRTH CERTIFICATE | <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH CERTIFICATE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL WAGES PAID TO DECEASED ON W2 OR SCHEDULE 'C' | <input type="checkbox"/> FUNERAL -RECEIPTED INVOICE OF DECEASED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED | |

To apply, contact the social security administration through their website, www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-722-1213.

VETERAN'S DEATH BENEFITS

If you are an honourably discharged veteran, you may be entitled to various benefits. *The family must apply at the veterans administration office for these benefits.*

The office of veterans affairs also provides a free granite or bronze memorial after the veteran's death. The order form and application can be obtained from the office of veterans affairs or at the catholic cemeteries of the archdiocese of Omaha office.

To facilitate receiving veteran's death benefits, you will need many of the following items when contacting the veterans administration office:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (COPY) | <input type="checkbox"/> VETERAN'S DISCHARGE PAPERS (D D-214) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE | <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIPT OF VETERAN'S (ITEMIZED) FUNERAL BILL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SURVIVING SPOUSE BIRTH CERTIFICATE | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL WAGES PAID TO DECEASED ON W2 OR SCHEDULE 'C' | <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH CERTIFICATE |

To apply, contact your closest Veterans Administration Office through their website at www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-0648.

Vital Statistical and Biographical Record

Full Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse _____

Birthplace _____ Date of birth _____

Father's Name _____ His Birthplace _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____ Her Birthplace _____

Length of current residence _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Social Security Number _____ Veteran _____

Religion _____ Church _____

Clubs, organizations _____

Remarks _____

Persons to be notified

Relationship

Name

Address

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The Paschal Candle



*Is a symbol of Jesus, the Light of the World,
who rose from the dead*

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (ALL READINGS CAN BE USED FOR BOTH THE VIGIL AND FUNERAL MASS) (Select One per Liturgy)

Type a letter in the space to indicate liturgy. V = Vigil F = Funeral Mass

_____ **#1. A reading from the book of Job 19:1, 23-27** (*I know that my Redeemer lives.*)

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.

Longer form:

_____ **#2a. A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-9** (*He accepted them as a holocaust.*)

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:

_____ **#2b. A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-6, 9** (*He accepted them as a holocaust.*)

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 through 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. 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.

_____ **#3. A reading from the book of Wisdom 4:7-15** (*A blameless life is a ripe old age.*)

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.

_____ #4. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

(The Lord God will destroy death for ever.)

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.

_____ #5. A reading from the book of Lamentations. 3:17-26

(It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.)

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.

_____ #6. A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel 12:1-3

(Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake.)

[I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:] "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.

_____ #7. A reading from the second book of Maccabees 12:43-46

(It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.)

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

(Select One per Liturgy)

PLEASE NOTE: During the Easter season, reading 1, 17, 18, or 19 is used as the first reading instead of a reading from the Old Testament.

Longer form:

#1a. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

(God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.)

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:

#1b. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34:36, 42-43

(God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.)

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. 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.

#2. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 5:5-11

(Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.)

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 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.

#3. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 5:17-21

(Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.)

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 made 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.

Longer form:

#4a. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 6:3-9 *(Let us walk in newness of life.)*

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.

Shorter form:

#4b. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
(Let us walk in newness of life.)

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.

#5. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8:14-23
(We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.)

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 to 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.

#6. 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, or any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord,
The Word of the Lord.

#7. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

(Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.)

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. 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:

#8a. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28

(All people will be brought to life in Christ.)

Christ 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 all 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 excluded 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:

#8b. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-23

(All people will be brought to life in Christ.)

Christ 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 all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

#9. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:51-57

(Death is swallowed up in victory.)

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 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?" That 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.

#10. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4:14-5:1

(What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.)

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.

#11. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

(We have an everlasting home in heaven.)

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.

#12. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21

(Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.)

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.

#13. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

(We shall stay with the Lord forever.)

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.

#14. A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy. 2:8-13

(If we have died with him, we shall live with him.)

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.

#15. A reading from the first letter of John 3:1-2 *(We shall see God as he really is.)*

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.

#16. A reading from the first letter of John 3:14-16

(We have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers and sisters.)

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.

#17. A reading from the book of Revelation 14:13 *(Happy are those who die in the Lord.)*

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.

#18. A reading from the book of Revelation 20:11-21:1

(The dead have been judged according to their works.)

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.

#19. A reading from the book of Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 *(There will be no more death.)*

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 life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

(Select One per Liturgy)

Psalm 23

- R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Or:
- R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he give me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. **R.**
- He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage. **R.**
- You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**
- Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come. **R.**

Psalm 25

- R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Or:
- R. No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.
Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your kindness are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
- Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering,
and take away all my sins. **R.**
- Preserve my life, and rescue me;
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
because I wait for you, O Lord. **R.**

Psalm 27

- R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Or:
- R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.
The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge;
of who should I be afraid? **R.**
- One thing I ask of the Lord;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple. **R.**

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call:
have pity on me, and answer me.
Your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me. **R.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. **R.**

Psalm 42 and 43

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God. **R.**

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God? **R.**
Send forth your light and your fidelity;
they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling-place. **R.**

Then will I go in to the altar of God,
the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,
O God, my God! **R.**

Why are you so downcast, O my soul?
Why do you sigh within me?
Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,
in the presence of my savior and my God. **R.**

Psalm 63

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **R.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary

to see your power and your glory.
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you. **R.**

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. **R.**

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me. **R.**

Psalm 103

R. The Lord is kind and merciful

Or:

R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **R.**

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him,
For he knows how we are formed;
he remembers that we are dust. **R.**

Man's days are like those of grass;
like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,
and his place knows him no more. **R.**

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity
to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant
and remember to fulfill his precepts. **R.**

Psalm 116

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Or:

R. Alleluia.

Gracious is the Lord and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The Lord keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me. **R.**

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";
I said in alarm,
"No man is dependable." **R.**

Precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
you have loosed my bonds. **R.**

Psalm 122

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or:

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."
And now we have set foot

within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David. **R.**
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings. **R.**
Because of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will pray for your good. **R.**

Psalm 130

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.
Or:
R. I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication. **R.**
If you, O Lord, mark iniquities,
Lord, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered. **R.**
I trust in the Lord;
my soul trusts in his word.
My soul waits for the Lord
more than sentinel wait for the dawn. **R.**
For with the Lord is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities. **R.**

Psalm 143

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer;
hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness;
in your justice answer me.
And enter not into judgment with your servant,
for before you no living man is just. **R.**

I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all your doings,
the works of your hands I ponder.
I stretch out my hand to you;
my soul thirsts for you like parched land. **R.**

Hasten to answer me, O Lord,
for my spirit fails me.
At dawn let me hear of your kindness,
for in you I trust. **R.**

Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
May your good spirit guide me
on level ground. **R.**

ALLELUIA VERSES AND VERSES BEFORE THE GOSPEL

(Select One per Liturgy)

— **Matthew 11:25**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

— **Matthew 25:34**

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation
of the world.

— **John 3:16**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

— **John 6:39**

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

— **John 6:40**

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life
and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

— **John 6:51a**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— **John 11:25a, 26**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die forever.

— **Philippians 3:20**

Our true home is in heaven,
and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for,
will come from heaven to save us.

— **2 Timothy 2:11b-12a**

If we die with Christ, we shall live with him,
and if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him.

_____ **Revelation 1:5a, 6b**

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;
glory and kingship be his forever and ever. Amen.

_____ **Revelation 14:13**

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

GOSPEL READINGS

(Select One per Liturgy)

_____ **#1. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a**

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

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 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. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30**

(Come to me...and I will give you rest.)

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.

_____ **#3. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13**

(Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish one said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door

for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#4. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

(Come, you whom my Father has blessed.)

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer from:

#5a. A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 15:33-39;16:1-6

(Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.)

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, 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 up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form:

____#5b. A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 15:33-39

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At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

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The Gospel of the Lord.

____#6.A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 7:11-17

(Young man, I say to you, arise.)

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

____#7. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 12:35-40 *(Be prepared.)*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

____#8 A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 23:33, 39-43

(Today you will be with me in paradise.)

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form:

#9a. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a
(*Father, I put my life in your hands.*)

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. But at daybreak on the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form:

#9b. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53
(*Father, I put my life in your hands.*)

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer Form:

#10a. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 24:13-35
(*Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?*)

Now that very day the first day of the week two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form:

#10b. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

(Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?)

Now that very day the first day of the week two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

#11. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 5:24-29

(Whoever hears my word and believes, has passed from death to life.)

Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#12 A reading from the holy gospel according to John 6:37-40

(All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.)

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.

#13 A reading from the holy gospel according to John 6:51-58

(All who eat this bread will live forever; and I will raise them up on the last day.)

Jesus said to the crowd: "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 eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form:

#14a. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 11:17-27

(I am the resurrection and the life.)

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 there, 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.

Shorter form:

#14b. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 11:21-27

(I am the resurrection and the life.)

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.

#15. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 11:32-45 (*Lazarus, come out.*)

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews

who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer from:

#16a. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 12:23-28

(If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.)

Jesus told 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 loses 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.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form:

#16b. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 12:23-26

(If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.)

Jesus told 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 loses 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.

#17. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14:1-6

(There are many rooms in my Father's house.)

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.

#18. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 17:24-26 (*Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.*)

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, [my disciples] are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#19. A reading from the holy gospel according to John 19:17-18, 25-30

(*Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*)

Jesus carrying the cross himself went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The following intercessions may be used during a liturgy of the word or at Mass and should be adapted according to the circumstances.

#1 _____

Presider: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For <Name>, 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 <Name> who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised on the last day. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

For the family and friends of <Name>, 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.**

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.**

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.** 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.**

Presider: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cries of your people: hear the prayers we offer for <Name> and for all our deceased brothers and sisters.

Cleanse them of their faults and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

#2 _____

Presider: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church for peace in the world and ourselves.

Reader: That the bishops and priest of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may deliver the soul of his servant <Name> from punishment and from the power of darkness. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God in his mercy may blot out all <Name> offenses. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may establish <Name> in light and peace. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may call <Name> to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Presider: O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

#3 _____

Presider: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his people. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Reader: In baptism <Name> received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our Prayer.

Our brother/sister <Name> was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

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. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

The family and friends of <Name> seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

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. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister <Name>. Strengthen our hope that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

Presider: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the death of your Son. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**