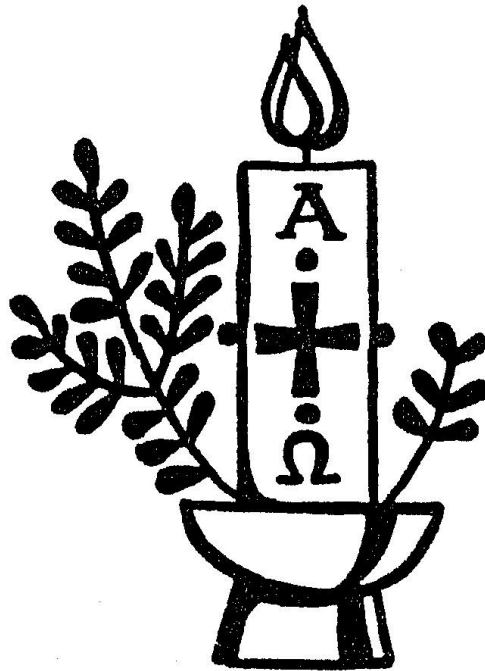


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Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Guide for the Funeral Liturgy

“Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended”

Preface of Christian Death I, Roman Missal

The Catholic Faith community of Our Lady of the Assumption and Saint Ann by the Sea Parishes share in your grief as you suffer the loss of a loved one. We hope that you know that the prayers and support of our parishes are with you at this difficult time. The death of a loved one can bring about many different feelings and emotions—from the shock and disbelief of a sudden, unexpected death, to relief when someone who has suffered for a long time is no longer suffering. The Church’s prayer in the *Rite of Christian Burial* focuses our attention on the mystery of the suffering, death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the promise that we, too, and your loved one, are called to share in that gift of new and Everlasting Life. It is a time in which the Lord gives us comfort, healing and peace. In order to assist in your planning the of funeral, we would like to offer you some thoughts and guidelines.

THE FUNERAL LITURGY

Every Catholic person has a right to the Funeral Mass by the mere fact that he or she is Baptized. The Funeral Liturgy, in particular, the Holy Mass, is *the* prayer of the Church (the people of God) for the person who has died. The Funeral is to take place in the church building itself, which is where the community gathers for prayer.

If for good reason, and after serious prayer and consideration, you should feel that the Funeral Mass is not proper at this time, arrangements may be made for a Vigil Prayer Service at the funeral home or Committal Prayers at the cemetery. If this is your decision, arrangements will be made to have one of the parish Masses (in the near future) offered in memory of your loved one.

If you choose to have a Funeral Mass, during the Mass, family members are invited (but not required) to play a role in the Funeral Liturgy. This begins with choosing the Scripture readings which will be read during the Mass (selections are listed further along in this booklet).

Other times during the Mass where family or friends are invited to have roles in the Mass include: the placing of the pall on the casket at the beginning of the liturgy, delivering the readings during the Mass, as well as bringing the offertory gifts (the bread and the wine) to the priest during the preparation of the Altar.

CREMATION

While the Church recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, cremation is permitted as long as it has not been chosen for reasons contrary to Catholic teaching (*Code of Canon Law*, 1176.3; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2301).

It has long been the tradition of the Church to pray the Funeral Liturgy in the presence of the body and to bury the body in a cemetery to await the day of Resurrection. The body, regarded as

the “Temple of the Holy Spirit” and the vessel through which God gives us life, is to be afforded respect even in death.

Recently, it has become possible to bring cremated remains into the Church for the Funeral Mass. While cremation is now permitted for various reasons (finances, transportation, etc.), it is preferable to wait until after the Funeral Liturgy to cremate the remains of the deceased. (*Policy on Ecclesiastical Funeral Rites, §1200.1*).

After cremation, the cremated remains of a body (cremains) should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the cremains (ashes) to be buried or interred in a columbarium after the funeral Mass or liturgy.

It is inconsistent with Catholic belief and teaching on the Resurrection to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea, or in some other way, divide or keep ashes at one’s home or to wear on one’s person in pieces of jewelry, mementos or keepsakes, or another kind of object. Therefore, the cremated remains may not be divided amongst any of the living, in keepsakes or mementos, for any reason, either prior to or after the funeral Mass (*Policy on Ecclesiastical Funeral Rites, §1200.5*).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The word of God brings hope and consolation. You may choose one or two scripture readings for a Funeral Mass from the selections offered in this book beginning on page 4. Traditionally, just like at Sunday Mass, two Scripture readings are chosen, the first reading from the Old Testament (before Jesus’ time) delineated in this book, “OT1, OT2”, etc., and the second reading from the New Testament (after Jesus’ time), delineated in this book, “NT1, NT2”, etc.

During the Easter Season, however (that is from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday), to reflect most directly that Jesus, by His own Resurrection both foreshadows our promised resurrection and has once and for all conquered death, just like at Sunday Mass, the first reading is selected from either the *Acts of the Apostles* or *The Book of Revelation*, and is chosen from the section delineated “E1, E2,” etc, and not from the Old Testament section.

If there is only one reading, that can be chosen from the Old Testament or the New Testament. Family members and friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings. If family members or friends are not available to read the scriptures, the lector from the church will proclaim the scripture readings.

PLACING OF THE PALL

The funeral pall is a white cover draped over the coffin at the beginning of the Funeral Mass. This pall reminds us of the white garment given to us at our Baptism. It symbolizes our new life in Christ.

Members of the Family or friends of the deceased are encouraged to place the pall on the casket. If not done by family or friends, the priest will place the pall. If cremated remains are brought into the Church, the placing of the pall is omitted.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Members of the family or friends are invited to bring to the offerings of the bread and wine to the priest during the preparation of the Altar. We would ask that when considering family or friends to bring the gifts forward, to try to limit the number of persons to no more than three.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE (Eulogy)

The “Words of Remembrance,” commonly known as “The Eulogy,” are not required, but are an optional way that a family may wish to remember their loved one during the celebration of the Funeral Rites. The remarks should reflect, as best as possible, the Faith and faith-life of the deceased person.

The following are some helpful guidelines following from the new funeral directives promulgated by His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O’Malley, O.F.M., Cap., Archbishop of Boston on December 2, 2018.

At the suggestion of these directives, at our Collaborative Parishes, if Words of Remembrance are to be offered, they will be offered at the beginning of the Mass just after the body is received and family seated and prior to the Opening Prayer.

In the Archdiocese of Boston, Words of Remembrance may be offered by one (1) speaker, a member of the family or a friend, who may speak briefly, not more than five minutes (*Policy directive #700.4*) in remembrance of the deceased.

In addition to it being a suggestion of the new directives, this decision was made for two main reasons: First, as most people are not only not public speakers but are anxious about speaking in public or before large crowds, not to mention at what is for many, an emotional time, it allows the speaker to offer the words at the start of Mass, and then to pray the rest of the Mass well, rather than being anxious during the entirety of Mass, thinking throughout Mass about having to speak at the end, missing the opportunity to pray well for their loved one.

Secondly, it gives guests who may not have known the deceased but who have come to the funeral Mass to support and pray for a family member of the deceased with whom they are acquainted or familiar, the opportunity to hear about the deceased.

When writing the Words of Remembrance, the author should take the following Liturgical Norms and guidelines into consideration:

- Only one (1) person may speak during the Funeral Mass.
 - Additional speakers may speak at other times, such as at the wake service, the internment, or at the coalition.
- The remarks should be appropriate for the Sacredness of the church building and for the celebration of Holy Mass.
 - Foul language, profanity, curse-words, and suggestive, bawdy, and licentious or lascivious stories are not permitted and should be avoided.

- The Words of Remembrance should be no more than 5 minutes and should focus on the Catholic Faith and faith-life of the person. Fun and funny stories and memories, while just that, may be better suited to be shared at other times of memorial jollity outside of the celebration of Holy Mass.
- It may be helpful to have the Words of Remembrance written out, rather than to speak “Off-the-cuff.”

MUSIC

Music in worship affects our feelings and our prayers. Often it gives expression to our inner thoughts. Music is a very important part of the Funeral Liturgy. Since the funeral is our prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of life of our loved one, and the promise of eternal life for him or her through Jesus Christ, it is important that the music for the Funeral Liturgy be sacred music. The texts of the music should reflect the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s passion, death and Resurrection (*Policy, #400.7*).

Popular non-religious songs are not appropriate at this time (*Policy, #1000*). Thus, we encourage you to select Church hymns which speak of your Faith and which will strengthen and console you at this time.

While songs like, *The Prayer*, *Danny Boy* and *Wind Beneath My Wings*, for example, are beautiful and remind us of our loved one, they do not fit well into the Funeral Liturgy. We would recommend that, should you feel that this type of song is necessary, that you make arrangements for it to be played or sung either at the funeral home during the Visitation Hours (wake) or at the conclusion of the prayers at the cemetery. If you have any question about the appropriateness of a song in the church or its placement in the Funeral Rites, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to assist you. Music selections for the Funeral Liturgy are listed on **page 16**.

Musicians not affiliated with Our Lady of the Assumption and Saint Ann Parishes:

The Music teams of each parish are responsible for providing music for all liturgical events. If there is a family member or friend of the family or the deceased whom you want to be a part of the liturgical celebration, he or she would join our music ministers or perhaps sing one particular song. This person needs to be versed in liturgical music. Arrangements for this must be made with our music director and approved by the pastor, prior to the funeral liturgy.

SELF-DIRECTED FUNERALS

It is both a Spiritual and a Corporal Work of Mercy to pray for and bury the dead. While it is preferable to work with a funeral home, we understand that that can be a financial burden that many people cannot afford. In these instances, we are happy to accommodate funerals that are self-directed, that is, unaffiliated with any funeral home or funeral home’s planning or assistance. However, please know that in instances of self-directed funerals, we offer only a funeral Mass. Other services, such as Mass programs, prayer cards, providing display stands and/or easels for photos or posterboards, and any-and-all other services a funeral home could or may offer, are not provided by the Church.

First Reading: from the Old Testament

Please choose one of the following readings as the 1st Reading OUTSIDE of the Easter Season.
For 1st Reading choices during the Easter Season, please make selections from the section beginning “E” on page 8.

OT1. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel, 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.

OT2. 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.

OT3. 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.

OT4. 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 the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, 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.

OT5. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

He will destroy death forever.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

OT6. 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.

OT7. Daniel 12:1-3

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and 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.

First Reading from the New Testament During the Easter Season

One of the following **MUST** be chosen as the 1st Reading during the Easter Season,

E1. Acts 10:34-43

He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "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 children of Israel 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, 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.

E2. Revelation 13:14

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, 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.

E3. Revelation 20:11-21:1

The dead were judged according to their deeds.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, 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, 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.

E4. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

There shall be no more death.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, 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."

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."

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading from the New Testament

Please choose one of the following readings as the 2nd Reading.

NT1. Romans 5:5-11

Since we are now justified by his Blood, will be saved through him from the wrath.

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.

NT2. Romans 5:17-21

Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: if, by the transgression of the one, 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 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 the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the 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.

NT3. 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.

NT4. Romans 8:14-23

We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons 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 for 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.

word of the Lord.

NT5. 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.

NT6. 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.

NT7. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. 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 excludes 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.

NT8. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death is swallowed up in victory.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: 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 this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this 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?* The 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.

NT9. 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

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

Brothers and sisters: Knowing 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.

NT10. 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, to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

NT11. Philippians 3:20-21

He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: 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.

NT12. 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.

NT13. 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, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: 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 we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

NT14. 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see him as he is.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: 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.

NT15. 1 John 3:14-16

We know that we have passed from death to life we love our brothers.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

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.

The word of the Lord.

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Please select one song from each of the sections below:

- ❖ Entrance Hymn
- ❖ Responsorial Psalm
- ❖ Offertory/Preparation Hymn
- ❖ Communion Hymn
- ❖ Recessional Hymn/Procession to the place of rest

ENTRANCE HYMN

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
God, Our Help In Ages Past
How Great Thou Art
Now Thank We All Our God
Morning Has Broken
We Will Rise Again
Praise to the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (chanted/sung) *See Appendix for the words (Pages 18-23)*

Psalms 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd)
Psalm 25 (To You O Lord I lift up my soul)
Psalm 27 (The Lord is my light and my salvation)
Psalm 42 (My Soul is Thirsting for the Living God)
Psalm 62 (My soul is thirsting for you O Lord)
Psalm 103 (The Lord is kind and merciful)
Psalm 116 (I will walk In the Presence of the Lord)
Psalm 122 (Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord)
Psalm 135 (Out of the Depths I cry to you, Lord)
Psalm 143 (O Lord hear my prayer)

OFFERTORY/PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Ave Maria, Schubert
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Prayer of St. Francis
The Lord is My Light
Loving and Forgiving
Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
Eagles Wings
*Seek Ye First (*not permitted during Lent*)

COMMUNION

I Am the Bread of Life
Taste And See
Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
Parable
We Remember

One Bread One Body
Gift of Finest Wheat
I Am the Living Bread
Irish Farewell

RECESSIONAL/PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF REST

Holy God We Praise Thy Name
How Great Thou Art
Abide With Me
To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Irish Blessing
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Seasonal Hymns may be chosen during the Christmas and Easter Season

The “Alleluia” Gospel Acclamation and any songs containing “Alleluia” cannot be used during Lent

Appendix

Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

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 gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name sake. **R/.**

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 25:6, 7b, 17-18, 20-21

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 27:1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13-14

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 whom 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 42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5

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/.**

I went with the throng and led them in procession
to the house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival. **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 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 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

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 103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

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 116:5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac

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

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful. **R/.**

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 my 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 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

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/.**

To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
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 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8

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 the sentinels wait for the dawn. **R/.**

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD,
For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption. **R/.**

And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities. **R/.**

Psalm 143:1-2, 5-6, 7ab and 8ab, 10

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 hands 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 mercy,
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/.**



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