

## FUNERAL READINGS

*Instructions for Lectors in RED*

### THE FIRST READING:

*A reading from the book of Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9*

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.  
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.

*Word of the Lord. **R/** Thanks be to God!*

**THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM (23rd): *Please all Respond:***

***"The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

*The Psalm may be completely SUNG by the Choir. If not, Pause for a moment, look up, raise your hand slightly, and let the Assembly repeat the verse:*

***"The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

*Now, begin reading the Psalm*

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.

*Again, look up, and raise your hand slightly, and all repeat, sing....*

***"The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

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.

***"The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

***"The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

Only goodness and kindness follow me,  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

***"The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

**THE SECOND READING:**

*A reading from the Book of Revelation (14:13; 105)*

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."

*Word of the Lord. **R/** Thanks be to God!*

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

*The Lord be With You! **R/** And With Your Spirit!*

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to St. John (11:32-40)*

***R/** Glory to You, O Lord!*

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 to Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

*The Gospel of the Lord. **R/** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*