

Funeral Liturgy

Church of the Holy Family, New Rochelle New York
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Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Old Testament Book of Wisdom _____ or Isaiah _____ Other _____

Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: **(usually sung but may be read)**

Sung by Cantor _____

Read by: _____

Second Reading: New Testament: Romans _____ Other _____

Read by: _____

Hymn Selections - (must be religious music suitable for Mass; Secular music is not permitted during the celebration of Mass)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Prayer of the Faithful Read by _____

Offertory Procession: (2 to 4 people may present the bread & wine)

of People in Procession: _____

Optional Eulogy:

The Archdiocese of New York, following the liturgical norms of the Catholic Church, has issued guidelines about eulogies at Funeral Masses for the purpose of enhancing our worship of God:

- ❖ **ONLY ONE PERSON** may deliver **one** eulogy at the Funeral Mass
- ❖ The eulogy (or a poem which can replace it) **must** be appropriate for Mass and **connect the deceased person's life to his or her faith**. It is **not** to include anecdotes or reminiscences which are inappropriate at a Eucharistic celebration.
- ❖ The eulogy or poem should not to exceed 5 minutes.

Name of person delivering the eulogy: _____

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERALS
Holy Family Church, New Rochelle, NY

Old Testament Readings (First Reading)

(OT #1-Job 19:1,23-27)

A Reading From the Book of Job:

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.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

(OT #2 - Wisdom 3:1-6, 9)

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.
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.

(OT #3 - Wisdom 4:7-14)

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
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.

(OT #4-Is 25:6, 7-9)

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.

(OT #5 - Lam 3:17-26)

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 hope for from the Lord.
The thought of my homeless poverty
is a 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.

Old Testament Readings Continued

(OT #6 - Daniel 12:1-3)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:
"At that time there shall arise Michael,
the great prince, and 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.

(Congregation: Thanks be to God.)

(OT #7 - 2 Maccabees 12:43-46)

A Reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas (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.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - follows First Reading

(This is usually sung, however it may be read.)

(Psalm #1 - Psalm 23)

**Leader: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Leader: 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.**

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Leader: 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.**

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Leader: 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.**

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

(Psalm #3 - Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Leader: 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?**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Leader: 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.**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Leader: 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.**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Leader: 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.**

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

(Psalm #4 - Psalm 42)

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

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

**Leader: As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?**

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

**Leader: When 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.**

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

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Leader: **Send forth your light and your fidelity;
they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling-place.**

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

Leader: **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.**

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

New Testament Readings - (Second Reading)

(NT #2-Rom. 5:5-11)

A Reading From the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

(NT #4 - Rom. 6:3-9)

A Reading From the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

(NT #5 - Rom. 8:14-23)

A Reading From the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which we cry out, "Abba!" (that is, "Father"). The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him.

I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us. Indeed, the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God. Creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but by him who once subjected it; yet not without hope, because the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. Yes, we know that all creation groans and is in agony even until now. Not only that, but we ourselves, although we have the Spirit as first fruits, groan inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

(NT #6 - Rom. 8:31-39)

A Reading From the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for the sake of us all, will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

(NT #7 - Rom. 14:7-9,10-12)

A Reading From the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's.

That is why Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. We shall all have to appear before the judgment seat of God. It is written, "As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me and every tongue shall give praise to God."

Every one of us will have to give an account of himself before God. The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Readings Continued

(NT #9 - 1 Cor. 15:51-57)

A Reading From the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

I am going to tell us a mystery. Not all of us shall fall asleep, but all of us are to be changed - in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, this mortal body with immortality. When the corruptible frame takes on incorruptibility and the mortal immortality, then will the saying of Scripture be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

(NT #10 - 2 Cor. 5:1,6-10)

A Reading From the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

We know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed we have a dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but to last forever.

Therefore we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat, we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please him whether we are with him or away from him.

The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad, according to his life in the body.

The Word of the Lord.

(NT #14 - 1 John 3:1-2)

A Reading From the First Letter of John:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
in letting us be called children of God!
Yet that in fact is what we are.
The reason the world does not recognize us
is that it never recognized the Son.

Dearly beloved,
we are God's children now;
what we shall later be has not yet come to light.
We know that when it comes to light
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

(NT #16 - Revelation 14:13)

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me: "Write this down: Happy now are the dead who die in the Lord!" The Spirit added, "Yes, they shall find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

(NT #18 - Revelation 21:1-5,6-7)

A Reading From the Book of Revelation:

I, John, saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: "This is God's dwelling among men. He shall dwell with them and they shall be his people, and he shall be their God who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said to me, "See, I make all things new!" I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who thirsts I will give to drink without cost from the spring of life-giving water. He who wins the victory shall inherit these gifts; I will be his God and he shall be my son.

The Word of the Lord.

Hymn Suggestions

- Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (Entrance / Closing)
- Amazing Grace (Offertory/Communion/Closing)
- Be Not Afraid (Entrance/Offertory/Communion/Closing)
- Blest Are They [Beatitudes] (Offertory / Communion)
- Earthen Vessels (Offertory / Communion)
- Eat This Bread (Communion)
- Eye Has Not Seen (Offertory / Communion)
- Gift of Finest Wheat (Communion)
- Here I Am Lord (Entrance / Offertory / Communion)
- Hosea (Entrance / Offertory / Closing)
- How Great Thou Art (Offertory/Communion/Closing)
- I Am the Bread of Life (Communion / Closing)
- I Have Loved You (Offertory / Communion)
- Lift High the Cross (Entrance / Closing)
- Morning Has Broken (Entrance)
- O God Our Help In Ages Past (Entrance / Closing)
- On Eagles Wings (Entrance, Offertory, Communion)
- Prayer of St. Francis (Offertory / Communion)
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Communion)
- The Lord Is My Light (Responsorial Psalm/Offertory)
- This Alone (Offertory)
- We Have Been Told (Offertory / Communion)
- We Remember (Offertory)
- Yahweh, I Know You Are Near (Entrance/Offertory/Comm)