

Rite of Christian Burial

FUNERAL PREPARATION BOOKLET

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Since lilies grow from a bulb that is buried and then blooms into life, it is a beautiful representation of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Furthermore, the trumpet shaped blooms of lilies have been likened to the trumpets of angels that herald significant events. It is a joyful symbol of elegance, beauty, spirituality, hope, and life.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Parish of **Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady** extends to you our sympathy in your grief. We would like to help you traverse this difficult time, and we pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and console you.

At the same time, we live in the joyful hope of eternal life won for us by Jesus Christ. It is in this spirit that we celebrate the funeral liturgy of each of our baptized. Having entered with Christ into the waters of baptism, each member of the Body of Christ may hope to rise and live forever with God.

The enclosed booklet is intended to help you participate in this mystery as fully as possible, by providing information and guidelines for the funeral liturgy. You may choose readings, prayers, and hymns to fittingly honor your loved one. Our parish staff, including the music director, is able to help you with suggestions if desired.

Please do not hesitate to call us if there is anything we can do for you.

With our prayers, love, and sympathy,

The Pastoral Staff of **Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady**
and
Father Anthony Sorgie, Pastor,

F. Anthony Dominic Sorgie



GENERAL REFLECTIONS

At the funerals of its members, the Church confidently celebrates Christ's Paschal Mystery. Its intention is that those who were made one with Christ in Baptism may also pass from death to life with Him. In soul, they are to be cleansed from earthly sin and taken into heaven with the saints and the elect; in body, they await the blessed hope of Christ's coming and the resurrection of the dead.

The body of the deceased Catholic Christian is the body that was once washed in Baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life. At the Funeral Mass, the Church pours forth prayers and petitions for the deceased. Because of the communion of all of Christ's members with each other, all of these things bring spiritual aid to the deceased and the consolation of hope to the living.

THE RITES OF THE CHURCH

All the baptized are entitled to the full Rite of Christian Burial. You and your family will experience the Rite of Christian Burial in three distinct and important parts:

1. The Wake Service

This will take place during the visiting hours at the funeral home, usually the afternoon or evening before the funeral. One of our priests or deacons will lead this service of prayer and Scripture. At this time, someone from the family, or a friend, may wish to remember the deceased by sharing personal faith building memories, as in a eulogy.

2. The Funeral Liturgy

This is the most important part of the celebration of Christian Burial. This is almost always celebrated within a Mass. The bodily remains are honored by being brought to the Church, even if cremation will follow or has already taken place in which case an urn is brought to Church. We celebrate the life of the deceased in the context of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3. The Committal

At the conclusion of the Mass of Christian Burial, normally one of our priests or deacons will accompany the funeral cortège to the cemetery, mausoleum, or columbarium, if it is within a certain distance from the parish. If one of our parish clergy cannot go, suitable arrangements are usually made through your Funeral director so that the Rite of Committal may take place at the time of interment or burial.

Eulogy

Should one wish to speak in memory of the deceased, as in a eulogy, the Funeral Rite allows for such to take place just prior to the Prayer of Commendation at the cemetery, mausoleum, or columbarium.

N.B.

The trip to a crematorium for the proper disposition of the body is not a Liturgical Rite and no clergy will accompany for this action. When the family has received the cremains/urn of their loved one and have decided on a fitting interment in a grave or columbarium niche, then, even many months later, a clergyman from the parish will gather with the family to say the Prayers of Committal and bless the place of final rest.

PLANNING THE FUNERAL LITURGY

The funeral liturgy is one of the most beautiful and meaningful celebrations of the Church. Your family has the option of personalizing the Mass by choosing the Scripture readings and by requesting specific hymns.

When choosing scriptures, there should be one reading from the Old Testament, a Responsorial Psalm, and a New Testament reading. Although you can choose from the whole Bible, the texts contained within this booklet are especially appropriate.

See page 39 for a Planning Sheet.

THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE FUNERAL LITURGY

A funeral may be celebrated on any day of the week except Sundays and Holy Days. There are also some restrictions concerning funerals during Holy Week. The priest will discuss these restrictions as needed. The funeral liturgy is ordinarily celebrated in one of our two parish churches.

MUSIC

Music is an integral part of Catholic worship and is designed to enhance the liturgical action. The **Parish of Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady** will provide an organist and singer for the funeral liturgy at the Church. As professionals who know all the liturgically appropriate hymns and where they fit into the liturgy, they will select the music; however, family members are welcome to request specific sacred hymns or music. Secular music may not be played at a Funeral Liturgy. Please consult the list of “frequently selected hymns” **included here**.

Frequently Selected Funeral Hymns

The following is a list of liturgical hymns which are appropriate for funerals. If you have any preferences, please **write your selections in the appropriate place on the Planning Sheet (page 39)**; the Music Director will play as many as possible in the appropriate liturgical places. Because Mass is a live celebration of faith, pre-recorded music is inappropriate.

HYMNS

Abide With Me
All Creatures of Our God & King
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Amazing Grace
America the Beautiful
Be Not Afraid
Be Still My Soul
Blest are They
Christ Be Our Light
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Eternal Father, Strong to Save
For All the Saints



Gentle Shepherd
Gift of Finest Wheat
God of our Fathers
Here I am, Lord
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
King of Love
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Morning Has Broken
O God Beyond All Praising
O Lord I Am Not Worthy
On Eagle 's Wings
One Bread, One Body
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd
Shepherd Me O God (23rd Psalm)
Sing with All the Saints in Glory
Soul of My Savior
You Are Mine

VOCAL SOLOS

Ave Maria
Come Unto Him (Soprano)
Dell'Aurora tu sorgi Più Bella
Panis Angelicus
Pie Jesu (Soprano)
Resta con Noi



READINGS

Using the selections in this booklet, please choose one Old Testament reading and one New Testament reading. (*During the 50 days of the Easter season, two New Testament readings are selected.*) These selections should reflect some aspect of the life of the deceased or should have some particular meaning to you. Please mark the appropriate sections of the Planning Sheet with your reading choices (page 39).

You may have someone other than the priest read these selections during the Mass, if you so choose. Please indicate the names of the readers, and the priest will invite them to do the readings at the appropriate time during the Mass. The Responsorial Psalm is chosen by the Music Director and will be sung by the cantor.

Universal Prayer

If you wish, you may have someone other than the priest read the petitions of the Universal Prayers. If so, please indicate the name of the person on the Planning Sheet on page 39.

Readers

When it is time for the Readings to be proclaimed, the celebrant will invite to the pulpit the person(s) chosen to do the reading(s). It is suggested that the readers, using this booklet, practice the readings beforehand.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

You might wish to help the celebrant make the homily more personal by furnishing him with a few special notes about the deceased. If you already have such material prepared, please forward a copy to the celebrant to help him in the preparation of the funeral homily by dropping it off at the Rectory (53 Winter Hill Road, Tuckahoe, NY) or emailing it to secretary@icaparish.org.



REFLECTION/EULOGY

Because the Funeral Liturgy is not a memorial service but rather the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased, it is more appropriate that any Words of Reflection or eulogy for the deceased be delivered either during the Wake Service at the funeral home or during the committal service at the grave site.

If the family insists that a Reflection/Eulogy would be appropriate during the Funeral Mass, these are the guidelines:

- It should focus on the virtuous life of the deceased
- Only a single person will read it from the pulpit.
- It will be delivered after the Second Reading and before the Gospel Acclamation.
- It should be typed or written out and shown to the Priest/Deacon at the Wake Service or sent to the Rectory by email: secretary@icaparish.org.
- It should be no longer than three minutes.

CREMATION

The Church has removed its objections to the practice of cremation. The Church, however, prefers that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral liturgy and that cremation be done afterwards.

MASS OFFERINGS FOR THE DECEASED

Mass cards, for the intention of the deceased, may be obtained at our parish office or any Catholic church. The customary offering is \$20 for an announced Mass and \$15 for an unannounced Mass, per requested Mass. Due to the overwhelming demand for Masses, The Parish of Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady may find it necessary to limit the number of Masses a family may request. If the number of Masses you request exceeds our limit, we can refer you to other parishes in the Archdiocese or Missionary priests around the world.

ENTRANCE INTO THE CHURCH

The Rite of Reception takes place in the entrance of the Church. Following the greeting, the casket is sprinkled with holy water, reminding us of the waters of Baptism. The funeral pall is then placed on the casket. This white cloth over the casket reminds us of the white garment that was given at Baptism as a sign of the new life of grace entered into at that time.



UNIVERSAL PRAYER

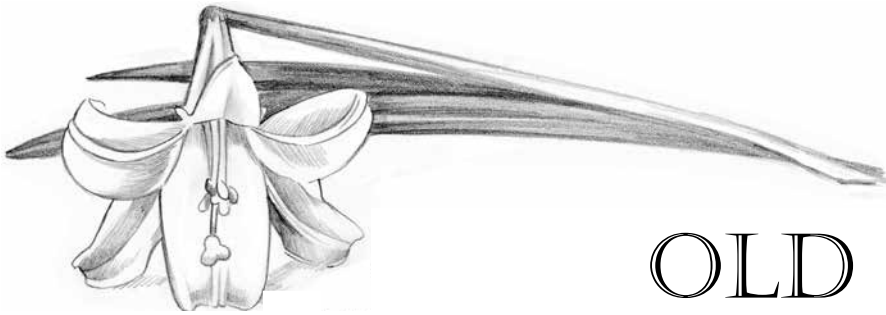
When it is time for the Universal Prayer, the celebrant will invite the person chosen to read the petitions to the pulpit. You will find the prayers on page 39 of this booklet.

GIFT BEARERS

It is customary that two family members present the gifts of bread and wine at the Offertory time of the Mass (more than two may participate should it be appropriate). Names of the Gift Bearers should be indicated on the Planning Sheet, page 39.

HOLY COMMUNION

Roman Catholics, who are properly disposed, are invited to receive Holy Communion in our church. Non-Catholics and those unable to receive are invited to take this time to pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased as well as for the family and friends of the deceased in this difficult time.



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Please select ONE reading from the Old Testament selections that follow and mark your choice on the Planning Sheet on page 39 of this booklet.

During the Easter season, New Testament readings 16, 17, 18, and 19, starting on page 33, are your choices for the First Reading, instead of readings from the Old Testament.

Old Testament Reading 1

JOB CHAPTER 19, VERSES 1, 23-27

A reading from the book of Job.

I know that my Redeemer lives.

Job answered and said:

Oh, 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 into 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.

Old Testament Reading 2

WISDOM CHAPTER 3, VERSES 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 worth 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.

Old Testament Reading 3

WISDOM CHAPTER 4, VERSE 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.



Old Testament Reading 4

ISAIAH CHAPTER 25, VERSES 6, 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God will destroy death forever.

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.

Old Testament Reading 5

LAMENTATIONS CHAPTER 3, VERSES 17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself that 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 the 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 Reading 6

DANIEL CHAPTER 12, VERSES 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, 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.

Old Testament Reading 7

MACCABEES CHAPTER 12, VERSES 43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

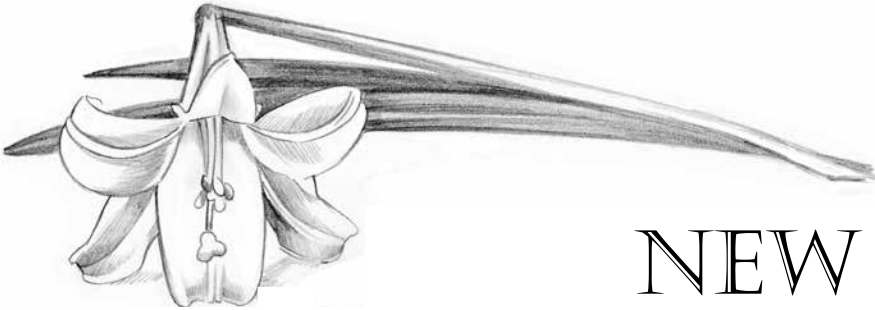
Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up
a collection among all his soldiers,
amount to two thousand silver drachmas,
which he sent to Jerusalem
to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

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

Please select ONE reading from the New Testament selections and mark your choice on the Planning Sheet on page 39 of this booklet.

New Testament Reading 1

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES CHAP. 10, VERSES 34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

“I begin to see how true it is that God
shows no partiality.

Rather, the man of any nation who fears God
and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him.

This is the message He has sent to the sons of Israel,
‘the good news of peace’ proclaimed
through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

He commissioned us to preach to the people
and to bear witness that He is the One set apart
by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

To Him, all the prophets testify, saying that
everyone who believes in Him has
forgiveness of sins through His Name.”

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 2

ROMANS CHAPTER 5, VERSES 5-11

A reading from the letter of St. 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, while we were still powerless,
Christ dies 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.



New Testament Reading 3

ROMANS CHAPTER 5, VERSES 17-21

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

If death began its reign through one man
because of his offense, much more shall
those who receive the overflowing grace
and gift of justice live and reign through
the one Man, Jesus Christ.

To sum up, then:

Just as a single offense brought condemnation
to all men, a single righteous act brought
all men acquittal and life.

Just as through one man's disobedience all
became sinners, so all through one man's
obedience all shall become just.

The law came in order to increase offenses;
but despite the increase of sin, grace has far
surpassed it, so that, as sin reigned
through death, grace may reign by way of
justice leading to eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 4

ROMANS CHAPTER 6, VERSES 3-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Are you not aware that we who are 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.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 5

ROMANS CHAPTER 8, VERSES 14-23

A reading from the letter of St. 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.



New Testament Reading 6

ROMANS CHAPTER 8, VERSES 31-35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St. 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 of 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 for 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.

New Testament Reading 7

ROMANS CHAPTER 14, VERSES 7-9, 10-12

A reading from the letter of St. 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 Reading 8

CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 15, VERSES 20-24, 25-28

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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

Death came through a man; hence the resurrection
of the dead comes through a Man also.

Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again,
but each one in proper order: Christ, the first fruits and then, at His coming, all those
who belong to Him.

After that will come the end, when, after having destroyed
every sovereignty, authority and power, He will hand over
the kingdom to God the Father.

Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under His feet,
and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads
that God “has placed all things under His feet.” But when it
says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that
He Who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded.

When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son,
He will then subject Himself to the One Who made
all things subject to Him,
so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.



New Testament Reading 10

CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 5, VERSES 1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of St. 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.

New Testament Reading 11

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 3, VERSES 20-21

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

We have our citizenship in heaven.

It is from there that we eagerly await the
coming of Our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours
and remake it according to the pattern of His glorified body,
by His power to subject everything to Himself.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 12

THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4, VERSES 13-18

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We would have you clear about those who sleep in death, brothers and sisters; otherwise you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with Him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in Him.

We say to you, as if the Lord Himself has said it, that we who lived, who survive until His coming, will in no way have an advantage over those who have fallen asleep.

No, the Lord Himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died in Christ will rise first.

Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thenceforth, we shall be with the Lord unceasingly.
Console one another with this message.

The Word of the Lord.



New Testament Reading 13

TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2, VERSES 8-13

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David,
was raised from the dead.

This is the gospel I preach; in preaching it, I suffer as a criminal,
even to the point of being thrown into chains - but there
is no chaining the Word of God!

Therefore, I bear with all of this for the sake of those whom God has chosen, in order
that they may obtain the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus and with it, eternal glory.

You can depend on this:

If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him;

If we hold out to the end, we shall also reign with Him.

But if we deny Him, He will deny us. If we are unfaithful,
He will still remain faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 14

JOHN CHAPTER 3, VERSES 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. 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.



New Testament Reading 15

JOHN CHAPTER 3, VERSES 14-16

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

That we have passed from death to life we
know because we love the brothers.

The man who does not love is among the living dead.

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that eternal life abides
in no murderer's heart.

The way we came to understand love was that
He laid down His life for us.

We too must lay down our lives for our brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 16

REVELATION CHAPTER 14, VERSE 13

Easter Season

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.



New Testament Reading 17

REVELATION CHAPTER 20, VERSES 11-21; 1

Easter Season

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, saw a large white throne and the One Who sat on it.
The earth and the sky fled from His presence until they could no longer be seen.
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly,
standing before the throne.

Lastly, among the scrolls, the book of the living was opened. The dead were judged according to their conduct as recorded on the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then death and the nether world gave up their dead.
Each person was judged according to his conduct.

Then death and the nether world were hurled into the pool of fire which is the second death; anyone whose name was not found inscribed in the book of the living was hurled into this pool of fire.

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 18

REVELATION CHAPTER 21, VERSES 1-7

Easter Season

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 victory shall inherit these gifts;
I will be his God and he shall be My son.”

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading 19

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES CHAPTER 10, VERSES 34-43

Easter Season

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 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 what 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Priest:

My brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes for His Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we present our needs to our Heavenly Father, and respond to the petitions by praying:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader:

In Baptism *N.* received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Our brother/sister *N.* was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The family and friends of *N.* seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister *N.* Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.



Continued...

Priest:

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 blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Respond: Amen.



PLANNING SHEET

Name of the deceased: _____

1st Reading OT: _____
(pages 12-18)

Read by: _____

2nd Reading NT: _____
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Read by: _____

Reflection/Eulogy (if requested & must be approved, see p. 8/9)

Universal Prayer (see pages 37 and 38)

Read by: _____

Gift Bearers: _____

Music: _____

Biographical Notes: *(see page 8)*



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