

First Reading, from the Old Testament

1-1 A reading from the book of Job (19:1, 23-27a)

Then Job answered,
"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

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The Word of the Lord.

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1- 2. A reading from the book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

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1- 3. A reading from the book of Wisdom (4:7-15)

The righteous, though they die early, will be at rest.
For old age is not honoured for length of time,
or measured by number of years;
but understanding is grey hair for anyone,
and a blameless life is ripe old age.
There were some who pleased God and were loved by him,
and while living among sinners were taken up.
They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding
or guile deceive their souls.
For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good,
and roving desire perverts the innocent mind.
Being perfected in a short time,
they fulfilled long years;
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.
Yet the peoples saw and did not understand,
or take such a thing to heart,
that God's grace and mercy are with his elect,
and that he watches over his holy ones.

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1- 4. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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1- 5. A reading from the book of Lamentations (3:17-26)

My soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
so I say, "Gone is my glory,
and all that I had hoped for from the Lord."
The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

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1- 6. A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel (12:1-3)

"At that time Michael, the great prince,
the protector of your people, shall arise.
There shall be a time of anguish,
such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence.
But at that time your people shall be delivered,
everyone who is found written in the book.
Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
some to everlasting life,
and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky,
and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and
ever.

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1- 7. A reading from the second book of Maccabees (12:43-46)

The noble Judas Maccabeus took up a collection, man by man,
to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver,
and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering.
In doing this he acted very well and honorably,
taking account of the resurrection.
For if he were not expecting
that those who had fallen asleep would rise again,
it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.
But if he was looking to the splendid reward
that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.
Therefore he made atonement for the dead,
so that they might be delivered from their sin.

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1- 8. A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah (55:6,8-9; 43:1,4)

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
Call him while he is near.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways my ways,” says the Lord.

“As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways
above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.”

Thus says the Lord, “Be not afraid. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I
have called you by name: you are mine because you are precious in my
eyes and glorious, and because I love you.”

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1- 9. A reading from the Book of Proverbs (31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)

When one finds a worthy wife,
Her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good and not evil,
All the days of her life.

She reaches out her hands to the poor,
And extends her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors,
And let her works praise her at the city gates.

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First Reading, from the Old Testament

1- 10. A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3: 1-8)

There is an appointed time for everything,
And a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
 A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
 A time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 A time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them;
 A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
 A time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
 A time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
 A time of war, and a time of peace.

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The Word of the Lord

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-1. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (5:5-11)

Hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person
-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Much more surely then,
now that we have been justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
For if while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
But more than that,
we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-2. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (6:3-9)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him

so that the body of sin might be destroyed,

and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ,

we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,

will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-3. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:31-35, 37-39)

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes,
who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-4. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-28)

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

For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

But each in his own 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 God the Father,
after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet."

But when it says,

"All things are put in subjection,"

it is plain that this does not include the one
who put all things in subjection under him.

When all things are subjected to him,

then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one
who put all things in subjection under him,
so that God may be all in all.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-5. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:51-57)

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!
We will not all die, but we will all be changed,
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.
When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
"Death has been 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.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-6. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(4:13– 5:1)

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake,
so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart.

Even though our outer nature is wasting away,
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us
for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
because we look not at what can be seen

but at what cannot be seen;

for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-7. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:20-21)

Our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will transform the body of our humiliation
that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-8. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.
For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died.
For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the
air;
and so we will be with the Lord forever.
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-9. A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy (2:8-13)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David
-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship,
even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,
so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

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The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-10. A reading from the first letter of John (3:14-16)

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love one another.

Whoever does not love abides in death.

All who hate a brother or sister are murderers,
and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us
-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

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Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-11. A reading from the book of Revelation (21:1-5a, 6b-7)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."
And the one who was seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.
Those who conquer will inherit these things,
and I will be their God and they will be my children."

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Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-12. A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:31-35, 37-39)

If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen one?
It is God who acquits us.
Who will condemn?
It is Christ (Jesus) who dies, 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 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.

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Second Reading, from the New Testament

2-13. A Reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (4:6-8)

I, for my part, am already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on a merited crown awaits me; on that Day the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me—and not only to me, but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Reading

3-1. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12a)

Jesus went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-2. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (11:25-30)

At that time Jesus said,
"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent
and have revealed them to infants;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-3. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (25:1-13)

"The kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
But at midnight there was a shout,
"Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.
The foolish said to the wise,
"Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'
And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet;
and the door was shut.
Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.'
But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-4. A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (25:31-46)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

I was naked and you gave me clothing,

I was sick and you took care of me,

I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him,

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them,

"Truly I tell you,

just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,

you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand,

"You that are accursed,

depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

for I was hungry and you gave me no food,

I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not give me clothing,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
Then they also will answer,
"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger
or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"
Then he will answer them,
"Truly I tell you,
just as you did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to me.'
And these will go away into eternal punishment,
but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-5. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (7:11-17)

Jesus went to a town called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.
As he approached the gate of the town,
a man who had died was being carried out.
He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow;
and with her was a large crowd from the town.
When the Lord saw her,
he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."
Then he came forward and touched the bier,
and the bearers stood still.
And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!"
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.
Fear seized all of them;
and they glorified God, saying,
"A great prophet has risen among us!"
and "God has looked favourably on his people!"
This word about him spread throughout Judea
and all the surrounding country.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-6. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (12:35-40)

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
be like those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet,
so that they may open the door for him
as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes;
truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat,
and he will come and serve them.

If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn,
and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this:

if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-7. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (23:33, 39-43)

When they came to the place that is called The Skull,
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.
One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and
saying,
"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
But the other rebuked him, saying,
"Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
And we indeed have been condemned justly,
for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,
but this man has done nothing wrong."
Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-8. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
(23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6)

It was now about noon,
and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,
while the sun's light failed;
and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph.
This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth,
and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.
On the first day of the week, at early dawn,
the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they went in, they did not find the body.
While they were perplexed about this,
suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground,
but the men said to them,
"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-9. A reading from the holy gospel according to John (5:24-29)

Very truly, I tell you,
anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal
life,
and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.
"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.
For just as the Father has life in himself,
so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself;
and he has given him authority to execute judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.
Do not be astonished at this;
for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice
and will come out
-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life,
and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-10. A reading from the holy gospel according to John (11:17-27)

When Jesus arrived,
he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.
Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,
and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to console them about their brother.
When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.
Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."
Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
Martha said to him,
"I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?" She said to him,
"Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God,
the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-11. A reading from the holy gospel according to John (11:32-45)

When Mary, the sister of Lazarus, came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt 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 came with her also weeping,

he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said,

"Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

"Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said,

"Father, I thank you for having heard me.

I knew that you always hear me,

but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here,

so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore,

who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-12. A reading from the holy gospel according to John (12:23-28)

Jesus answered Andrew and Philip,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Very truly, I tell you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Those who love their life lose it,
and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there will my servant be also.
Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.
"Now my soul is troubled.
And what should I say -- "Father, save me from this hour"?
No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-13. A reading from the holy gospel according to John (14:1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for
you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place where I am going."
Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?"
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

3-14. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
(24:13-16,28-35)

Now that very same day, two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened.

And it happened that as they were talking together and discussing it, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them saying, 'It is nearly evening, and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'The Lord has indeed risen and has appeared to Simon.'

Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

General Intercessions

To be used or seen as examples of petitions. Please give some thought about the titles used in the petitions. Let whoever is chosen to read the petitions know if you would like the deceased referred to by some special name. The first intercession should refer to the whole church or the whole world. Chose #1 or # 2 . While the petitions include the deceased, and the family and friends of the deceased, it would be kind if they also reach out to others in need. **It is suggested that 5-8 petitions be used.** Check the ones chosen and give them to the reader.

Celebrant: 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 join in our prayers to his:

1. For the church, that it may live with a deep faith in the resurrection of Jesus and the life of the world to come. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
2. For the church throughout the world, that it may celebrate and revere the lives of all God's people. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
3. For _____, who received the light of Christ in Baptism, that _____ may live among the saints of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
4. For _____, who struggled in life to be faithful to God's call, that _____ may hear the voice of God's welcoming. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
5. For _____, who was given the pledge of eternal life in Baptism, that _____ may now be admitted to the company of angels. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
6. (A child) God gave _____ life. _____ is now among the angels and saints. May God strengthen _____'s family and friends. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
7. For the family and friends of _____, that God may help them to hope in eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

8. For those who serve us in caring ministries, that they may experience God's presence in their work. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
9. For a deeper awareness of those in need, for a deeper appreciation of care-givers, and for a greater desire to serve the poor. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
10. That like _____, we may speak for peace and justice for all God's people. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
11. For us who are assembled here in faith, that we will be gathered again in God's Kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
12. That our tears for _____ may be turned into dancing in the awareness of the life that _____ experiences in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
13. That the Eucharist that we celebrate may make us thankful for the many gifts that God has showered upon us. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
14. That we may be able to turn over our fears and thoughts to God who gives us shelter and leads us by the quiet waters of peace. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
15. We ask God to embrace and welcome all of the deceased, especially those who have died without the companionship of family and friends. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: 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.

INSTRUCTIONS

Lector for first reading

Immediately after the opening prayer, while the people are sitting down, walk up to the ambo (pulpit) and take your place. You do not need to carry the reading with you. It will be on the ambo. Adjust the microphone to your height. Read the reading and finish with “The word of the Lord.” Step down from the ambo and return to your seat. Hints: Prepare ahead of time. Read it out loud multiple times. Read slowly. Pause at periods. Speak up because the audio system expects a strong voice.

Lector for the second reading

Immediately after the first reading, a responsorial song will be sung. When it is completed, walk up to the ambo (pulpit) and take your place. You do not need to carry the reading with you. It will be on the ambo. Adjust the microphone to your height. Read the reading and finish with “The word of the Lord.” Step down from the ambo and return to your seat. Hints: Prepare ahead of time. Read it out loud multiple times. Read slowly. Pause at periods. Speak up because the audio system expects a strong voice.

Reader of the Prayers of Intercessions

Immediately after the homily, the priest will return to his chair. While he is doing this, walk to the ambo (pulpit) and take your place. You do not need to carry the intercessions with you. They will be on the ambo. Adjust the microphone to your height. After the priest reads the short opening prayer, read the prayers of intercession. After the last one, remain at the ambo until the priest completes the closing prayer; then return to your seat. Hints: Prepare ahead of time. Read it out loud multiple times. Read slowly. Speak up because the audio system expects a strong voice. Look at the congregation occasionally. This is easier the more you prepare.

Gift Bearers

Immediately after the Prayers of Intercessions, walk to the rear of the church to get the gifts. One will carry the bread and one the wine. If there are others they will walk behind you. Carry them to the front and present them to the priest. After he has received them, return to your seat without bows or genuflections. Always walk slowly and reverently. There is no hurry.

For the funeral Mass of: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____

Date of Mass: _____ **Time:** _____ **Presider:** _____

Requested Hymns: If the family requests music, Rosemary Stone will plan all of it with the family. Call her directly at (561) 482-1414.

Readings: Family should choose one reading from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, one Gospel reading and five to eight intercessions.

First Reading: _____ **Lector:** _____

Second Reading: _____ **Lector:** _____

Gospel: _____ **Lector:** Read by priest

Intercessions: _____ **Lector:** _____

Gift Bearers:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Family Contact: _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Address: _____

Consolation Minister: _____ **Phone:** _____

Military Honors: _____ **Reception:** _____

Memorial to go to: _____

Eulogy: It is preferable that the eulogy be given at the pre-funeral visitation or at the post-funeral reception. If given at the end of Mass, only one short (5 minutes or less) eulogy is permitted. This remembrance must not be a mere travelogue or biography, but must be set in the context of Christian faith. It must be written and read, not "rambled."

REQUEST FORM
Funeral Preparations

TO: Maintenance Department, St. Jude Church

FROM: _____ **Phone:** _____
(Minister of Consolation)

Re: Funeral Set-up for Sanctuary

Date of Funeral: _____ **Time:** _____

Please set up:

_____ **Paschal candle in front of altar**

_____ **Ark in front of altar**

_____ **Small table for ashes in front of altar**
(with white table cloth)

_____ **Easel(s) for photos**

_____ **In front of altar**

_____ **In the foyer**

_____ **Table or lectern for Guest Book, Holy Cards, Programs etc. in foyer**

_____ **Small table halfway back center aisle for Gifts at Mass**
(with white table cloth)

Note: Minister of Consolation, please check items above that are necessary for the Funeral you are planning and put it in the "Maintenance Department" mail box as soon as possible, no less than 24hours prior to the Funeral.