

Attached are suggested Gospel readings you may consider for your loved one's funeral liturgy.

*Optional* readings you may consider include:

| <b><i>Scripture Passage</i></b>          | <b><i>Church Reference Number</i></b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Matthew 11:25-30                         | G-2                                   |
| Matthew 25:1-13                          | G-3                                   |
| Matthew 25:31-46                         | G-4 (long)                            |
| Matthew 25:31-40                         | G-4 (short)                           |
| Matthew 7:21, 24-27                      | G-5                                   |
| Matthew 5:13-16                          | G-6                                   |
| Matthew 6:25ff, 18:1ff                   | G-7                                   |
| Mark 10:13-16 (Use for a deceased child) | G-8                                   |
| Mark 10:6-9                              | G-9                                   |
| Luke 7:11-17                             | G-10                                  |
| Luke 15:11-32                            | G-11                                  |
| Luke 12:35-40                            | G-12                                  |
| Luke 24:36-49                            | G-13                                  |
| Luke 2:29-32                             | G-14                                  |
| John 5:24-29                             | G-15                                  |
| John 6:37-40                             | G-16                                  |
| John 11:21-27                            | G-18 (short)                          |
| John 12:23-26                            | G-19                                  |
| John 14:1-14                             | G-20 (long)                           |

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake  
of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and  
utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowd:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven:  
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread  
that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How  
can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will  
raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father,  
so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors  
who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

When Jesus arrived in Bethany he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God;  
have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not,  
would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take  
you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am  
going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, 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.

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Father, my disciples are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may  
see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the  
foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you,  
and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the  
love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.