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# ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Funeral Liturgy Planning Information

Selection of Readings for Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament choice#: \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament Choice #: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Choice #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Old Testament

1. Job 19:1,23-27 - **I know that my Redeemer lives.**
2. Wisdom 3:1-9 - **As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.**
3. Wisdom 4:7-15 - **An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.**
4. Isaiah 25:6-9 - **The Lord God will destroy death for ever.**
5. Lamentations 3:17-26 - **It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God.**
6. Daniel 12:1-3 - **Those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth will awake.**
7. Maccabees 12 :43-46 - **It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.**
8. Ecclesiasticus 44:10-15 - **His reputation will live forever.**
9. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - **There is an appointed time for everything.**
10. Proverbs 31:10-31 - **The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.**
11. Jeremiah 29:11-15 - **I will gather you together from all the nations.**
12. Isaiah 12:1-6 - **God indeed is my Savior, I am confident and unafraid.**

### New Testament

1. Acts 10:34-43 **God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone.**
2. Romans 5:5-11 **Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved.**
3. Romans 5:17-21 **Where sin increased, grace abounded more.**
4. Romans 6:3-9 **Let us walk in newness of life.**
5. Romans 8:14-23 **We groan while we wait for the redemption of bodies.**
6. Romans 8:31b-39 **Who can ever come between us and Christ's love.**
7. Romans 14:7-12 **Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.**
8. I Corinthians 15:20-28 **All people will be brought to life in Christ.**
9. I Corinthians 15:51-57 **Death is swallowed up in victory.**
10. II Corinthians 4:14-5:1 **What is unseen is eternal.**
11. II Corinthians 5:1,6:10 **We have an everlasting home in heaven.**
12. Philippians 3:20-21 **Jesus will transfigure to be like his glorious body.**
13. Thessalonians 4:13-18 **We shall stay with the Lord for ever.**
14. II Timothy 2:8-13 **If we have died with him, we shall live with him.**
15. I John 3:1-2 **We shall see God as he really is.**
16. I John 3:14-16 **We have passed from death to life because we are love.**
17. Revelation 14:13 **Happy are those who die in the Lord.**
18. Revelation 20:11-21:1 **The dead have been judged according to works.**
19. Revelation 21:1-7 **There will be no more death.**

## **GOSPEL | Old Testament**

1. Matthew 5:1-12 **Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great.**
2. Matthew 11:25-30 **Come to me and I will give you rest.**
3. Matthew 25:1-13 **Look the bridegroom comes, go out to meet him.**
4. Matthew 25:31-46 **Come, you whom my Father has blessed.**
5. Mark 15:33-39 **Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.**
6. Luke 7:11-17 **Young man, I say to you, rise.**
7. Luke 12:35-40 **Be prepared.**
8. Luke 23:33-43 **Today you will be with me in paradise.**
9. Luke 23:44-52 **Father, I put my life in your hands.**
10. Luke 24:13-35 **Christ should suffer so enter into his glory.**
11. John 5:24-29 **Hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.**
12. John 6:37-40 **I will raise them to life again on the last day.**
13. John 6:51-58 **I will raise them up on the last day.**
14. John 11:17-27 **I am the resurrection and the life.**
15. John 11:32-45 **Lazarus, come out.**
16. John 12:23-38 **If the grain falls and dies, it yields a rich harvest.**
17. John 14:1-6 **There are many rooms in my Father's house.**
18. John 19:17-18, 25-39 **And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.**

## LITURGICAL MUSIC

Parts of the Mass	
<b>Prelude</b>	1. Ave Maria - Schubert 2. Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled – GC3-869 3. You Are Mine – GC3-721 4. How Great Thou Art – GC3-578
Your Choice is #	
<b>Entrance</b>	1. Be Not Afraid – GC3-683 2. We Walk By Faith – GC3-680 3. Seek Ye First – GC3-658 4. Hosea – GC3-484
Your Choice is #	
<b>Psalm</b>	1. Psalm 23 – Shepherd Me, O God – GC3-35 2. Psalm 25 – To You, O Lord, I Life My Soul – GC3-39 3. Psalm 27 – The Lord is My Light and Salvation – GC3-41 4. Psalm 103 – The Lord is Kind and Merciful – GC3-75
Your Choice is #	
<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	1. Prayer of St. Francis "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" – GC3-828 2. Mercy, O God – GC3-480 3. I Have Loved You – GC3-588 4. Because the Lord is My Shepherd – Walker (Sheet Music)
Your Choice is #	
<b>Communion</b>	1. I Am the Bread of Life – GC3-945 2. On Eagle's Wings – GC3-691 3. Jesus, Remember Me – GC3-510 4. We Have Been Told – GC3-784 5. One Bread, One Body – GC3-932 6. Taste and See – GC3-930 7. Precious Lord, Take My Hand – GC3-955 8. Panis Angelicus – Sheet Music
Your Choice are # #	
<b>Commendation</b>	1. Song of Farewell – GC3-163
Your Choice is #	
<b>Recessional</b>	1. On Eagle's Wings – GC3-691 2. Take Me Home – GC3-866 3. Amazing Grace – GC3-645 4. There is a Place – GC3-979 5. The Hand of God Shall Hold You – GC3-981 6. The King of Love My Shepherd Is – GC3-712
Your Choice is #	

- **OLD TESTAMENT** -

1. Job 19:1,23-27 - I know that my Redeemer lives

*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 reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord ....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

**2. Wisdom 3:1-9 (short form, 3:1-6, 9) - As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.**

*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 reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

### **3. Wisdom 4:7-15 - An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.**

#### ***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.

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

#### **4. Isaiah 25:6-9 - The Lord God will destroy death for ever**

##### ***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 reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## **5. Lamentations 3:17-26 - It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God**

### ***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 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 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 reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**



## **6. Daniel 12:1-3 - Those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth will awake**

### ***A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel***

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned  
and 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 reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## **7. Maccabees 12:43-46 - It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again**

### ***A reading from the second Book of Maccabees***

Judas, the ruler of Israel,

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 reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## **8. Ecclesiasticus 44:10-15 - His reputation will live forever**

*A reading from the book of Sirach*

Yet these also were godly;  
    their virtues have not been forgotten.  
Their wealth remains in their families,  
    their heritage with their descendants.  
Through God's covenant their family endures,  
    and their offspring for their sake.  
And for all time their progeny will endure,  
    their glory will never be blotted out;  
Their bodies are buried in peace,  
    but their name lives on and on.  
At gatherings their wisdom is retold,  
    and the assembly proclaims their praises.

**The reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord ....  
(all reply) Thanks be to God.

## 9. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - There is an appointed time for everything

*A reading from the second Book of Maccabees*

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.

**The reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

## **10.Proverbs 31:10-31 - The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised**

### *A reading from the book of Sirach*

An excellent wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,

and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,

all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,

and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant;

she brings her food from afar.

She rises while it is yet night

and provides food for her household

and portions for her maidens.

She considers a field and buys it;

with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She dresses herself[b] with strength

and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,

and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor

and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of snow for her household,

for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

She makes bed coverings for herself;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the gates  
when he sits among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she delivers sashes to the merchant.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the gates.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## **11. Jeremiah 29:11-15 I will gather you together from all the nations**

### *A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah*

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope.

Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me,  
I will hear you.

When you search for me,  
you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,  
I will let you find me, says the Lord,  
and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and  
all the places where I have driven you,  
says the Lord,  
and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Because you have said, “The Lord has raised up prophets for us in  
Babylon,”—

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord ....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

**12. Isaiah 12:1-6 God indeed is my Savior; I am confident and  
unafraid.**

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

On that day, you will say:

I give you thanks, O LORD;  
though you have been angry with me,  
your anger has abated, and you have consoled me.

God indeed is my salvation.

I am confident and unafraid.  
For the LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has been my salvation.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the fountains of salvation,

And you will say on that day:

give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
Among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.

Sing praise to the LORD for he has done glorious things;

let this be known throughout all the earth.  
Shout with exultation, City of Zion,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel!

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**



**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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

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.

He guides me in right paths

for his name sake.

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

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

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

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

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

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for years to come.

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

**R/. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,

and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,

because of your goodness, O LORD.

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Relieve the troubles of my heart;

And bring me out of my distress.

Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;

and take away all my sins. R/.

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Preserve my life and rescue me;

let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,

Because I wait for you, O LORD. R/.

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

**R/. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

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?

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

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.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

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.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

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.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

**R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R/.

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.  
For he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust. R/.

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Man's days are like those of grass;  
like a flower of the field he blooms;  
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,  
and his place knows him no more. R/.

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity,  
to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice toward children's children  
among those who keep his covenant  
and remember to fulfill his precepts. R/.

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## NEW TESTAMENT

### 1. **Acts 10:34-43** God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.

#### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

"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 to the children of Israel  
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 all that 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 reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

## **2. Romans 5:5-11 Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved**

### ***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans***

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.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

### 3. **Romans 5:17-21** Where sin increased, grace abounded more

#### *A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

If, because of the one man's trespass,  
death exercised dominion through that one,  
much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace  
and the free gift of righteousness  
exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all,  
so, one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.  
For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,  
so, by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.  
But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied;  
but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,  
so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death,  
so, grace might also exercise dominion through justification  
leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The reader acclaims:** **The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply)** **Thanks be to God.**

#### 4. **Romans 6:3-9** Let us walk in newness of life

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

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.

**The reader acclaims:** **The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply)** **Thanks be to God.**



## 5. **Romans 8:14-23** We groan while we wait for the redemption of bodies

### *A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption.  
When we cry, "Abba! Father!"  
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs,  
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ  
-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.  
I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.  
For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the revealing of the children of God;  
for the creation was subjected to futility,  
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay  
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.  
We know that the whole creation  
has been groaning in labor pains until now;  
and not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies.

**The reader acclaims:** **The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply)** **Thanks be to God.**

## **6. Romans 8:31b-39 Who can ever come between us and Christ's love**

### *A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

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.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

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## 7. **Romans 14:7-12** Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.  
If we live, we live to the Lord,  
and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.  
For to this end Christ died and lived again,  
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.  
Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?  
Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?  
For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.  
For it is written,  
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."  
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**The reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

## 8. **I Corinthians 15:20-28** All people will be brought to life in Christ

### *A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

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.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## 9. I Corinthians 15:51-57 Death is swallowed up in victory

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

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.

**The reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

## 10. **II Corinthians 4:14-5:1** What is unseen is eternal

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

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.

**The reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

## 11. II Corinthians 5:1,6:10 We have an everlasting home in heaven

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.  
Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.  
Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.  
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## **12. Philippians 3:20-21 Jesus will transfigure to be like his glorious body**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians*

Our citizenship is in heaven,  
and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior,  
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.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**



### 13. **Thessalonians 4:13-18** We shall stay with the Lord for ever

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

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.

**The reader acclaims:** **The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply)** **Thanks be to God.**

**14. II Timothy 2:8-13 If we have died with him, we shall live with him**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy*

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.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## 15. I John 3:1-2 We shall see God as he really is

*A reading from the first letter of John*

See what love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called children of God;  
and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

**The reader acclaims:** The Word of the Lord....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

**16. I John 3:14-16 We have passed from death to life because we are love**

*A reading from the first letter of John*

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.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

**17. Revelation 14:13 Happy are those who die in the Lord**

*A reading from the book of Revelation*

I heard a voice from heaven saying,

"Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord."

"Yes," says the Spirit,

"they will rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them."

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## **18. Revelation 20:11-21:1 The dead have been judged according to works**

### *A reading from the book of Revelation*

I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it;  
the earth and the heaven fled from his presence,  
and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne,  
and books were opened.

Also, another book was opened, the book of life.

And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books.

And the sea gave up the dead that were in it,

Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them,  
and all were judged according to what they had done.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

This is the second death, the lake of fire;

and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life  
was thrown into the lake of fire.

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.

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## 19. **Revelation 21:1-7** There will be no more death

### *A reading from the book of Revelation*

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."

**The reader acclaims: The Word of the Lord....**

**(all reply) Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

### 1. **Matthew 5:1-12** Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

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 celebrant acclaims:** The Word of the Lord....

(all reply) Thanks be to God.

## 2. **Matthew 11:25-30** Come to me and I will give you rest

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



### **3. Matthew 25:1-13 Look the bridegroom comes, go out to meet him**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

"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 celebrant acclaims: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

#### 4. **Matthew 25:31-46** Come, you whom my Father has blessed

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

"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.'

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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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## 5. **Mark 15:33-39** Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

When it was noon,  
darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.  
At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,  
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"  
which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,  
"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."  
And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine,  
put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink,  
saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."  
Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.  
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.  
Now when the centurion, who stood facing him,  
saw that in this way he breathed his last,  
he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"  
When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene,  
and Mary the mother of James, and Salome  
bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.  
And very early on the first day of the week,  
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.  
They had been saying to one another,  
"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"  
When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large,  
had already been rolled back.  
As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,  
dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side;  
and they were alarmed.

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But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed;  
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.  
Look, there is the place they laid him."

**The celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**6. Luke 7:11-17 Young man, I say to you, rise**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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 favorably on his people!"  
This word about him spread throughout Judea  
and all the surrounding country.

**The celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## 7. Luke 12:35-40 Be prepared

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## 8. **Luke 23:33-43** Today you will be with me in paradise

*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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## 9. **Luke 23:44-52** Father, I put my life in your hands

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



## **10. Luke 24:13-35 Christ should suffer so enter into his glory**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (24:13-35)*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus,  
about seven miles from Jerusalem,  
and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing,  
Jesus himself came near and went with them,  
but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them,

"What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

"Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem  
who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the  
people,  
and how our chief priests and leaders  
handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took  
place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

They were at the tomb early this morning,  
and when they did not find his body there,  
they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels  
who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb  
and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

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Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are,  
and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!  
Was it not necessary that the Messiah  
should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"  
Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.  
As they came near the village to which they were going,  
he walked ahead as if he were going on.  
But they urged him strongly, saying,  
"Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly  
over."  
So he went in to stay with them.  
When he was at the table with them,  
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;  
and he vanished from their sight.  
They said to each other,  
"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he was talking to us on the road,  
while he was opening the scriptures to us?"  
That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;  
and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.  
They were saying,  
"The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"  
Then they told what had happened on the road,  
and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**The celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

# **11. John 5:24-29 Hears my word and believes has passed from death to life**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**(all reply)** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **12. John 6:37-40 I will raise them to life again on the last day**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;  
for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will,  
but the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,  
but raise it up on the last day.

This is indeed the will of my Father,  
that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life;  
and I will raise them up on the last day."

**The celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### 13. **John 6:51-58** I will raise them up on the last day

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John (6:51-59)*

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;

and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

So Jesus said to them,

"Very truly, I tell you,

unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you have no life in you.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,

and I will raise them up on the last day;

for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father,

so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven,

not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died.

But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

**The celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### 14. **John 11:17-27** I am the resurrection and the life

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## 15. **John 11:32-45** Lazarus, come out

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

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."

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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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **16. John 12:23-38 If the grain falls and dies, it yields a rich harvest**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

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 honor.

"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 reader acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



## 17. **John 14:1-6** There are many rooms in my Father's house

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

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 celebrant acclaims:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**18. John 19:17-18, 25-39 And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,  
he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,  
in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others,  
one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother  
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved,  
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."

Then he said to the disciple,  
"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished,  
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,  
Jesus said, "I thirst."

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop  
and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,  
"It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,  
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath,  
for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,  
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken  
and they be taken down.

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So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first  
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.  
But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,  
they did not break his legs,  
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,  
and immediately Blood and water flowed out.  
An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;  
he knows that he is speaking the truth,  
so that you also may come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:  
Not a bone of it will be broken.  
And again another passage says:  
They will look upon him whom they have pierced.  
After this, Joseph of Arimathea,  
secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,  
asked Pilate if he could remove the Body of Jesus.  
And Pilate permitted it.  
So he came and took his Body.

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night,  
also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes  
weighing about one hundred pounds.

**The reader acclaims: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**(all reply) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**