

# Church of the Incarnation

## Catholic Funeral Liturgy Planning



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## **Funerals in the Catholic Church**

The Catholic Church sees the death of a Christian as the end of the earthly pilgrimage and the beginning of a new and eternal life with God. The rites of the Church reflect this belief. The rites of the Church aim to assist the dead with the prayers of the Church for their eternal salvation in Jesus Christ and to aid the family and friends of the deceased in their time of loss and sorrow with a message of hope and consolation in Jesus Christ.

**The focus of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy is God.** The Church praises God for His goodness and for the gifts of life and love which He bestows and are experienced by the deceased. In the Funeral Liturgy, the Church turns to God in faith for the reward of eternal life for those who believe in God and lived for God in this life. The Church also prays to God for the healing and consolation of those who mourn.

**The Funeral Liturgy is an aid for both the living and dead.** As we gather to pray for our beloved dead we are strengthened and renewed in our faith so that we can commit ourselves to loving God and living our lives in Jesus Christ. The dead are assisted by our prayers for the forgiveness of their sins and for their entrance into eternal life with the saints in glory.

The Funeral Liturgy is closely tied with the Rites of Baptism, when the promise of eternal life in Christ is first given to those who believe. The ritual symbols of water, the paschal candle, the pall, the Word of God, and the journey to the altar, all recall the journey that begins for the Catholic in baptism.

**For a Catholic, the normative celebration of a funeral is the Funeral Mass.** The Funeral Mass is always celebrated in the church. A Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass may be celebrated at the funeral home- the rite remains the same with the exception that the Liturgy of the Eucharist is omitted.

**Funeral Masses and Cremation:** When cremation is chosen, the cremation should take place after the Funeral Mass, the Catholic Church prefers that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral Mass. If cremation is completed beforehand, a Funeral Mass can still be arranged.

**Burial of Cremated Remains:** The Catholic Church does not allow for the scattering of the cremated remains of the faithful. Cremains are to be treated with the same respect as the body. The cremains are to be interred in the ground or placed in a columbarium. Cremated remains of the faithful should never be stored or placed on a mantel or in a closet.

**Funeral Visitation at Church:** A visitation may be held at the church Monday-Friday prior to the funeral mass. The visitation is limited to one hour. Tribute videos and recordings are not permitted. There is an additional visitation fee.

**Music:** The primary purpose of music in any liturgy is to help people pray. Music plays an important part in the funeral liturgy and adds great beauty and solemnity to the prayers of the Church. As in the case with all Catholic liturgical assemblies, music during a funeral mass can help focus peoples' attention on their Catholic faith by expressing hopes, beliefs, and expressions of faith in a way that the spoken word cannot. The parish will provide the musicians and cantor. The music chosen shall be music written for liturgy, secular music is not permitted. The family may choose four hymns (gathering, preparation, communion, departure) and a responsorial psalm. A list of hymns and responsorial psalms will be provided.

**Scripture Readings:** At funeral liturgies there is a reading from the Old Testament followed by a reading from the New Testament and then the Gospel. The family is invited to choose from among the designated selections of readings. The family may appoint a person to do the First and Second Reading.

**Remembrance:** After the opening hymn and prayer a family member may share words of remembrance. Only one person may speak, the text shall be written, and the remembrance shall not exceed five minutes. Remembrances are best shared at the funeral home. Your funeral director will be happy to assist you.

**Funeral Receptions:** Families may request to use the Parish Activities Center following a funeral as long as a room is available. Use of the designated room will be limited to 2.5 hours.

There will be no charge for the room.

The Parish does not have a reception ministry and therefore all preparation, food service and cleanup is the responsibility of the family.

*No Alcohol is permitted*

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## Policy of Giving a Remembrance of the Deceased

*It is extremely important for the person giving the remembrance to be sensitive to the liturgical tone set by the ritual Order of Christian Funerals.*

A remembrance of the deceased is a way of placing the life of the deceased and the present experience of loss within the context of faith. How was the deceased's life an imitation of Christ? How was he/she a person of sharing healing, helping, feeding building teaching, etc.?

There are definite religious/theological themes that permeate funerals. These are evident in the prayers of the Mass and in the readings from Scripture. What can be said about how God worked in the life of the deceased? How did the deceased share a unique, holy life with family, friends, church, and community?

**The remembrance is an opportunity to deepen the assembly's faith.**

What can be said about the deceased that helps or encourages the assembly? Keep in mind that you are participating in the sacred funeral rites of the Church and the sacred funeral rites of a relative or friend. The text of the remembrance must be written. The length of the remembrance shall not exceed 5 minutes and be delivered by one person. The text of the remembrance must be approved by the Priest or his delegate.

This policy is not meant to squelch remembrances, but experience has taught that remembrances are the "wild card" most prone to disaster, with some rambling, some unintelligible and others making extremely inappropriate remarks and comments (words, slurs)-things that destroy all that has just occurred in the sacred liturgy. If the speaker must request 'pardon' from the priest before making a statement- that statement is best left unsaid. All these cases have indeed happened in the past, and nobody wants them to happen to you.

\*Remembrances may be given at the Funeral Home. The funeral director will assist you in arranging a time during the visitation to accomplish this goal.

# Old Testament Reading

Choose One

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

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. The Lord is good to those that wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

(Short Pause)

## **The Word of the Lord**

(Lamentations 3:23-26) The favors of the Lord are not exhausted.

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

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is 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 enjoys the success of her dealings, and she works with loving hands -at night, her lamp is undimmed.

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

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom, on her tongue is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household, and she eats not her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her; "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all."

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.

### **The Word of the Lord**

(Proverbs 31:10-15, 19-20, 25-28) The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.



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

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 the  
elect.

## **The Word of the Lord**

(Wisdom 3:1-6, 9) Those who trust in Him shall understand truth.

## **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

Rise up in splendor!

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines and over you appear his glory.

You shall know that I, the Lord, am your savior, your redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

No longer shall the sun be your light by day, nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night.

The Lord shall be your light forever your God shall be your glory.

No longer shall your sun go down or your moon withdraw, for the Lord will be your light forever, and the days of your mourning shall be at an end.

(Short Pause)

### **The Word of the Lord**

(Isaiah 60: 1-2, 16, 19-20) The Lord will be your light forever.

## **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord is God from of old, creator  
of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary, and his  
knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

He gives power to the faint, abundant  
strength to the weak.

Though young men faint and grow weary, and  
youths stagger and fall,

They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they  
will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow  
weary, walk, and not grow faint.

(Short Pause)

## **The Word of the Lord**

(Isaiah 40:28-31) They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

## **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will  
provide for all peoples  
A feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich  
food and pure, choice wines.

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:  
"Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he  
saved us!  
This is the LORD to whom we looked; let us rejoice  
and be glad that he has saved us!"

(Short Pause)

### **The Word of the Lord**

(Isaiah 25:6-9) The Lord God will destroy death forever.

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

My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials.

Be sincere of heart and steadfast, and do not be impetuous in time of adversity.

Cling to him, do not leave him, that you may prosper in your last days.

Accept whatever happens to you; in periods of humiliation be patient.

For in fire gold is tested, and the chosen, in the crucible of humiliation.

Trust in God, and he will help you; make your ways straight and hope in him.

You that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, do not stray lest you fall.

You that fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not be lost.

You that fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy,

Consider the generations long past and see:

Has anyone trusted in the Lord and been disappointed?

Has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken?

Has anyone called upon him and been ignored?

### **The Word of the Lord**

(Sirach 2: 1-11) For the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

Let those who are friendly to you be many, but  
one in a thousand your confidant.

Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever  
finds one finds a treasure.

Faithful friends are beyond price,  
no amount can balance their worth.

Faithful friends are life-saving medicine;  
those who fear God will find them.

Those who fear the Lord enjoy stable friendship, for  
as they are, so will their neighbors be.

(Short Pause)

The Word of the Lord

(Sirach 6: 6, 14-17) Faithful friends are lifesaving medicine.

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

Everything has its time. 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,

He has made everything suitable for its time. I know whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it.

### **The Word of the Lord**

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11,14) There is an appointed time for everything.

## **A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel**

For thus says the Lord God:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the foreign lands; will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel.

In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly.

## **The Word of the Lord**

(Ezekiel 34: 11-14, 15-16) I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest.



# Responsorial Psalm

## Choose One

**Psalm 23:**

**Refrain Option I:** My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

**Refrain Option II:** The Lord is my shepherd; nothing shall I want;  
in verdant pastures he gives me repose.

**Refrain Option III:** Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond  
my fears, from death into life.

**Psalm 25:**

**Refrain:** To you O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

**Psalm 27:**

**Retrain:** The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be  
afraid, of whom should I be afraid.

**Psalm 63:**

**Refrain:** My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for  
you, O Lord my God.

**Psalm 103:**

**Refrain:** The Lord is kind and merciful: the Lord is kind and merciful, Slow  
to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful.

**Psalm 131:**

**Refrain:** In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

# New Testament Reading

## Choose One

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

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
"Behold God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said,

"Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts and I shall be his God."

## **The Word of the Lord**

{Revelations 21:1-5, 6-7) There will be no more death.

## **A reading from the first letter of St. John**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so 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 shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

(Short Pause)

## **The Word of the Lord**

(1 John 3: 1-2) We shall see God as he really is.

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

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

"Death is 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.

(Short Pause)

### **The Word of the Lord**

(1 Corinthians 15: 51-57) Death is swallowed up by victory

## **A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For 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.

(Short Pause)

### **The Word of the Lord**

(2 Corinthians 4:14, 5:1) What is seen is transitory, what is unseen is eternal.

## **A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

For 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.

So, 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 one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

(Short Pause)

### **The Word of the Lord**

(2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10) We have an everlasting home in heaven.



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

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

(Short Pause)

### **The Word of the Lord**

(Romans 6: 34, 8-9) We have died with Christ, we believe we will also live with Him.

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

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother or sister?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother or sister?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So, then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

(Short Pause)

### **The Word of the Lord**

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

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

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

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

if we persevere, we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him, he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

### **The Word of the Lord**

(2 Timothy 2: 8-13) If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

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

For I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought the good fight to the end;  
I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that  
day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his  
appearance.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so  
that through me the proclamation might be completed,  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.  
And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Word of the Lord**

(2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18) The crown of righteousness awaits me.

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

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus, we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.

### **The Word of the Lord**

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) We shall stay with the Lord forever.

# Gospel Reading

## Choose One

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Amen, amen, say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to 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 also did he give to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

(John 5:24-29) Whoever hears my word and believes, has passed from death into life.

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowds,

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

(John 6:37-40) shall raise him on the last day.



## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowds:

"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.**

(John 6:51-58) Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

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.**

(John 11:21-27) I am the resurrection and the Life.

## **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.**

(John 14:1-6) I am the way, the truth, and the life.

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us."

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation?"

And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

(Luke 23: 33, 39-43) Today you will be with me in paradise.

## **A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark**

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah."

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

(Mark 15: 33-39) Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

When he saw the crowds, he 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, 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.**

(Matthew 5: 1-12a) Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

At that time Jesus said,

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

(Matthew 11:25-30) Come to me and I will give you rest.

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations\* will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who 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 drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,

naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous\* will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

(Matthew 25: 31-40) Come, you whom my Father has blessed.



Select  
3 Hymns  
&  
1 Communion  
Hymn

## *Funeral Music Selection*

### Options for Communion

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 949 - Alleluia, Sing to Jesus            |                                    |
| 645 - Amazing Grace                      | 735 - Blest are They               |
| 683 - Be Not Afraid                      | 728 - Eye Has Not Seen             |
| 766 - City of God                        | 940 - Gift of Finest Wheat         |
| 884 - For All the Saints                 | 578 - How Great Thou Art           |
| 606 - Glory and Praise to Our God        | 945 - I Am the Bread of life       |
| 889 - Hail Mary: Gentle Woman            | 916 - I Received the Living God    |
| 777 - Here I Am, Lord                    | 918 - In the Breaking of the Bread |
| 615 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name       | 932 - One Bread, One Body          |
| 685 - How Can I Keep from Singing        | 924 - Song of the Body of Christ   |
| 578 - How Great Thou Art                 | 950 - Take and Eat                 |
| 972 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives      | 930 - Taste and See                |
| 510 - Jesus Remember Me                  | 653 - There Is a Longing           |
| 614 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore            | 681 - We Remember                  |
| 646 - Keep in Mind                       | 871 - We Shall Rise                |
| 829 - Let there Be Peace on Earth        | 940 - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart |
| 881 - Lift High the Cross                |                                    |
| 402 - Like a Shepherd                    |                                    |
| 663 - Lord of All Hopefulness            |                                    |
| 641 - Love Divine All Love Excelling     |                                    |
| 636 - Now Thank We All Our God           |                                    |
| 688 - O God Our Help in Ages Past        |                                    |
| 691 - On Eagle's Wings                   |                                    |
| 616 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty   |                                    |
| 613 - Praise, My Soul, King of Heaven    |                                    |
| 828 - Prayer of St. Francis              |                                    |
| 955 - Precious Lord, Take My Hand        |                                    |
| 713 - Quietly, Peacefully                |                                    |
| 519 - Sing to the Mountains              |                                    |
| 539 - Sing with All the Saints in Glory  |                                    |
| 712 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is    |                                    |
| 573 - To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King |                                    |
| 592 - We Are the Light of the World      |                                    |
| 680 - We Walk by Faith                   |                                    |
| 721 - You Are Mine                       |                                    |