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Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. *Luke 23:42*
If God is for us, who can be against us? *Romans 8:31*

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Dear Friends,

We hope the Funeral Mass celebration at our church will bring peace and healing for you and your loved ones. Our parish family also prays for you.

This document is intended to guide you for the biblical readings and hymns for the Funeral Mass. Please know, however, that we are glad to select these readings and musical selections for you, if this is your preference.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. We would love to hear from you. If you need to reach our music director, Linda Chapman, please call: 973.584.9459.

You may also contact me at your convenience.

In Christ's Peace,

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Section 1. Old Testament / 1st Reading

Please select 1 from “Section 1”

OLD TESTAMENT READING “row 101”

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

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 Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **“row 102”**
(Longer form)

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

**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.
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord shall be their King forever.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.**

The Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING “row 103”

(Shorter form)

A reading from the book of Wisdom (Wisdom 3:1-6, 9)

**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 Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **“row 104”**

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

**The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported -
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the
whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become
perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.**

The Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **“row 105”**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 25:6A, 7-9)

**On this mountain the Lord of hosts will
provide for all peoples.**

**On this mountain he will destroy the veil
that veils all peoples, the web that is woven
over all nations;**

**he will destroy death forever. The Lord
God will wipe away the tears from all faces;
the reproach of his people he will remove from
the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.**

On that day it will be said:

**“Behold our God, to whom we
looked to save us!**

**This is the lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has
saved us!”**

The Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING “row 106”

A reading from the book of Lamentations (Lam 3:17-26)

**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 Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING “row 107”

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

(Daniel 12:1-3)

I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord;

“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **“row 108”**

A reading from the second book of Maccabees
(2 Macc 12:43-46)

Judas (the ruler of Israel) then 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, in as much as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **“row 109”**

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (Eccl 3:1-8, 14-15)
(“Eh-klee-zee-as-tees”)

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

A time to be born, 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 sow; 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.

I recognize that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

The Word of the Lord.

Section 2. New Testament / 2nd Reading

Please select 1 from “Section 2”

NEW TESTAMENT READING “row 201”
(Longer form)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-43)

**Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:
“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all of 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 Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 202”**
(Shorter form)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-36, 42-43)

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 203”**

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

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 204”**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(Romans 5:17-21)

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 205”**
(Longer form)

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

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.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 206”**
(Shorter form)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(Romans 6:3-4, 8-9)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 207”**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
(Romans 8:14-23)

Those 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 received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God: for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 208”**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 209”**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12)

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. 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 account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 210”**
(Longer form)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1 Cor 15:20-23, 24b-28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.” But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the One who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 211”**
(Shorter form)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1 Cor 15:20-23)

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

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 212”**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1 Cor 15:1-57)

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 that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that 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.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 213”**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(2 Cor 4:14-5:1)

We know 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.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 214”**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(2 Cor 5:1, 6-10)

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.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 215”**

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

**Our citizenship is in heaven, and
from it we also await a savior, the Lord
Jesus Christ.**

**He will change our lowly body to
conform with his glorified body by the
power that enables him also to bring all
things into subjection to himself.**

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 216”**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians
(1 Thes 4:13-18)

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 217”**

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

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 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 218”**

A reading from the 2nd letter of Saint Paul to Timothy
(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

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

**I have competed well; 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.**

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 219”**

A reading from the first letter of John (John 3:1-2)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 220”**

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

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 221”**

A reading from the book of Revelation (Rev 14:13)

**I heard a voice from heaven say,
“Write this: Blessed are the dead who
die in the Lord from now on.”**

**“Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find
rest from their labors, for their works
accompany them.”**

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 222”**

A reading from the book of Revelation (Rev 20:11, 21:1)

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.)

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then 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.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 223”**

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

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, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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, and he will be my son.”

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **“row 224”**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
(1Cor 12:31-13:8a)

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

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Section 3. MUSIC SUGGESTIONS / SELECTIONS

Usually, 4 sacred songs or hymns are selected for the Funeral Mass. However, you need not select all 4 songs. We are happy to select songs that are appropriate for the occasion and liturgical season. These are some suggested pieces for your consideration. These songs below may be moved to different parts of the Funeral or Memorial Mass.

Gathering/Processional Song - SELECT 1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Here I Am Lord ● Be Not Afraid ● We Will Rise Again 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I Am the Bread of Life ● Amazing Grace ● I Heard the Voice of Jesus
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Responsorial Psalm - SELECT 1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shepherd Me O God, Psalm 23 ● The Lord is my Shepherd, Psalm 23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To You O Lord I lift my soul, Psalm 25 ● The Lord is My Light and My Salvation, Psalm 27
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Offertory Song - SELECT 1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You Are Mine ● Here I am Lord ● Prayer of St. Francis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The King of Love My Shepherd Is ● Precious Lord, Take My Hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On Eagle's Wings ● Shepherd of My Heart ● Blest Are They
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Communion Song - SELECT 1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I Am the Bread of Life ● Shepherd of My Heart ● We Remember ● On Eagle's Wings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How Great Thou Art ● One Bread One Body ● Eye Has Not Seen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You Are Mine ● Come To me ● Behold the Lamb
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Recessional Song - SELECT 1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On Eagle's Wings ● How Great Thou Art ● I Know that My Redeemer Lives ● We Will Rise Again 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jerusalem My Destiny ● Take Me Home ● Be Not Afraid ● Amazing Grace
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Section 4: Order of the Funeral Mass Ritual

TEMPLATE FOR THE ORDER OF MASS

1. Introductory Rites

Reception of the Body, at halfway point of benches and main sanctuary of the church, with pallbearers.


Priest: The Lord Be With You. **All:** And With Your Spirit

Sprinkling of the Body, the Casket, with Holy Water



Gathering / Processional Song

2. LITURGY OF THE WORD

- First Reading: Old Testament
-  Responsorial Psalm: Book of Psalms
- Second Reading: New Testament
- Gospel Reading

Before Gospel proclamation:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to... [Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John]

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Proclamation / Reading of the Gospel. *After the Gospel:*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

- Homily

3. **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**



Offertory Song

Gifts of Bread and Wine are brought from a table in the midpoint of the pews/sanctuary and brought forward to the priest at the altar.

- *Sanctus*: “Hosanna in the Highest”
- Eucharistic Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer / Our Father
- Lamb of God
- Sign of Peace:

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.



Communion Song

4. **CONCLUDING RITES / FINAL BLESSING**



Recessional Song

Section 5 Prayer of the Faithful, General Format

[*Prayer of the Faithful for Catholic Funeral Mass* The following is a **Prayer of the Faithful** (also known as the Universal Prayer or General Intercessions) suitable for a Catholic Funeral Mass. It follows the liturgical structure outlined in the Roman Missal and Order of Christian Funerals, with intentions progressing from the deceased to the broader Church and world]

Priest/Deacon Introduces: Brothers and sisters, God is merciful and hears the prayers of his people.

Let us pray for [Name _____] and for all our needs.

READER/LECTOR: Our response is: [R: “Lord, hear our prayer”]

- **In Baptism, [Name _____] died with Christ to sin and rose with him to new life.** Through the merits of his passion and death, grant pardon and peace and the joy of your kingdom, *we pray.* [R: Lord, hear our prayer]
- **For the family and friends of [Name _____],** that they may find comfort in the Lord's promise of resurrection and strength in grief, *we pray.* [R: Lord, hear our prayer]
- **For all who cared for [Name _____] in life,** for those who served with compassion, that they may be blessed with grace and the reward of life everlasting, *we pray.* [R: Lord, hear our prayer.]
- **For the Church,** that she may be seen as a sign of new life and community at times of both sorrow and joy, *we pray.* [R: Lord, hear our prayer.]
- **For all the faithful departed,** that they may be gathered into the eternal dwelling place of heaven, where sorrow and pain are no more, *we pray.* [R: Lord, hear our prayer.]

Priest/Deacon concludes: God, our shelter and strength, hear the prayers of your family and through Christ, the resurrection and the life, bring N. and all the departed to the joys of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Section 6: Index of Biblical Readings

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224	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a	Not in Book	New-T_20

Section 7: Suggested Gospel Readings for Funerals

Note: The Gospel Reading of the Funeral Mass is usually selected by the priest.

	Biblical Book Reference	Theme	Catholic Funeral Rites
1	Matthew 5:1-12a	The Beatitudes (Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven)	1
2	Matthew 11:25-30	"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest".	2
3	Matthew 25:1-13	The Parable of the Ten Virgins (Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him)	3
4	Matthew 25:31-46	The Judgment of the Nations (Come, you who are blessed by my Father).	4
5	Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6	The Death and Resurrection of Jesus (Longer or shorter form)	5
6	Luke 7:11-17	The raising of the widow's son (Young man, I say to you, arise).	6
7	Luke 12:35-40	Be prepared for the coming of the Lord.	7
8	Luke 23:33, 39-43	The Good Thief (Today you will be with me in paradise).	8
9	Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a	Father, I put my life into your hands.	9
10	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus (Longer or shorter form)	10
11	John 5:24-29	Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.	11
12	John 6:37-40	All who believe in the Son will have eternal life.	12
13	John 6:51-58	All who eat this bread will live forever.	13
14	John 11:17-27	"I am the resurrection and the life".	14
15	John 11:32-45	The raising of Lazarus (Lazarus, come out).	15
16	John 12:23-28	If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.	16
17	John 14:1-6	"In my Father's house are many rooms".	17
18	John 17:24-26	"I wish that where I am they also may be"	18
19	John 19:17-18	Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.	19