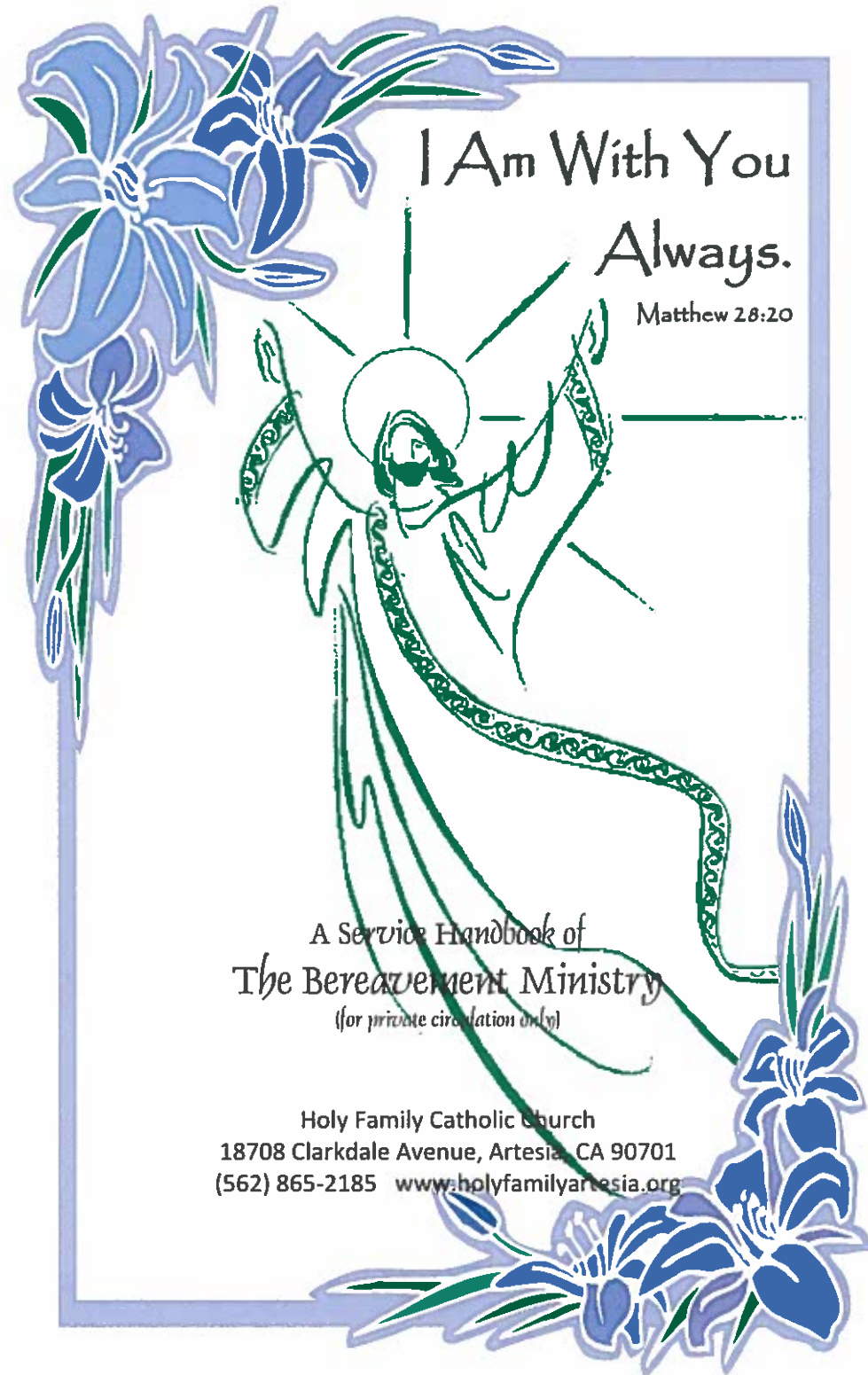




*The Bereavement Ministry
is composed of volunteer lay parishioners
of Holy Family Catholic Church
who do this service out of love
for God and their neighbors.*



Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Associate Pastors and the Parish Community of Holy Family Church, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy at the loss of your loved one.

"If one member suffers in the body of Christ, which is the church, all the members suffer with that member" (1 Corinthians 12:26). As members of one Holy Family, please know that we are with you to help and support you during this most difficult and painful time. For this reason, a Bereavement Team from our parish will contact and assist you in the planning of the Vigil Service, Funeral or Memorial Mass, and offer ways for family and friends to be personally involved. Please let them know any other ways they can be of service.

This booklet contains the Outline of the Funeral Planning Process to help you plan the services. The rest of the booklet contains the Scripture readings appropriate for the Catholic Funeral Rite. They are beautiful passages of comfort, peace and hope. We invite you to reflect on them and to choose one First Reading, Second Reading, Responsorial Psalm and General Intercessions which will be included in the liturgy.

May God's strength and comfort be with you.

Holy Family Church



Honoring the Memory of our Departed Loved Ones

MEMORIAL CANDLE

It is an age old tradition for many peoples and cultures around the world to light candles for religious and spiritual reasons. We lovingly light candles to remember and honor our beloved dead. Lighted candles draw us to prayer. Lighted candles draw us close to God.

At the vestibule of our church is a sacred space where we can light a memorial candle should we wish to remember and honor the memory of our departed loved ones who have gone home ahead of us. The cost for maintaining a vigil candle is \$175.00 for 12 months and \$300.00 for 24 months. Each candle will include a personalized inscription with the name and date of birth and death of the soul for whom the candle is dedicated. A maximum of two persons may be inscribed on the memorial plate with the dates of birth and death or as the space of the bronze plate allows.

As we look at the memorial candles that are lit in honor of our loved ones, our prayer is that God may grant eternal rest to those who went ahead of us and that the peace and comfort of Christ may be in our hearts as well.

To light a candle in memory of your loved one, contact the Rectory Office at (562) 865-2185 for reservation and more information.



Items to Consider/Things To Do

Who, What, Where, When, Why, How

There are many factors to consider when planning for a funeral or vigil service.

1. Coordinating services with the mortuary and church
2. Availability of space and times for services
3. Costs/donations involved with services
4. Flyer announcing Viewing, Vigil Service, Funeral Mass, Internment, & Reception dates, times, & locations
5. Selecting readings and music for funeral mass
6. Considering which family/friends may want to be included in the service (Readers, Gift Bearers, Pall Bearers, etc.)
7. Worship Aids for the Funeral Mass
8. Out of town guests expected? Arrival dates & lodging
9. Any special requests/needs to be considered
10. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eulogy, any handicap issues, etc.



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OUTLINE OF THE FUNERAL PLANNING PROCESS

I. Funeral Rites of the Order of Christian Funerals

The following are the rites that may be used in the funerals of Christians and is divided into three groups of rites:

A. Vigil For The Deceased

(celebrated before the funeral liturgy)

Duration: 45 min

1. Vigil Service Rite (Liturgy of the Word)

- consists of Greeting, Opening Song, Invitation to Prayer, Opening Prayer, First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel, Litany, Concluding Prayer, Blessing & Closing Song

3. Recitation of the Holy Rosary (The Glorious Mystery)

4. Remembrance of the Deceased (optional)

- sharing of memories by family members, relatives & friends

Presider: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____ Time: _____

B. Funeral Liturgy

(the central celebration of the Christian Community for the deceased)

Duration: 1 hr

1. Rite at the Church Entrance (reception of the body)

- Greeting – priest begins the rite by greeting the people
- Blessing of the Body – sprinkling with Holy Water
- Placing of the Pall – A white heavy cloth will then be placed on the casket

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Gift Presenters:	_____
Offertory Song:	_____
Eucharistic Minister(s):	_____
Communion Song:	_____
Meditation Song:	_____
Musician(s)/Choir:	_____
Eulogist:	_____
Internment & Reception Announcement:	_____
Recessional Song:	_____

Bereavement Minister:	_____
BM Phone Number:	_____
Mass Coordinator:	_____
MC Phone Number:	_____
Rectory Office Number:	(562) 865-2185



LITURGICAL PLANNING SHEET

Mass of Resurrection for: _____

Presider: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Pall Bearers: _____ Pall Spreaders: _____

1 _____ 1 _____

2 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 5 _____

6 _____ 6 _____

Altar Server(s): _____

Processional Song: _____

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading (Old Testament): _____

Reader: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Cantor/Reader: _____

2nd Reading (New Testament): _____

Reader: _____

Gospel: _____

Prayers of the Faithful: _____

Reader: _____

2. Funeral Mass (liturgical celebration)

- consists of Entrance Song, Opening Prayer, First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Homily, Prayers of the Faithful, Presentation of the Gifts, Offertory, Consecration, Communion, Eulogy, Final Commendation*, Recessional Song, Removal of the Pall

****Rite of Final Commendation and Farewell***

(priest stands near the casket)

- Prayer – priest faces the people and introduces the rite and begins to pray
- Blessing of the Body – sprinkling with Holy water
- Incensation – priest incense the body

Presider: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____ Time: _____

C. Rite of Committal

(the concluding rite of the funeral at the grave)

Duration: 15 min

- Prayer
- Blessing of the burial grounds
- Blessing and handing over of the Crucifix to a family member

Note: Military honors for a deceased member of the U.S. Armed Forces will commence after the graveside service of the Priest and this will include all other activities or services apart from the liturgical rites.

Presider: _____

Location: _____

II. Participants at the Funeral Mass

(family participation is encouraged)

- a. **Pall Bearers** (6) - selected by the family
- b. **Pall Spreaders** (4-6) - immediate surviving family members
- c. **Readers of the Word** (Lectors) - family members or its designees assigned to proclaim the first reading, second reading, responsorial psalm (if no cantor/musician), & general intercessions. The reader must be a practicing Catholic (a regular communicant), have the ability to speak before a large crowd, be able to speak clearly, and can refrain from being emotional.
- d. **Presenters of the Gifts** (Bread & Wine) - family members or its designees.
- e. **Eulogist** (optional) - one family member or its designee strictly limited to 2 to 3 minutes only. Talk should center on the Christian values the deceased shared with the family and community in his/her lifetime. There must be a reference to what God has done for the deceased person and for us through him/her.
- f. **Musician/Cantor** - hired privately by the family. A list may be provided by the church upon request to help in their selection. Liturgical music would consist of a Processional Song, Offertory Song, Communion Song, Meditation Song (optional) and Recessional Song.

Note: All participants enumerated above are requested to arrive early on the date of the funeral mass (30 minutes before mass) so the service can begin on time. It is important that they be on time for a short briefing and quick rehearsal to be conducted by the mass coordinator before the mass begins. All are expected to be dressed appropriately for the occasion. All participants including immediate surviving family members are encouraged to receive Holy Communion during mass. Schedule of Confession is available upon request.

III. Liturgical Symbols used in the Funeral Rites

Liturgical signs and symbols affirming Christian belief and hope in the paschal mystery are abundant in the celebration of the funeral rites.

- **Easter Candle** – reminds the faithful of Christ's undying presence among them and His victory over sin & death.



*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.
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

Prayer for the Soul Departed

Incline your ear O Lord to our prayers, in which we humbly pray, that you show your mercy to the soul of your servant (*name of the deceased*) whom you commanded to leave this world.

Place him/her in the region of peace and light and bid him/her share the company of your saints through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Verse: Eternal rest grant unto him/her O Lord.

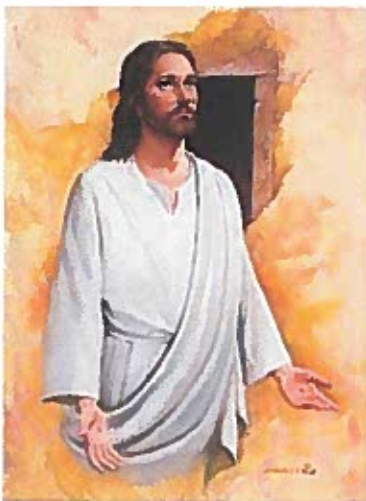
Response: And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Verse: May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Response: Amen.

Verse: O Lord, hear our prayers.

Response: And let our cry come to you.



“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

~ Matthew

Please check the following sites for Novena Prayers for the Dead:

- www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03462.htm
- <http://graceandspace.org/welcome/moments/novena/161-novena-to-the-faithful-departed.html>
- gravestones.ie/Memorial-Verses/Memorial-Prayers/Bereavement-Novena.html

- **Holy Water** – reminds the assembly of the saving waters of baptism and its use call to mind the deceased’s baptism and initiation into the community of faith. The gesture of sprinkling may also signify farewell.
- **Pall** – a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased and a sign of the Christian dignity of the person. The use of the pall also signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God.
- **Incense** – used as a sign of honor to the body of the deceased, which through baptism became the temple of the Holy Spirit. Incense is also used as a sign of the community’s prayers for the deceased rising to the throne of God and as a sign of farewell.
- **Crucifix** – placed on the casket as a reminder that the Christian is marked by the cross in baptism and through Jesus’ suffering on the cross is brought to the victory of His resurrection.
- **Other symbols**—such as a Book of Gospels, Bible, or other Christian representation of personal meaning to the deceased may be present during the funeral mass as a sign of the decedent’s Christian way of life.

Note: Only Christian symbols may rest on or be placed near the casket during the funeral liturgy. Any other symbols, for example, national flags, or banners or insignia of associations, have no place in the funeral liturgy.

IV. Miscellaneous Items

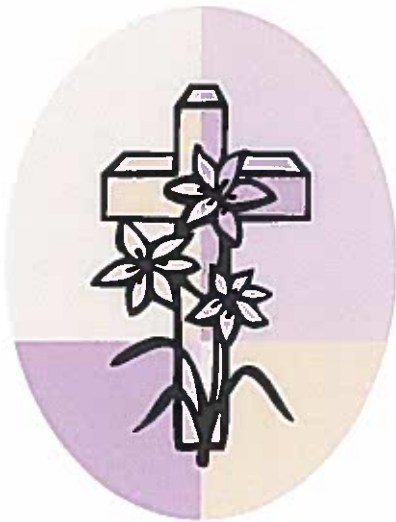
- **Flowers** – During the funeral mass all flowers will be set up in the vestibule of the church. However, when an urn is present, one flower arrangement and a photo of the deceased may be displayed. Flowers may also be donated to the church. Ask the Funeral Director to place and arrange them properly at the shrine located outside the church.
- **Collage of photographs** – will be set up in the vestibule of the church
- **Seating arrangement** – immediate family members will be seated on the reserved pews in front of the ambo while the pallbearers take their seat on the first reserved pew on the opposite side.

- **Picture taking/Video Taping** – photographer and/or videographer are permitted to take pictures from the side aisles only. *No flash photography is allowed during the mass.*
- **Eulogist** – will deliver the eulogy at the lectern (not at the ambo)

A Mass Coordinator is assigned to help organize all the proceedings of the Funeral Liturgy.

Blessing of Memories Mass

A Celebration of Life and Blessing of Memories Mass takes place every year on the Feast of All Souls, November 2nd, in memory of those parishioners of Holy Family Catholic Church who have died during the past year. The bereaved family is expected to attend and will be provided with a flower and a vigil candle with the name of their loved one. Two family members will be asked to join the entrance procession and carry these mementos for presentation in the “Ceremony of Light” during the celebration. Watch for bulletin and pulpit announcements regarding details about this solemn event.



Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Verse: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Rosary Prayer

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Verse: May the Divine Assistance remain always with us

Response: Amen

Verse: May the souls of the faithful departed, including *(name of the deceased)* through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Response: Amen

Verse: And may the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon us and remain with us always.

Response: Amen

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from then He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls into Heaven, especially those who need most of your mercy.

C1 2 Maccabees 12:43--46

*He acted in an excellent and noble way
as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.*

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 word of the Lord.

FIRST READING

C2 Job 19:1, 23-27a

I know that my Vindicator lives.

A reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite 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.

The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays and Saturdays)

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Birth of Our Lord
Jesus Christ
- The Presentation
at the Temple
- The Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays and Fridays)

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging at the Pillar
- The Crowning with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
and Death on the Cross



Luminous Mysteries

(Thursdays)

- The Baptism of Jesus
- The Wedding Feast in Cana
- The Proclamation
of the Kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration of Jesus
- The Institution
of the Holy Eucharist

Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays and Sundays)

*(except: Sundays of Christmas - Joyful;
Sundays of Lent - Sorrowful)*

- The Resurrection of Jesus
- The Ascension of Jesus
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary into Heaven
- The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE ROSARY

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events and mysteries in the history of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary.



How to Pray the Rosary

While holding the crucifix make the **Sign of the Cross**, and then recite the **Apostles Creed**.

Recite the **Our Father** on the first large bead.

Recite a **Hail Mary** for an increase of faith, hope and charity on each of the three small beads.

Recite the **Glory Be to the Father** on the next large bead.

Recite the **Fatima Prayer** on the large bead.

Recall the first Rosary **Mystery** and recite the **Our Father** on the large bead.

On each of the adjacent ten small beads (also referred to as a decade) recite a **Hail Mary** while reflecting on the mystery.

On the next large bead, recite the **Glory Be to the Father**, the **Fatima prayer**.

Each succeeding decade is prayed in a similar manner by recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the **Our Father**, ten **Hail Marys**, the **Glory Be to the Father**, and the **Fatima prayer** while reflecting on the mystery.

When the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is Customarily concluded with the **Hail Holy Queen**, and the **Sign of the Cross**.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

C3 (Long Form) Wisdom 3:1-9

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.
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.

FIRST READING

C3 (Short Form) Wisdom 3:1-9

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SUGGESTED MUSIC FOR FUNERAL LITURGIES

1. Here I Am, Lord (*Dan Schutte*)
2. Be Not Afraid (*Bob Dufford*)
3. On Eagle's Wings (*Michael Joncas*)
4. Amazing Grace (*John Newton*)
5. How Great Thou Art (*Carl G. Boberg and R.J. Hughes*)
6. Prayer of Saint Francis (*Sebastian Temple*)
7. Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (*Ignaz Franz*)
8. Precious Lord, Take My Hand (*Thomas Dorsey*)
9. Jesus, Remember Me (*Jacques Berthier*)
10. Shepherd Me, O God (*Marty Haugen*)
11. To You, O Lord (*Owen Alstott*)
12. The Lord Is My Light (*Christopher Walker*)
13. The Lord is Kind and Merciful (*Marty Haugen*)
14. Gift of Finest Wheat (*Robert Kreutz*)
15. I Am the Bread of Life (*Suzanne Toolan*)
16. Ave Maria (*Gregory Norbet*)
17. Song of the Body of Christ (*David Haas*)
18. Come Unto Me (*Bob Hurd*)
19. Here I Am (*Tom Booth*)
20. You Are Mine (*David Haas*)
21. There is a Longing (*Anne Quigley*)

H7 *(cont'd)*

The Priest then concludes:

Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care and now you embrace him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

All General Intercessions are taken from the Order of Christian Funerals, 1990, Liturgical Training Publications.

C4 Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the book of the Wisdom.

But 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.

C5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

He will destroy death forever.

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 word of the Lord.



H7

[A deceased child]

The Priest begins:

Let us pray for N., his/her family and friends, and for all God's people.

Assisting Minister (AM): For N., child of God [and heir to the kingdom], that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(AM): For N.'s family, especially his/her mother and father, [his/her brother(s) and sister(s),] that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(AM): For N.'s friends, those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(AM): For all parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(AM): For children who have died of hunger and disease, that these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(AM): For the whole Church, that we prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next. We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

H6

[A baptized child]

The Priest begins:

The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our only sure hope.
Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this dark hour.

Assisting Minister (AM): You became a little child for our sake,
sharing our human life.

To you we pray: **R. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

(AM): You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience
through suffering.

To you we pray: **R. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

(AM): You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom.

To you we pray: **R. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

(AM): You comforted those who mourned the loss of children and
friends. To you we pray: **R. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

(AM): You took upon yourself the suffering and death of
us all. To you we pray: **R. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

(AM):

You promised to raise up those who believe in you just as you
were raised up in glory by the Father.

To you we pray: **R. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

The Priest then concludes:

Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care and now you embrace
him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping together with all
children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants,
who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

C6 Lamentations 3:17-26

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

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 Word of the Lord.

C7 Daniel 12:1-3

*Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth
shall awake.*

A reading from the book of Daniel.

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

"At that time there shall arise
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.

H5

[A baptized child]

The Priest begins:

Jesus is the Son of God and the pattern for our own creation. His promise is that one day we shall truly be like him. With our hope founded on that promise, we pray:

Assisting Minister (AM):

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of N.:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

AM: That God will bring to completion N.'s baptism into Christ:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

AM: That God will lead N. from death to life:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

AM: That all of us, N.'s family and friends, may be comforted in our grief: Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

AM: That God will grant release to those who suffer:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

AM: That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ: Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest then concludes:

That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for victory over death:
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

H4

The Priest begins:

Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection:

Assisting Minister (AM):

Risen Lord; pattern of our life for ever:

Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

AM: Promise and image of what we shall be:

Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

AM: Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:

Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

AM: Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:

Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

AM: Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:

Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

AM: Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to N. for ever: Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

The Priest then concludes:

Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless N.'s family and friends who gather around him/her today:

Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

C8 (Long Form) Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

*He is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the 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 word of the Lord.

C8 (*Short Form*) Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43

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as judge of the living and the dead.*

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You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
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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.

H3 (*cont'd*)

AM: That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the
faithful departed.

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

The Priest then concludes:

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls
of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our
prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have
always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

H3

The Priest begins:

My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.

Assisting Minister (AM):

That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

(AM): That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

AM: That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

AM: That God may deliver the soul of his servant N. from punishment and from the powers of darkness.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

AM: That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offenses.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

AM: That God may establish him/her in light and peace.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

AM: That God may call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

AM: That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

C9 Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, 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.



C10 Revelation 20:11-21:1

The dead were judged according to their deeds.

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, 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.

H2 (cont'd)

[For the mourners]

AM: For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

AM: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.***The Priest then concludes:*

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

H2

The Priest begins:

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead;
with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Assisting Minister (AM):

For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that
he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.
We pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

*AM: For our brother/sister who ate the Body of Christ, the bread
of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.*

[For a deacon]

*AM: For our brother N., who proclaimed the Good News of Jesus
Christ and served the needs of the poor, that he may be wel-
comed into the sanctuary of heaven.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.*

[For a bishop or priest]

*AM: For our brother N., who served the Church as a priest, that he
may be given a place in the liturgy of heaven.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.*

*AM: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have
helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.*

*AM: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.*

C11 Revelation 21 :1-Sa, 6b-7

There shall be no more death.

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, 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.

D1 Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

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

Or: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.

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.

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

Or: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.

He guides me in right paths for His name's sake.
Even though I walk in the valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side with your rod
and your staff that give me courage.

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

Or: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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

Or: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.

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.

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

Or: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.

H1 (*cont'd*)

AM: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

AM: Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

AM: Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

[For the mourners]

AM: The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

AM: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

The Priest then concludes:

Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

H1*The Priest begins:*

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Assisting Minister (AM):

In baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

AM: Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

[For a religious]

AM: Our brother/sister N. spent his/her life following Jesus, poor, chaste, and obedient. Count him/her among all holy men and women who sing in your courts.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

[For a bishop or priest]

AM: Our brother N. shared in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, leading God's people in prayer and worship. Bring him into your presence where he will take his place in the heavenly liturgy.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

[For a deacon]

AM: Our brother N. served God's people as a deacon of the Church. Prepare a place for him in the kingdom whose coming he proclaimed. Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer.**

D2 Psalm 25:6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Or: No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Or: No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

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.

Or: No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

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.

Or: No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

D3 Psalm 27:1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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?

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Or: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

E15 1 John 3:14-16

*We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.

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.

The word of the Lord.



E14 1 John 3:1-2*We shall see him as he is.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved:

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.

D4 Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5

**R: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?**

As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**R: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?**

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

**R: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?**

I went with the throng and led them in procession
to the house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival.

**R: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?**

Send forth your light and your fidelity;
they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling-place.

**R: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?**

Then will I go in to the altar of God,
the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,
O God, my God!

**R: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
when shall I see him face to face?**

D4 Psalm 42 (*cont'd*)

Why are you so downcast, O my soul?
 Why do you sigh within me?
 Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,
 in the presence of my savior and my God.

**R: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
 when shall I see him face to face?**

E13 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we have died with him we shall also live with him.

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy:

Beloved:

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.

E12 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
 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.

D5 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

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

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
 for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
 like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

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

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
 to see your power and your glory,
 For your kindness is a greater good than life;
 my lips shall glorify you.

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

Thus will I bless you while I live;
 lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
 As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
 and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

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

You are my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
 My soul clings fast to you;
 your right hand upholds me.

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

D6 Psalm 103:8 and 10,13-14,15-16,17-18**R: The Lord is kind and merciful.****Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

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.**Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

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.**Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

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.**Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

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.**Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.****E11** Philippians 3:20-21*He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.*

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters:

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.



E10 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

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 word of the Lord.

D7 Psalm 116:5,6,10-11,15-16ac

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Or: Alleluia.**

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Or: Alleluia.**

The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Or: Alleluia.**

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my alarm,
"No man is dependable."

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Or: Alleluia.**

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant,
you have loosed my bonds.

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Or: Alleluia.**

D8 Psalm 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
 "We will go up to the house of the LORD."
 And now we have set foot
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

To it the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD.
 According to the decree for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
 In it are set up judgment seats,
 seats for the house of David.

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
 May those who love you prosper!
 May peace be within your walls,
 prosperity in your buildings.

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Because of my relatives and friends
 I will say, "Peace be within you!"
 Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
 I will pray for your good.

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Or: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

E9 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

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.

E8 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death is swallowed up in victory.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

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.

The word of the Lord.

D9 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8

R: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.
Or: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

R: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.
Or: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.
Or: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
My soul waits for the LORD
more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.

R: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.
Or: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD,
For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption.

R: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.
Or: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

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D10 Psalm 143:1-2, 5-6, 7ab and 8ab, 10

R: O Lord, hear my prayer.

O LORD, hear my prayer;
 hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness;
 in your justice answer me.
 And enter not into judgment with your servant,
 for before you no living man is just.

R: O Lord, hear my prayer.

I remember the days of old;
 I meditate on all your doings;
 the works of your hands I ponder.
 I stretch out my hands to you;
 my soul thirsts for you like parched land.

R: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Hasten to answer me, O LORD;
 for my spirit fails me.
 At dawn let me hear of your mercy,
 for in you I trust.

R: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Teach me to do your will,
 for you are my God.
 May your good spirit
 guide me on level ground.

R: O Lord, hear my prayer.

E7 (Short Form) 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
 the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
 For since death came through a man,
 the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.
 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.

E7 (Long Form) 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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 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.

E1 Romans 5:5-11

*Since we are now justified by his Blood,
 we will be saved through him from the wrath.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,
 because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
 through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
 For Christ, while we were still helpless,
 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.

E2 Romans 5:17-21

Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one,
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 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 the one man
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of the 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.

E6 Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

No one 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 you, why do you look down on your brother?

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.

The word of the Lord.



E5 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

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.

E3 (*Long Form*) Romans 6:3-9

We too might live in newness of life.

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

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.

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

The Word of the Lord.

E4 Romans 8:14-23

*We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.*

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

For 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 and 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.