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RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD PARISH

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FUNERAL PLANNING BOOK

INTRODUCTION

A Catholic funeral, like all funerals, is a time of sadness and mourning. However, in the Catholic faith there is joy in the belief that a funeral represents the passing of the beloved into eternal life. Our goal is to make this process as easy as possible. A funeral should reflect the life of the one that has passed before us and should uplift those who are left behind. Funeral arrangements begin with a meeting with the funeral director. The parish is contacted next, where a priest will confirm the time for the funeral Mass. The priest celebrant will phone the next of kin to confer with the family members about the details of the Funeral Mass.

Families are encouraged to remember the parish when making funeral arrangements. Specifically, we ask you to include donations to the **Sanctuary Endowment** in the obituary in the newspaper or funeral home website announcement. The endowment is used for the purchase of liturgical items and the maintenance of the sanctuary of the church.

THREE PARTS TO A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

The Vigil

The Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ's presence. The Catholic vigil is a prayer service, usually held the evening before the funeral. If there is no evening viewing, the service takes place in the morning. Generally, the priest will arrive shortly after the family to pray with them. The community of friends and family will usually gather for a service at the funeral home/mortuary. This would be an appropriate place and time for the eulogy. It would take place in conjunction with the funeral director.

The vigil can be held in the church. The priest will pray with the family shortly after they arrive at the church. Should there be a eulogy, it will take place before the casket is closed. The eulogy is presented by one person. The eulogy is to be no longer than one typed written page and reviewed by the priest prior to its reading. Two eulogies are not permitted

The Funeral Liturgy

The core of the Catholic funeral celebration is the Mass. The Eucharist is at the center of the Catholic faith – the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Scripture readings and prayer also play a prominent role in the Catholic funeral service, along with songs, hymns, and the homily.

The priest will meet with family members to plan the Mass. We make every effort to personalize the homily incorporating important moments in the life of the deceased to the pilgrimage of faith. Many parishioners inform us that this eliminates the need for the eulogy.

Eulogies or Words of Remembrance are not to take place within the Funeral Mass. The appropriate place for the eulogy or words of remembrance is at the funeral home. The Church's Order of Christian Funerals provides for a Funeral Vigil Service. The eulogy may immediately take place at the conclusion of the service. If there is no vigil service, the eulogy may take place at the funeral home at what is sometimes commonly called the 'visitation,' 'wake,' or 'lay out' for the deceased." Of course, the family would make this arrangement with the funeral director.

Should the viewing take place in the church, the eulogy is to take place before the closing of the casket prior to the beginning of the Funeral Mass. The eulogy should be presented by one person and be no longer than one typed written page. If there is no viewing in the church, the options would have the eulogy take place at the funeral luncheon. Here the emotions of the day are less intense and allow speaker to offer the eulogy with less pressure.

Internment

In the Catholic faith, there is great respect for the body. Catholics believe that the body is "the temple of the Lord" and that at the End of Days, there will be a resurrection of the body. The internment takes place at the cemetery.

OTHER DETAILS

Cremation

The Christian faithful are unequivocally confronted by the mystery of life and death when they are faced with the presence of the body of one who has died. The body of a deceased Catholic Christian is also the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, but... if the deceased is to be cremated, it is permissible to celebrate Funeral Mass with the cremated remains. The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come.

Viewing the Body

This practice is highly encouraged, because it helps remove doubts that the loved one has truly died. The body may be viewed at the funeral home. At the time of Funeral Mass the casket is closed. However, parishioners are welcome to have a viewing take place in the church prior to the Mass. When school is in session, the preferred time for a weekday Funeral Mass is at 10 am. On weekends, the Funeral Mass can be scheduled at 10:30 am or 11 am. Frequently, there are weddings scheduled and the Mass time would allow that no conflicts occur. Wakes and Funeral Masses do not occur in the evening hours in the church.

Church Stipend and Fees

Most funeral directors itemize all costs within their billings. This is something that should be discussed with them. Included should be payments for these services: 1. Church stipend: \$300. The church stipend does not belong to the priest but goes to the upkeep of the church. Instead, it is a tax deductible donation. The cost of a viewing in the church is \$300 an hour. Considering the size of the church with lights, heating and air conditioning this seems to be a fair price. Parishioners should check with their funeral director as to the cost of the viewing in the funeral home. Videos are usually set up in the church foyer by the funeral director. Easels with poster pictures may be set in the main aisle in the church. Again, this is usually in the care of the funeral director who will remove them prior to the beginning of the Funeral Mass.

The organist receives \$175 and singer \$150.

The four altar servers receive \$15 each.

The sacristan receives \$20.

MUSIC FOR A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Because the Mass is a public act of worship of the church, the parish is ultimately responsible for the music in the liturgy. Music should be sacred and reflect the idea of resurrection and hope. Choosing Music for the Service, you may have in mind some specific songs which may or may not be appropriate during the Mass. If you are uncertain, there is a suggested song list included in this information package. The suggested song list is a guideline. There are many songs not listed that may be appropriate. Keep in mind that any music chosen which is not on the list will need to be approved by Tina Nase, the Music Director. Her phone number is 215-745-3211 X 109. Some music is not appropriate for the Funeral Mass. If you have a favorite song that cannot be used during Mass, you may want to play it during the luncheon or during a slide show at the funeral home. The use of recorded music in the liturgy is not permitted in our church. The entrance hymn and Communion hymn are music that the congregation should be encouraged to sing, as well as the usual service music and responses. Solos are more appropriate during offertory (the presentation of the gifts). Choose up to four hymns (two to three congregational songs). You must use the musicians at our church. Guest musicians are allowed with some limitations. In order to have any guest musician, our parish musician must still be present to assist during the Mass. In all cases they must be approved by and work through the parish music director. If you want a family member to provide the music, please keep in mind that it may be difficult for that person to sing or play because of the grieving process. They also may feel pressure to perform this task. Anyone chosen to sing or play for Mass should be currently involved in the music profession in their parish. Choosing someone who has not sung or played for years would be placing an undo burden upon them. It is the policy of the parish to compensate the parish musicians even when there are guest musicians. In other words, their fees are in place irrespective of the use of guest musicians.



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FUNERAL MASS

Name of Deceased: _____

Funeral Mass Date: _____ Funeral Time: _____

Eulogy Person & Relationship: _____

First Reading (Old Testament + Pages 1 - 5)

The Selected Reading: _____

Page: _____ Reading Number: _____

Reader: _____

Second Reading (New Testament + Pages 6 - 13)

The Selected Reading: _____

Page: _____ Reading Number: _____

Reader: _____

Prayer of the Faithful (Intercessions + Pages 14 - 21)

Page: _____ Reading Number: _____

Reader: _____

Those Bringing Up Bread + Wine: _____

If possible, Please include the following hymn selections during the Funeral Mass:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECTORY OFFICE AT LEAST A DAY BEFORE THE FUNERAL MASS



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HOMILY GUIDE SHEET

Name of the Person: _____

Funeral Date: _____

Funeral Time: _____

What kind of life did your loved one live?

What kind of faith did your loved one have in this life?

How did your loved one sacrifice in this life?

What kind of virtues did you see in your loved one?

Feel free to add more onto the reverse side of this sheet of paper

IMPORTANT NOTES

The Scripture texts provided here are from the Lectionary using THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE translation.

The Funeral Mass provides for three readings from Sacred Scripture: one from the Old Testament, a reading from the New Testament (which is NOT from the Gospels), and finally, a reading which is taken from a Gospel Account.

The selected readings are to be taken from those listed here. They are the ones prescribed by the Church.

You may select one individual to proclaim the reading from the Old Testament and a different individual to proclaim the reading from the New Testament. However, you may select one person to do both readings. Those who do the readings at mass MUST BE CATHOLIC since they perform an official function of the worshipping community.

It is NOT advisable for persons who do not have experience reading in public to proclaim the readings at the Funeral Mass. Most times they can not be heard. Only an ordained Deacon or a Priest is permitted to proclaim the Gospel.

The Prayer of the Faithful (or as they are sometimes called, the INTERCESSORY PRAYERS or PETITIONS) follow the norms set for these prayers. A copy of one format is attached. The introductory and concluding prayers are always said by a Deacon or a Priest. Other forms of this prayer are available to the priest in the Ritual Book. You may select a reader for the Prayer of the Faithful or you may prefer to have the priest read the petitions. You may ask the priest to select and/or read one of these in place of the one provided at the end of this listing of readings.

LECTIONARY FOR FUNERALS FOR ADULTS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1

A reading from the Book of Proverbs 31:10-15, 20, 25-31

The Ideal Wife

A perfect wife - who can find her. She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her. From her he will derive no little profit. Advantage, not hurt, she brings to him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax. She does her work with eager hands. She puts her back into the work and shows how strong her arms can be. She gets up while it is still dark, giving her household their food. She finds her labor well worth while, her light does not go out at night. She holds out her hand to the poor. She opens her arms to the needy. She is clothed in strength and dignity. She can laugh at days to come. When she opens her mouth, she does so wisely. On her tongue is kindly instruction. She keeps good watch over her household. No bread of idleness for her. Her children stand up and proclaim her blessed. Her husband sings her praises.

Many woman have done admirable things, but you have surpassed them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The word of the Lord

2

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Here is a courageous man
whose good life will not be forgotten.
His reputation will be passed on to his descendants
and this will be his inheritance.

His family continues to keep the covenant
and will continue because of what their father did.
His family line will continue, and his glory will not fade.

His body will be laid to rest, but his reputation will live forever.
The people will proclaim his wisdom, and the assembly will celebrate his praises.
The word of the Lord.

3 Jb. 19, 1, 23-27

A reading from the book of Job

I know that my redeemer lives

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in 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.

4 Wis. 3, 1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

He accepted them as a holocaust.

(Long form)

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.

OR

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

He accepted them as a holocaust.

(Short form)

But 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.

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The word of the Lord.

5 Wis. 4, 7-14

A reading from the book of Wisdom

A blameless life is a ripe old age

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 obscured 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.

6 Is. 25, 6, 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God will destroy death forever.

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.

7 Lam. 3, 17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations

It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save

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.

God 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.

8 Dn. 12, 1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth, many will awake.

(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.

9 2 Mc. 12, 43-46

A reading from the book of Maccabees

It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.

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, 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.

10 Eccl 3, 1-11

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

There is a time for everything under heaven.

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.

What profit have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life.

The Word of the Lord.

11 A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the water that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes. Its leaves stay green. In the year of the drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Lectionary #790

1 Acts 10, 34-43 OR 10, 34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.

(Long form)

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. This is the message he has sent to the son of Israel, 'the good news of peace' proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all. I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him finally, 'hanging him on a tree,' only to have God raise him up on the third day and grant that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God -- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify, saying that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name." The word of the Lord.

OR (Short form)

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2 Rom. 5, 5-11

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

Having been justified by his blood, he will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. The word of the Lord.

3 Rom. 5, 17-21

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

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one man, Jesus Christ.

To sum up, then: just as a single offense brought condemnation to all men, a single righteous act brought all men acquittal and life. Just as through one man's disobedience all became sinners, so through one man's obedience all shall become just.

The law came in order to increase offenses; but despite the increase of sin, grace has far surpassed it, so that, as sin reigned through death, grace may reign by way of justice leading to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. The word of the Lord.

4 Rom. 6, 3-9

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

Let us walk in the newness of life.

(Long Form)

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead will never die again; death has no more power over him. The word of the Lord.

OR 6, 3-4, 8-9

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

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5 Rom. 8, 14-23

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

We wait for our bodies to be set free.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which we cry out, "Abba!" (that is, "Father"). The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him.

I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us. Indeed, the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God. Creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but by him who once subjected it; yet not without hope, because the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. Yes, we know that all creation groans and is in agony even until now. Not only that, but we ourselves, although we have the Spirit as first fruits, groan inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies. The word of the Lord.

6 Rom. 8, 31-35, 37-39

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

Nothing can really come between us and the love of Christ

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. The word of the Lord.

7 Rom. 14, 7-9, 10-12

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

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

None of us lives as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. We shall all have to appear before the judgment seat of God. It is written, "As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me and every tongue shall give praise to God."

Every one of us will have to give an account of himself before God.
The word of the Lord.

8 A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things nor future things, nor powers, nor heights, 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.

9 1 Cor 12,31 - 13,8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Set your hearts on the greater gifts. I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope its power to endure.

Love never fails. The word of the Lord.

10 1 Cor. 15, 20-24, 25-28 OR 1 Cor. 15, 20-23

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

All men will be brought to life in Christ

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Death came through a man; hence the resurrection of the dead comes through a man also. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming, all those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when, after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority, and power, he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads that God "has placed all things under his feet." But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will then subject himself to the One who made all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all. The word of the Lord.

11 1 Cor. 15, 51-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Death is swallowed up in victory

I am going to tell you a mystery. Not all of us shall fall asleep, but all of us are to be changed - in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, this mortal body with immortality. When the corruptible frame takes on incorruptibility and the mortal immortality, then will the saying of Scripture be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord.

12 2 Cor. 5, 1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

We know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed we have a dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but to last forever.

Therefore we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat, we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please him whether we are with him or away from him. The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad, according to his life in the body. The word of the Lord.

13 Phil. 3, 20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.

We have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself. The word of the Lord.

14 1 Thes. 4, 13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We shall stay with the Lord forever.

We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death, brothers; otherwise, you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in him. We say to you, as if the Lord himself had said it, that we who live, who survive until his coming, will in no way have an advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, the Lord himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up with him in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thenceforth we shall be with the Lord unceasingly. Console one another with this message. The word of the Lord.

15 2 Tm. 2, 8-13

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

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, was raised from the dead. This is the gospel I preach; in preaching it I suffer as a criminal, even to the point of being thrown into chains -- but there is no chaining the word of God! Therefore I bear with all of this for the sake of those whom God has chosen, in order that they may obtain the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

You can depend on this:

If we have died with him

we shall also live with him;

If we hold out to the end

we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he will still remain faithful; for he cannot deny himself. The word of the Lord.

16 2 Tm. 4:6-8

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

The Reward for Fidelity

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, 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.

17 1 Jn. 3, 1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

We shall see him as he really is.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God!
Yet that in fact is what we are.
The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized the Son.
Dearly beloved, we are God's children now: what we shall later be has not yet come to light.
We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
The word of the Lord.

18 1 Jn. 3, 14-16

A reading from the first letter of John

We have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers

That we have passed from death to life we know because we love the brothers.
The man who does not love is among the living dead.
Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that eternal life abides in no murderer's heart.
The way we came to understand love was that he laid down his life for us;
we too must lay down our lives for our brothers. The word of the Lord.

19 Rv. 14, 13

A reading from the book of Revelation

Happy are those who die in the Lord

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me: "Write this down: Happy now are the dead who die in the Lord?" The Spirit added, "Yes, they shall find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them."
The word of the Lord.

20 Rv. 20, 11-21, 1

A reading from the book of Revelation

The dead have been judged according to their works

I, John, saw a large white throne and the One who sat on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence until they could no longer be seen. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne. Lastly, among the scrolls, the book of the living was opened. The dead were judged according to their conduct as recorded on the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then death and the nether world gave up their dead. Each person was judged according to his conduct. Then death and the nether world were hurled into the pool of fire which is the second death; anyone whose name was not found inscribed in the book of the living was hurled into this pool of fire.

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there. The word of the Lord.

21 Rv. 21, 1-5, 6-7

A reading from the book of Revelation

There will be no more death.

I, John, saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: "This is God's dwelling among men. He shall dwell with them and they shall be his people, and he shall be their God who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out in pain, for the former world has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said to me, "See, I make all things new!" I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who thirsts I will give to drink without cost from the spring of life-giving water. He who wins the victory shall inherit these gifts; I will be his God and he shall be my son." The word of the Lord.

#1

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father who lives forever and can do all things. He raised his Son, Jesus Christ, from death. May he give peace and salvation to both the living and the dead.

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer."

1. That God may bring all Christians together in unity and faith, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD....
 2. That God may remove the evil of war and civil strife from the world, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD....
 3. That God may show himself a Father by empowering us to provide food, work, or shelter for those in need, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD....
 4. That _____ (Name of deceased) _____, who began eternal life in Baptism, may join the company of the saints forever, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD....
 5. That our relatives and friends who have gone before us in Faith may receive the reward of eternal life, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD....
 6. That all of us gathered here to show our faith and love may be reunited in the glory of God's kingdom, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD....
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PRIEST:

Father, you are our beginning and our end. Hear our prayers for our brother (Sister) _____ (name of deceased) _____ and for all who have gone before us in faith to eternal life. Free them from all sin and let them share in the fullness of salvation in the kingdom where you are Lord forever and ever.

AMEN.

#2

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Jesus promises that he will not leave us orphans and that we will see him face to face on the last day. As we pray for (name of deceased) , let us take comfort knowing that even now *he / she* experiences the fulfillment of that promise.

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer."

1. That (name of deceased) finds rest in the Lord's merciful love, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 2. That all who have been touched by (name of deceased) 's life and death find ways to touch the lives of others, WE PRAY TO THE LORD...
 3. That our deceased family members and friends enjoy the fullness of God's heavenly glory, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 4. That those who knew (name of deceased) in life give comfort to one another at this lonely time, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 5. That all of us gathered here today find courage in Christ when we approach our own death, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
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PRIEST:

God of power and might, you are full of loving mercy. Help us during this time of sadness to see your glory in the life of (name of deceased) and rejoice in the company of all your saints. This we ask in the name of Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

#3

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

At this time, let us pour out our hearts to the Lord, who hears us when we pray.

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer."

1. For all who have been baptized into the death, burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 2. For the people of the world, especially those who mourn, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 3. For (name of deceased) and for all who rest now in the gentle arms of their Savior, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 4. For the consolation and peace of the family and friends of (name of deceased), WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 5. For all of us who have come together this day around this holy table of remembrance, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
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PRIEST:

Lord Jesus, death is not your final word. You came to bring us the fullness of life. Bring us quickly to that grand reunion, to our homecoming in heaven, where we will sing your praise forever and ever.

AMEN.

#4

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

We come today in sorrow, gathering here in the name of Jesus. Let us bring our prayers to the compassionate Lord.

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer."

1. That the church always stand as a living witness to Christ's victory over death, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 2. That all people honor and respect life in every form, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 3. That (name of deceased) and all our loved ones who have died enter God's gracious peace and eternal life, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 4. That the family of (name of deceased) receive comfort and healing through Christ's love, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 5. That we who gather here today stay ready to comfort all who suffer grief and loss, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
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PRIEST:

O God, you create the world from nothing and generously give all life. We stand with hearts filled with sorrow and joy. With arms outstretched, please welcome (name of deceased) and grant *him / her* the warmth of your loving embrace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFULPRIEST:

With hope in the resurrection of Christ and with deep sorrow in the loss of one we loved, let us call on God, source of all kindness and comfort.

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer."

1. That all members of the church remember death not as an end but as a door to life in glory, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 2. That all people who mourn find consolation and peace through those around them, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 3. That (name of deceased) and all who have died today enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 4. That family members and friends experience God's compassion through our caring, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 5. That all of us here present may one day enjoy eternal life in the company of our *brother / sister* (name of deceased), and all the saints, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
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PRIEST:

O God, we affirm our faith and our hope in the resurrection of your Son. Comforted by your grace and your promise of eternal life, we offer you our prayers through Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer." _____

1. In Baptism, (name of deceased) received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Let us pray to the Lord...
2. Our brother/sister (name of deceased) was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Let us pray to the Lord...
3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Let us pray to the Lord...
4. 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. Let us pray to the Lord...
5. The family and friends of (name of deceased) seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Let us pray to the Lord...
6. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister (name of deceased). Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Let us pray to the Lord...

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
FUNERAL OF A CHILD

PRIEST:

Let us pray that our young *brother / sister* (name of deceased) ,
experience full life with God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier forever.

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer."

1. That the love of the Christian community be a source of strength for all of us who grieve for (name of deceased) , WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 2. That the memory of the life (name of deceased) shared with us be a source of consolation, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 3. That our experience of grief and loss lead us all to cherish one another, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 4. That the faithful whom God has called into the heavenly reign intercede for us with prayers of love and power, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 5. That we accept grief as a part of life and learn what it can teach us about love, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
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PRIEST:

O God, you called (name of deceased) into life. Now you call *him / her* into eternal life. Comfort us as we mourn our loss. Do not let us be overwhelmed by grief, but strengthen us with your presence. We ask this through our brother Christ Jesus the Lord.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
FUNERAL OF A CHILD

PRIEST:

My friends, let us come to the Lord our Good Shepherd, and make known the prayers we hold in our hearts.

READER: Please respond, "Lord hear our prayer."

1. For the church throughout the world, who this day mourns the death of (name of deceased), WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 2. For all people who bear a burden of grief, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 3. For (name of deceased), the beloved child of (name of mother) and (name of father), the beloved child of God, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 4. For (name of mother) and (name of father), for (name of deceased)'s relatives, classmates and friends, and for all those who loved and cared for (name of deceased), WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
 5. For all of us here present on this sacred day, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....
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PRIEST:

Good and gentle Shepherd, listen to our prayers. Lift up (name of deceased) onto your shoulders like a lamb and bear *him / her* swiftly into your blessed sheepfold where life will last forever and ever.

AMEN.