

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholic Funeral & Memorial Mass Planning Guide



Prayer to Saint Joseph for a Happy Death

Glorious Saint Joseph
Behold I choose thee today
For my special patron in life
And at the hours of my death.
Preserve and increase in me
The spirit of prayer and fervor
In the service of God.
Remove far from me every kind of sin;
Obtain for me that my death
May not come upon me unawares,
But that I may have time
To confess my sins sacramentally,
And to bewail them
With a most perfect understanding
And a most sincere contrition,
In order that I may breathe forth my soul
Into the hands of Jesus and Mary.
Amen.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

As Jesus wept when his friend, Lazarus, died, we do the same and share with your family the sorrow of the loss of your loved one. As one family of God, we extend our deepest condolences to your family.

“In the fear of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.” (Order of Christian Funerals #1)

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, (Order of Christian Funerals, 1989), explains beautifully the purpose in celebrating the Funeral Rites for a deceased Christian:

“At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.”

“Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of life, which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ’s death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian Funeral.”

Immersed in the wonder and hope of the Paschal Mystery, the Church prays for the dead, filled with confidence that God will, *“wipe away all the tears from our eyes and there will be no more death, no more tears, no more sadness.”* (Rev 21:4)

This booklet is designed to help you prepare and plan for the Funeral Liturgy. Afterwards, please call our office so that one of our priests may talk with your family personally and answer any questions.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Chad King

Father Chad King, Pastor

Catholic Funeral Planning Worksheet for the Order of Mass

Please use this form as a reference as you choose reading and music selections for the Mass.

Processional Hymn _____

First Reading _____ Lector* _____

Psalm _____

Second Reading _____ Lector* _____

Gospel _____

*Prayers of the Faithful _____

Offertory Hymn _____

*Presentation of Gifts _____

Communion Hymn _____

Post Communion Hymn (for large funerals) _____

*Reflections (optional) _____

Recessional Hymn _____

(*Family members may fulfill these roles)

Funeral Luncheon

Time: Immediately following the funeral After interment

We would like to use Parish Hall for the funeral luncheon (sandwiches, sides, dessert)

We will cater in the Parish Hall

We will be hosting a luncheon/gathering at a separate location, please include this information in the leaflet:

Location Name _____ Address _____

Donations to the Priest & Church are encouraged

Introduction to the Funeral Liturgy

“The Funeral Liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. At the funeral liturgy, the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God’s tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the paschal mystery. Through the Holy Spirit, the community is joined together in sign and symbol, word and gesture that each believer through baptism shares in Christ’s death and resurrection and can look to the day when all the elect will be raised up and united in the kingdom of light and peace.” (OCF 128-129)

A vigil/viewing at the funeral home the evening before the day of the funeral is the recommended place and time for family and friends to pay their respects; this is the appropriate time for a eulogy, if desired. A rosary may be included, if desired.

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship. Therefore, those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ or His Catholic Church are not permitted to receive Holy Communion.

Similarly, those Catholics who are not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion (ex. have unconfessed mortal sin on their soul, have not fasted for one hour, etc.) are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity of Jesus with one another. One may fall in line crossing their arms over their shoulders and ask for blessing if they wish.

The Catholic Church’s teaching regarding cremation

The Church encourages that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites. This allows appropriate reverence for the sacredness of the body; the sprinkling with the holy water, the placing of the pall and honoring the body of the deceased with incense. A casket may be rented for presentation of the body at the funeral liturgy when cremation is chosen.

“When the choice has been made to cremate the body, it is recommended that the cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy.” (OCF #418) If there are extenuating circumstances in which it is necessary to cremate the body before the funeral rite, the cremated should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they came. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the cremated remains (ashes.) The cremated remains should then be present at the Funeral Mass.

“The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.” (OCF #417)

It is never permitted to divide or separate a person’s remains. The proper disposition for the cremated remains is for them to be buried or entombed at a cemetery or in a mausoleum or columbarium in a manner that will provide a guarantee of perpetual care.

Once the cremation process has been completed, it is the expectation of the Church that the cremated remains will be buried or entombed without undue delay, recognizing that there may be a need to transport the remains to another location.

Readings for Funeral Planning

The approved lectionary readings for funeral masses can be found below.

You will need to make four [4] selections:

[1] One Scripture for the first reading:

A Selections (pages 5-7 and 15) – If the Funeral Mass is **not** during the Easter Season, the first reading is chosen from the Old Testament

B Selections (pages 8-9) – If the Funeral Mass **is during** the Easter Season, the first reading is chosen from the New Testament

[2] Psalm (page 15) – will be sung, if there is music

[3] One Scripture for the second reading:

C Selections (pages 9-12) – The second reading is chosen from the New Testament

[4] The Gospel

G Selections (pages 12-15) – The Gospel is chosen from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John

A Selections

First Reading – Old Testament

PLEASE NOTE: If your loved one passes away **during** the fifty days of the Easter season, Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday, you will need to choose a reading from the New Testament for the first reading instead of the Old Testament. Please see B Selections, pages 8-9.

A-1: Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the book of Job

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

A-2: Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

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 advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without anyone ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life.

The Word of the Lord.

A-3: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 14-15

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

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.

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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.

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

The Word of the Lord.

A-4: Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

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 they're going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

A-5: Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported, snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

A-6: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

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.

A-7: Isaiah 43:1-3, 4-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel:

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior.

Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

I give men in return for you and peoples in exchange for your life.

Fear not, for I am with you; from the east I will bring back your descendants,

from the west I will gather you.

The Word of the Lord.

B Selections

First Reading – New Testament

PLEASE NOTE: If your loved one passes away **during the fifty days of the Easter** season, Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday, you will need to choose one of the following readings from the New Testament for the first reading. These readings can only be used during the Easter season. Old Testament readings may not be used during the Easter season.

B-1: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43 (Short Form)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

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

The Word of the Lord.

B-2: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 (Long Form)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

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

B-3: Revelation 14:13

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.

B-4: Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

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.

C Selections

Second Readings from the New Testament

C-1: Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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

The Word of the Lord.

C-2: Romans 6:3-9 (Long Form)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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 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.

C-3: Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 (Short Form)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

C-4: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of 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.

C-5: Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgement 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.

C-6: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

C-7: 2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1

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

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.

C-8: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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

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

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgement 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.

C-9: Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

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.

C-10: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

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

if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us.

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

The Word of the Lord.

C-11: 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

G Selections

Gospel Readings

G-1: Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad. For your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-2: Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-3: Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-4: John 5:24-29

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-5: John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-6: John 12:23-28 – (Long Form)

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus told his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-7: John 12:23-26 – (Short Form)

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus told his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-8: John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-9: John 17:24-26

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Father, [my disciples] are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you love me may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Additional Selection

Old Testament

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.

Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle.

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

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm

(to be sung by musician)

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Ps. 23) – Blakesley (Spirit & Song #250)

Shepherd Me, O God (Ps.23) – Haugen (Gather #31)

I Rejoiced (Ps 122) – Thompson (Spirit & Song #84)

The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Ps 103) – Cotter (Gather #99)

Prayers of the Faithful

[Reader says] **Please respond: Lord, hear our prayer after each intention.**

In baptism **N.** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord:

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Our brother/sister **N.** was nourished at the table of the Savior.

Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray to the Lord:

R. Lord hear our prayer.

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. We pray to the Lord:

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For the mourners: The family and friends of **N.** seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that may come from grief. We pray to the Lord:

R. Lord hear our prayer.

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. We pray to the Lord:

R. Lord hear our prayer.

[Please remain at the ambo until after the priest says closing prayer.]

(You may also write your own if you wish)

Funeral / Memorial Liturgy Music Suggestions

The suggested music selections for funeral masses can be found below.

You will need to make four [4] selections:

Processional Hymn, Offertory Hymn, Communion Hymn, and Recessional Hymn

For larger funerals, a Post-Communion Hymn may also be selected.

(P)=Processional Hymn (O) = Offertory (C)= Communion (R)= Recessional

*Underlined/Bolded Songs are Frequently Utilized Options

Comfort

Shelter Me, O God – Hurd (Gather #636) [P, O, C]

Eye Has Not Seen – Haugen (Gather #638) [P, O, C]

You Are Mine – Haas (Gather #649) [P, O, C, R]

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow – Hurd (Spirit & Song #178) [O, C]

Eucharist

Panis Angelicus – Sacris Solemniis [O, C]

One Bread, One Body – Foley (Gather #830) [O, C]

Pan De Vida (Bread of Life) (Gather #848) [O, C]

I Am the Bread of Life – Toolan (Gather #828) [P, O, C, R]

Taste and See – Moore – (Gather #814) [O, C]

Behold the Lamb (Gather #823) [O, C]

In the Breaking of the Bread (Cuando Partimos el Pan del Senor) (Gather #841) [O, C]

We Come to Your Feast (Gather #850) [P, O, C]

I Am the Bread of Life – Talbot (Spirit & Song #153) [O, C]

King of My Heart – Walton (Spirit & Song #363) [O, C]

Hungry – Scott (Spirit & Song #365) [O, C]

I Am Yours – Angrisano (Spirit & Song #366) [O, C]

It's More Than Wine & Bread – Nims (Spirit & Song #370) [O, C]

Table of Life – Angrisano (Spirit & Song #375) [P, O, C]

Faith

We Walk By Faith – Haas (Gather #590) [P, O, C, R]

We Remember – Haugen (Gather #593) [P, O, C, R]

Center of My Life – Inwood (Gather # 598) [O, C]

I Will Have Faith in You – Hart/Mizell (Spirit & Song #388) [O, C]

Open My Eyes, Lord – Manibusan (Spirit & Song #196) [P, O, C]

Strength For the Journey – Poirier (Spirit & Song #204) [O, C, R]

Love

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – (Gather #635) [P, O, C, R]
I Love You, Lord – Mahar (Spirit & Song #411) [P, O, C]
Fly Like a Bird – Canedo (Spirit & Song #177) [P, O, C]
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever – Smith (Spirit & Song #184) [P, O, C, R]

Mary

Ave Maria – Schubert [O, C]
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman – Landry (Gather #782) [O, C]
Sing of Mary – (Gather #783) [O, C]

Peace

Prayer of St. Francis – Temple (Gather #726) [P, O, C, R]
Let There Be Peace on Earth – Jackson (Gather #731) [P, O, C, R]

Praise

All People That on Earth Do Dwell – (Gather #747) [P, R]
Holy God We Praise Thy Name – (Gather #524) [P, R]
How Great Thou Art – (Gather #494) [P, R]
Forever – Tomlin (Spirit & Song #384) [P, R]

Resurrection/Heaven

Blest Are They – Haas (Gather #659) [P, O, C, R]
I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Hatton (Gather #430) [P, R]
I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Soper (Spirit & Song #154)
[P, O, C, R]
How Lovely is Your Dwelling – Foley (Gather #855) [O, C]
I, the Lord – Kendzia (Gather #860) [P, O, C, R]
In Paradisum (Blessing in Latin) – (Gather #864)
Saints of God (Blessing) – (Gather #862)
City of God – Schutte – (Gather #678) [P, R]
Better is One Day – Redman/Mahar (Spirit & Song #381) [P, O, C, R]
I Can Only Imagine – Millard (Spirit & Song #387) [P, O, C]
I Am the Resurrection and the Life – Hurd (Spirit & Song #240) [O, C]
Lead Me Home – Mahar (Spirit & Song #391) [P, O, C, R]
Go in Peace – Hart (Spirit & Song #239) [O, C] (Meditation)

Trust

Amazing Grace – (Gather #612) [P, O, C, R]
You Are Near – Schutte (Gather #604) [P, O, C]
Be Not Afraid – Dufford (Gather #608) [P, O, C, R]
On Eagle's Wings – Joncas (Gather #611) [P, O, C, R]
The Lord is My Hope – Ridge (Gather #613) [P, O, C]
Here I Am, Lord – Schutte (Gather #686) [P, O, C]
Jesus, I Trust in You – McDonell/Hart (Spirit & Song #412) [P, O, C]
Lord When You Came (Pescador de Hombres) – Gabarain (Gather #696) [O, C]