



## Selection of Readings, Prayers and Music for Catholic Funeral Mass

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**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 novel 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.

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

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

Oh, 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 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 though an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of 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 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 the wickedness.

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

The Word of the Lord

## **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 have looked;  
Let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word 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

## **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel**

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned  
and 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.



## **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 who 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.

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

## **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

## **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 the 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 the 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

**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 hear a loud voice from the throng 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.

**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 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

## **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

## **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.

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

## **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and Sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons 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 of 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 to 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 await for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord



## **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and Sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

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

## **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

## **A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and Sisters:

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 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

## **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 a 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 the 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

## **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 also 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

## **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 one may receive recompense

according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

## **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

**A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.  
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.  
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.  
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.  
The Word of the Lord.



## **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

## **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 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

## **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 remain 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

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H1)

**PRIEST:** 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:

**READER:** The response is “**Hear our prayer.**”

- In Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ 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***
- Our *brother/sister* \_\_\_\_\_ 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***
- Many Friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom.  
Grant them an everlasting home with Jesus.  
Lord in your mercy:        ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- 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***
- 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***
- The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation.  
Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come with grief.  
Lord in your mercy.        ***R/. Hear our prayer***
- We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for \_\_\_\_\_.  
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son’s coming.  
Lord in your mercy.        ***R/. Hear our prayer***

**PRIEST:** 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.***

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

**READER:** The response is: **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

- For \_\_\_\_\_, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,  
that *HE/SHE* may be admitted to the company of the saints.  
We pray to the Lord.                    ***R/. Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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.***
- 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.***
- For the family and friends of our *BROTHER/SISTER* \_\_\_\_\_,  
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.***
- 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.***

**PRIEST:** 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.***

### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H3)

**PRIEST:** 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.

**READER:** The response is: **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

- 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.**
- That those in public office may promote justice and peace.  
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That those who bear the cross of pain  
in mind and body may never feel forsaken by God.  
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God may deliver the soul of his servant \_\_\_\_\_  
from punishment and from the powers of darkness.  
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God in his mercy may blot out all *HIS/HER* offenses.  
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- That God may establish *HIM/HER* in light and peace.  
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**

**Priest:** 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**

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H4)

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

**READER:** The response is: **“Lord have mercy.”**

- Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever:  
Lord, have mercy.      ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Promise and image of what we shall be:  
Lord, have mercy.      ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:  
Lord, have mercy.      ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:  
Lord, have mercy.      ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:  
Lord, have mercy.      ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls,  
give peace to \_\_\_\_\_ forever:  
Lord, have mercy.      ***R/. Lord have mercy.***
- Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain.  
Bless \_\_\_\_\_'s family and friends  
who gather around *HIM/HER* today:  
Lord, have mercy.      ***R/. Lord have mercy.***

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H5)

(FOR A BAPTIZED CHILD)

**PRIEST:** 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:

**READER:** The response is: **“Lord, have mercy.”**

- That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of \_\_\_\_\_:  
Let us pray to the Lord. ***R/. Lord, have mercy.***
- That God will bring to completion \_\_\_\_\_’s baptism into Christ:  
Let us pray to the Lord. ***R/. Lord, have mercy.***
- That God will lead \_\_\_\_\_ from death to life:  
Let us pray to the Lord. ***R/. Lord, have mercy.***
- That all of us, \_\_\_\_\_’s family and friends, may be comforted in our grief:  
Let us pray to the Lord. ***R/. Lord, have mercy.***
- 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.***
- 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.***



**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (H6)**  
**(FOR A BAPTIZED CHILD)**

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

**READER:** The response is: "Bless us and keep us, O Lord."

- You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life.  
To you we pray.            ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
  
- You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience through suffering.  
To you we pray.            ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
  
- You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom.  
To you we pray.            ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
  
- You comforted those who mourn the loss of children and friends.  
To you we pray.            ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
  
- You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all.  
To you we pray.            ***R/. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.***
  
- 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.***

**PRIEST:** Lord God you entrusted \_\_\_\_\_ to our care  
and now you embrace *HIM/HER* in your love.  
Take \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

General Intercessions:

H7

**Priest:** Let us pray for \_\_\_\_\_, *HIS/HER* family and friends, and for all God's people:

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer

For \_\_\_\_\_, 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

For \_\_\_\_\_'s family, especially *HIS/HER* mother and father, 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

For \_\_\_\_\_ friends, those who played with *HIM/HER* and those that 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

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

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

For the whole Church, that we prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call upon us by name to pass from this world to the next.

We pray to the Lord.

**R/.** Lord hear our prayer

**Priest:** Lord God, you entrusted \_\_\_\_\_ to our care and now you embrace *HIM/HER* in your love. Take \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
And after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

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

Blessed are the meek  
for they will inherit the land.

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

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

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

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

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

Blessed are you when they insult you 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.**

*(Holy Gospel – G2 • Matthew 11:25-30)*

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

At that time Jesus answered:

“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 to 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.**

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

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins  
who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,  
brought no oil with them,  
but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,  
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,  
‘give us some of your oil,  
for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘no, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came  
and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Holy Gospel – G4 • 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 this 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 the Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me,  
naked and you clothed me,  
ill and you cared for me,  
in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,  
or thirsty and give you drink?

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

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

And the king will say to them in reply,  
    ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
    for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’  
Then he will say to those on his left,  
    ‘Depart from me, you are accursed,  
    into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.  
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
    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 the 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.**



*(Holy Gospel – G5 • Mark 15: 33-39)*

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

At noon darkness came over the whole land

Until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabaachthani?”

which is translated,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

“Look, he is calling Elijah.”

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed,  
and gave it to him to drink, saying,

“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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

When the centurion who stood facing him

saw how he breathed his last he said,

“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

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

*(Holy Gospel – G6 • Luke 7: 11-17)*

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

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,  
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.  
As he drew near to the gate of the city,  
a man who had died was being carried out,  
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.  
A large crowd from the city was with her.  
When the Lord saw her,  
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,  
“Do not weep”  
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;  
at this the bearers halted  
and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”  
The dead man sat up and began to speak,  
and Jesus gave him to his mother.  
Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,  
“A great prophet has arisen in our midst,”  
and “God has visited his people.”  
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea  
and in all the surrounding region.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*(Holy Gospel – G7 • Luke 12: 35-40)*

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a  
wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,

blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour

when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Holy Gospel – G8 • Luke 23: 33, 39-43)*

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

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

Now one of the criminals hanging there  
reviled Jesus, saying  
“Are you the Christ?  
save yourself and us.”

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

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

Then he said,

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

He replied to him,

“Amen, I say to you  
today you will be with me in Paradise.”

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Holy Gospel – G9 • Luke 23: 44-46, 50,52-53)*

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

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon  
because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.  
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;  
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,  
though he was a member of the council,  
went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

After he had taken the body down,  
he wrapped it in a linen cloth  
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb  
in which no one had yet been buried.

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Holy Gospel – G10 • Luke 24:13-16, 28-35)*

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

That very day, the first day of the week,  
two of the disciples of Jesus were going  
to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem,  
and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.  
And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,  
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,  
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.  
As they approached the village to which they were going,  
he gave them the impression that he was going on farther.  
But they urged him, “stay with us,  
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”  
So he went in to stay with them.  
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,  
but he vanished from their sight.  
Then they said to each other,  
“Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”  
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem  
where they found gathered together  
the Eleven and those with them, who were saying,  
“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”  
Then the two recounted  
what had taken place on the way  
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*(Holy Gospel – G11 • John 5: 24-29)*

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

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

“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 the Son 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.**

*(Holy Gospel – G12 • John 6: 37-40)*

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

Jesus said to the crowds:

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

And this is the will of the one who sent me,

that I should not lose anything of what he gave me  
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,

that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life,  
and I shall raise him on the last day.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**



*(Holy Gospel – G13 • John 6: 51-59)*

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

Jesus said to the crowds:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh  
for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,  
“How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood,  
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
has eternal life,  
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food  
and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father  
so also the one who feeds on me,  
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.  
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

*(Holy Gospel – G14 • John 11: 21-27)*

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

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,  
God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,

“I know he will rise,  
in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,

“I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,  
the one who is coming into the world.”

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

*(Holy Gospel – G15 • John 11:32-45)*

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

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,  
She fell at his feet and said to him,  
“Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her  
weeping  
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,  
“where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”

But some of them said:

“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man  
have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister said to him,

“Lord, by now there will be stench;  
he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her,

“Did I not tell you that if you believe  
you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,  
“Father, I thank you for hearing me.  
I know that you always hear me;  
But because of the crowd here I have said this,  
that they may believe that you sent me.”  
And when he had said this,  
He cried out in a loud voice  
“Lazarus, come out!”  
The dead man came out,  
tied hand and foot with burial bands,  
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.  
So Jesus said to the crowd.  
“Untie him and let him go.”  
Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary  
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*(Holy Gospel – G16 • John 12: 23-26)*

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

Jesus said to 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 will lose 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.**

*(Holy Gospel – G17 • 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**

*(Holy Gospel – G18 • John 17: 24-26)*

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

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Father, those whom you gave me 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 loved me

may be in them and I in them.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,  
he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,  
in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others,  
one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother  
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved,  
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son."

Then he said to the disciple,  
"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished,  
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,  
Jesus said, "I thirst. "

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop  
and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.



Now since it was preparation day,  
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the  
sabbath,  
for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,  
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken  
and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first  
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.  
But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,  
they did not break his legs,  
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,  
And immediately Blood and water flowed out.  
An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;  
he knows that he is speaking the truth,  
so that you may also come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled;  
*Not a bone of it will be broken*  
And again another passage says:  
*They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea,  
secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,  
asked Pilate if he could remove the Body of Jesus.  
And Pilate permitted it.  
So he came and took his Body.  
Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night,  
also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes  
weighing about one hundred pounds.

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

## Song Suggestions for Funerals

- Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN BB/MI 428  
CM 146 CP2 423 CP3 452 GP2 615 H 432  
J2 713 J3 680 SS1 104 UC 711 VOZ 639
- As the Deer Longs (B. Hurd) BB/MI 777 CP2 32  
CP3 32 GP2 207 H 118 J2 42 J3 44 UC 108  
VOZ 175 OCP 9103
- Be Not Afraid/No Temas Más (Dufford)  
BB/MI 427 CM 143 CP2 424 CP3 453 GP2 602  
H 428 J2 706 J3 673 SS1 170 UC 713 VOZ 647  
OCP 9527
- Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA BB/MI 693  
CP3 361 H 341 J2 575 J3 547
- Because the Lord Is My Shepherd (C. Walker)  
BB/MI 490 CP2 436 CP3 466 GP2 627 H 356  
J2 725 J3 697 UC 667 VOZ 731 OCP 7105
- Center of My Life (Inwood) BB/MI 448 CP2 414  
CP3 439 GP2 593 H 422 J2 697 J3 665 UC 628  
VOZ 678 OCP 7136
- Come to Me (Norbet) BB/MI 482 CP2 442  
CP3 472 GP2 629 H 453 J2 728 J3 695 UC 666  
VOZ 730
- Fly like a Bird (Canedo) BB/MI 685 CP3 372  
H 359 J3 698 SS1 177 OCP 12065
- For All the Saints SINE NOMINE BB/MI 732  
CM 82 CP2 306 CP3 318 GP2 445 H 298 J2 526  
J3 504 UC 463 VOZ 550
- Give Me Jesus (Spiritual/Hansen) BB/MI 681  
CP2 349 CP3 367 GP2 484 H 348 J2 583  
J3 554 VOZ 332 OCP 9709
- Go in Peace (Hart/Liles) BB/MI 682 J3 561  
SS2 239 OCP 20129
- God's Eye Is on the Sparrow (B. Hurd) SS1 178  
OCP 9560
- Grant Them Eternal Rest (Alstott)  
BB/MI 836 J2 135 J3 132
- Healing River of the Spirit BEACH SPRING  
BB/MI 694 CP3 362 H 342 J3 545
- Holy Darkness (Schutte) BB/MI 481 CP2 342  
CP3 360 GP2 477 H 339 J2 578 J3 549 SS2 232  
UC 659 VOZ 727 OCP 9906
- How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (DeBruyn)  
BB/MI 692 GP2 488 H 355 J2 581 J3 551
- I Am the Bread of Life/Yo Soy el Pan de Vida  
(Toolan) BB/MI 343 CM 111 CP2 478 CP3 520  
H 504 304 UC 505
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus KINGSFOLD  
BB/MI 489 CP2 437 CP3 467 GP2 633 H 451  
J2 729 J3 692 UC 660 VOZ 728 OCP 11574
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives DUKE STREET  
BB/MI 577 CP2 344 CP3 370 GP2 388 H 260  
J2 131 J3 129 UC 398 VOZ 671
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper)  
BB/MI 690 CP2 345 CP3 363 GP2 482 H 353  
J2 586 J3 556 SS1 154 UC 263 VOZ 346  
OCP 9564
- I, the Lord (Kenzia) BB/MI 691 GP2 480 J2 584  
J3 552 OCP 5905
- In Every Age (Smith) BB/MI 794 CP2 54 CP3 51  
GP2 228 H 134 J2 66 J3 67 VOZ 203
- In Every Age (Whitaker) BB/MI 487 CP3 473  
H 458 J2 727 J3 696 SS2 242 OCP 11579
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home LAND OF REST  
BB/MI 618 H 537 J 433 J2 788 J3 758 UC 251  
VOZ 333
- Let Us Go Rejoicing (Halligan Jr) H 156 J3 103  
SS2 278
- Let Us Go Rejoicing POINT HILL J2 791  
OCP 10622
- Like a Child Rests (C. Walker) BB/MI 483  
CP2 434 CP3 464 GP2 635 H 456 J2 734  
J3 691 226 UC 672 VOZ 734 OCP 9139
- Like a Shepherd (Dufford) BB/MI 612 CM 150  
CP2 402 CP3 436 GP2 708 H 471 J2 648  
J3 622 UC 653 VOZ 617 OCP 9933
- Now the Green Blade Rises NOËL NOUVELET  
BB 165 CP2 289 CP3 295 GP2 382 H 262  
J2 443 J3 422
- O God, You Search Me (Farrell) BB/MI 435  
CP2 427 CP3 456 GP2 601 H 441 J2 711  
J3 678 UC 722 VOZ 646 OCP 10057
- O Loving God LONDONDERRY AIR BB/MI 687  
CP3 373 H 574 J3 550 OCP 12774
- On Eagle's Wings/En Sus Alas (Joncas)  
BB/MI 434 CM 144 CP2 418 CP3 447 GP2 598  
H 435 J2 704 J3 671 SS1 195 UC 702 VOZ 630  
OCP 9493
- Only This I Want (Schutte) BB/MI 517 CP2 454  
CP3 487 GP2 575 H 479 J2 766 J3 732 UC 552  
VOZ 701 OCP 10486
- Out of the Depths (Soper) BB/MI 823 CP2 89  
CP3 83 GP2 277 H 160 J2 107 J3 109 VOZ 252  
OCP 9566
- Parable (Ridge) BB/MI 689 CP2 347 CP3 365  
GP2 481 H 352 J2 588 J3 558 UC 261  
VOZ 345 OCP 8876
- Prayer of St. Francis/Oración de San Francisco  
(Temple) BB/MI 502 CM 160 CP2 452  
CP3 484 GP2 651 H 461 J2 738 J3 702 SS1 199  
UC 536 VOZ 720 OCP 10762
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD  
BB/MI 695 CP2 343 CP3 359 GP2 478 H 340  
J3 548 UC 656 VOZ 726
- Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting/As Morning  
Breaks (Angrisano) BB/MI 784 CP2 40  
CP3 42 H 124 J3 52 SS1 68 UC 118 VOZ 188  
OCP 10897
- Restless Is the Heart (Farrell) BB/MI 683  
GP2 483 OCP 9283
- Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE  
BB/MI 616 CP2 469 CP3 508 H 539 J2 786  
J3 756
- Shelter Me, O God (B. Hurd) BB/MI 488  
CP2 441 CP3 471 GP2 626 H 459 J2 724  
J3 689 UC 670 VOZ 732 OCP 8836
- Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen) BB/MI 491  
CM 165 CP2 11 CP3 474 H 100 SS1 59 UC 658
- Sing with All the Saints in Glory HYMN TO JOY  
BB/MI 617 CP3 507 H 538 J2 789 J3 759
- Song of Farewell OLD HUNDREDTH BB/MI 839  
CM 96 CP2 346 CP3 364 GP2 490 H 358  
J2 137 J3 134 UC 260 VOZ 344
- Song of Farewell (Sands) BB/MI 688 CP2 351  
CP3 369 GP2 494 H 351 J2 580 J3 553 UC 256  
VOZ 343 OCP 9288
- Song of Simeon (Whitaker) J2 507 J3 124  
SS2 231 UC 460 VOZ 544 OCP 11499
- Soon and Very Soon SOON AND VERY SOON  
BB/MI 589 CP2 465 CP3 503 GP2 723 H 551  
J2 683 J3 755 UC 757 VOZ 672 OCP 10265
- The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Dufford)  
BB/MI 807 CP2 72 CP3 64 GP2 250 H 147  
J2 84 UC 147 VOZ 223
- The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Modlin)  
BB/MI 493 J3 85 SS1 77
- The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Willcock)  
CP2 73 J2 83 VOZ 225
- The Lord Is My Light (Haas) BB/MI 763 CP2 17  
CP3 18 H 104 UC 92
- The Lord Is My Light (C. Walker)  
BB/MI 684 CP2 348 CP3 366 GP2 486 H 354  
J2 587 J3 557 SS1 61 UC 254 VOZ 339  
OCP 10448
- The Strife Is O'er VICTORY BB/MI 578 CM 63  
CP2 283 CP3 289 GP2 384 H 269 J2 431  
J3 408 UC 643 VOZ 665
- There Is a Longing (Quigley) BB/MI 397  
CP2 409 CP3 424 GP2 620 H 409 J2 692  
J3 649 SS1 208 UC 768 VOZ 655 OCP 10028
- Unless a Grain of Wheat (Farrell) BB/MI 509  
CP2 456 CP3 489 GP2 579 H 475 J2 760  
J3 725 UC 543 VOZ 710 OCP 7115
- Unless a Grain of Wheat (B. Hurd)  
BB/MI 352 CP2 485 CP3 544 H 507  
J2 802 J3 801
- We Will Rise Again (Haas) BB/MI 444 CP2 429  
CP3 458 GP2 603 H 433 J2 714 J3 681 UC 708  
VOZ 629 OCP 8731
- Where My Father Lives (Ridge)  
BB/MI 619 OCP 12818
- With the Lord There Is Mercy (Modlin)  
BB/MI 824 CP3 82 J3 108 SS2 280 OCP 20768
- With the Lord There Is Mercy (Smith)  
CP2 88 J2 106 J3 106
- Yes, I Shall Arise (Alstott) BB/MI 686 GP2 491  
J2 590 J3 562 OCP 8988
- Yes, I Shall Arise (Deiss) VOZ 308
- You Are Near (Schutte) BB/MI 433 CM 141  
CP2 417 CP3 446 GP2 619 H 443 J2 722 J3 687  
UC 704 VOZ 631 OCP 9503
- BB..... *Breaking Bread 2013*  
CM..... *Companion Missal 2013*  
CP2..... *Choral Praise Comprehensive* (Second Edition)  
CP3..... *Choral Praise* (Third Edition)  
GP2..... *Glory & Praise* (Second Edition)  
H..... *Heritage Missal 2013*  
J, J2, J3..... *Journeysongs* (First, Second, Third Editions)  
MI..... *Music Issue 2013*  
NTY..... *Never Too Young: Spirit & Song  
for Young People*  
R2, R3 . *Rise Up and Sing* (Second Edition, Third Edition)  
SS1, SS2..... *Spirit & Song 1 and Spirit & Song 2*  
UC..... *United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo 2012-2014,  
music resource*  
VOZ..... *One Faith, Una Voz* (hymnal)

## Diocese of Sacramento Guidelines for Eulogies

The person who gives a eulogy at a Vigil Service or Funeral Mass needs to be someone who can speak for the family of the deceased without being overcome by grief and who states a willingness to cooperate with the local diocesan and/or parish guidelines.

### Content of Eulogies

Statements about the deceased should speak to the deceased person's relationship to God/family/community; tell of the Christian legacy left behind for others to learn from; help others put this person's life into the broader context of our Christian faith. Statements and memories about the deceased should be sensitive to and helpful to the family and friends in their time of loss, by giving them comfort in their grief. Video retrospectives on the life of the deceased have become a more common way to share memories. Such media retrospectives are not permitted during the liturgy in the church. These presentations are more suited to the reception or other occasions.

### Number and Length of Eulogies

*During the Vigil Service*- The number of people giving eulogies or telling stories about the deceased at the vigil service is not prescribed, but can be left to the discretion of those planning the rites. OCF recommends this take place following the Concluding Prayer and before the Concluding Rite, on page 43. An "open mic" format is not appropriate during any of the funeral rites.

*During the Funeral Liturgy* – Normally, the number of eulogies to be given before the Final Commendation at the Funeral Liturgy should be **limited to one person**. (OCF #170 says..."**A** member or a friend of the family may speak in remembrance of the deceased before the Final Commendation begins.")

**Eulogies should last between 3-5 minutes and it is best if the speaker has notes prepared in writing ahead of time and has timed their remarks ahead of time. Sharing of additional stories about the deceased may continue in an "open mic" style during the reception following the liturgy.**