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MAY GOD GIVE YOU PEACE

Our sincere condolences as you experience this loss in your life. Although these days may be very difficult, they can also be the source of healing for you and your family.

Please take the time to read through this booklet and make the selections that will assist us in preparing the funeral rites for your loved ones.

HOW A FUNERAL WORKS

There are three “stations” to the funeral rites: **the wake, the liturgy**, and the commendation at **the cemetery**. The funeral rites can be a source of comfort and healing for those left behind. Participating in the planning process of a loved one’s funeral can make it a more personal, meaningful experience for those attending and a loving tribute to the deceased. The following instructions are meant to assist you in that preparation. In addition the Friars are available to assist you in whatever way they can at this difficult time for your family and friends.

Contact our office directly for assistance in planning the funeral liturgy by calling 315-422-4833.

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The Wake

This is a time to receive family and friends who want to pay their respect. It's also an opportunity to pray. You can ask if one of the friars is available to stop in and offer the Vigil Prayers. It's also a great time for people who might want to offer some words of eulogy.

The Funeral Liturgy

This may include the Catholic Mass or not. If most people are not Catholic and might feel uncomfortable it's possible to have the liturgy without the Catholic Mass. Here are some selections that will need to be made to prepare for the Liturgy. You will select readings and also select people to do the readings.

Reading I: The first reading may be chosen from the Hebrew Scriptures. During the Easter Season select this reading from the New Testament. Non-biblical texts may not replace scriptural readings at Mass. The family should choose a family member or friend to proclaim the reading.

Responsorial Psalm: The responsorial psalm is sung by a cantor. The family may request a particular psalm and the organist will choose a musical setting for that psalm. The family may also request a particular musical setting if they wish.

Reading II: A second reading is optional. If the family chooses to have one, it should come from the New Testament. Non-biblical texts may not replace scriptural readings at Mass.

Gospel: Although the deacon or a priest proclaims the Gospel, the family may select the one that will be read.

Homily Preparation: To assist the friar as he prepares the homily for the funeral liturgy please think of the highlights/key events of the deceased's life. What were some of the passions of his/her life and why? What were some of his/her Christian virtues? What would be important for Friar to know about your loved one as he prepares the homily? You can either meet with the friar preparing the funeral or email your thoughts. Also please include the obituary if possible.

General Intercessions: The family should choose one of the sets of Prayers of the Faithful. Again, the family should choose someone to read the intercessions

Presentation of the Gifts: The family may choose two people to carry the offertory gifts to the altar. The family may also choose not to have an offertory procession. **Not available during COVID**

Remarks of Remembrance: The Catholic liturgy does NOT include eulogies. Eulogies may be offered at the funeral home, the grave or at the reception after the funeral. However, if the family desires, they may have one person come forward after Communion to offer some remarks of remembrance lasting no longer than 3-4 minutes. The remarks at the liturgy should be focused on the deceased's Christian virtues and not simply memories.

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Signing the Book of Remembrance: Assumption Parish

has a custom of listing the names of all the deceased in a Book of Remembrance. The family is asked to appoint one member who will sign the name of the deceased in Assumption's book. This will be done shortly after Communion.

Special Music Requested: If there are particular hymns that the deceased or family would like to suggest they should let us know as soon as possible. If suitable these will be integrated into the liturgy as best possible. It is not possible to include "secular" or "pop" music. The Music Director will organize the music.

The Cemetery

The body or cremated remains for your loved ones are sacred. As Catholics we believe in the dignity of the body itself and in the Resurrection of the Body. We are only truly ourselves when we complete; body and soul. Therefore, the physical remains of a person should be treated with the utmost respect. The deceased's body or ashes should be buried in the ground or in a mausoleum. Ashes should be placed in a permanent place such a columbarium or buried in the cemetery. As tempting as it may be, and sentimentally appealing a person's ashes should be not separated, made into jewelry or given away as keepsakes. These are not your loved one's possession, but rather their very self. The same can be said for spreading ashes in a significant place. It may sound nice at at the moment but thousands of years of experience has taught us that in the long run it's better to have a distinct and dedicated place for your loved one's remains to await the Resurrection.

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About the Readings

In collaboration with the Priest or other parish minister assisting you, select one each from the choices for first reading, second reading, and gospel reading. Choices can be recorded on the selection sheet using the letter-number coding that appears on the left side of the heading for each reading. Please also record the page number. The number on the right in parentheses is the lectionary number for that reading. It will be used by parish personnel to mark the lectionary for whoever will read during the Funeral Mass.

**When the situation warrants, a single reading may be chosen for use before the gospel.*

***Non-biblical texts may not replace scriptural readings at the Funeral Mass.*

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Outside Easter Time: Old Testament C1 He acted in an excellent and noble way 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 as he had the resurrection (1011-1) of the dead in view. A reading from the second Book of

Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel,
took up a collection among all his soldiers,
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory
sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it
would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in
death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward
that awaits those who had gone to rest in
godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead
that they might be freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord.

C2 I know that my Vindicator lives. Job 19:1, 23-27a
(1011-2)

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:
Oh, would that my words were written down!
Would that they were inscribed in a record:
That with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
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and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;
Whom I myself shall see:
my own eyes, not another's shall hold him;
And from my flesh I shall see God;
my inmost being is consumed with longing

The word of the Lord.

C3 As sacrificial offerings he took Long version:

Wisdom 3:1-9 **them to himself.** (1011-3)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hands of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an
affliction

and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet it is their hope full of immortality.

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them to be worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to
himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;

They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the LORD shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

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C3

Short version: Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

C4 An unsullied life, the attainment Wisdom 4:7-15 **of old age.** (1011-4)

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;
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he who lived among sinners was transported –
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right

and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of
wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

The word of the Lord.

C5 He will destroy death forever.

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
(1011-5)

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.

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C6 It is good to hope in silence for Lamentations
3:17-26 **the saving help of the Lord.** (1011-6)

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;

I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the LORD.
The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:
The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
So great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.
Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

C7 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake. (1011-7) Daniel 12:1-3

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
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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 was 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.

During Easter Time: New Testament (Note:

During the Easter season one of the following four readings is used as a first reading instead of a passage from the old testament.)

C8 He is the one appointed by God as Long
version: judge of the living and the dead. Acts of the
Apostles 10:34-43
(1012-1)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts
uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
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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 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 the forgiveness of sins through his
name." The word of the Lord.

C8

Short version: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts
uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all.

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.

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To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive the forgiveness of sins through his
name." The word of the Lord.

C9 Blessed are the dead Revelation 14:13 **who die in
the Lord.** (1012-2)

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit,

"let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord.

C10 The dead were judged according Revelation 20:11-21:1 **to their deeds.** (1012-3)

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 Death and Hades gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

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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.

C11 There shall be no more death. Revelation

21:1-5a, 6b-7

(1012-4)

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.

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The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God,
and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

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E1 Since we are now justified by his Romans
5:5-11 Blood, we will be saved through (1014-1)
him from the wrath.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the

Romans Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God
has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to
us. For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just
person, though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for
us. How much more then,
since we are now justified by his Blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his
Son, how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,
but we will also boast of God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received

reconciliation. The word of the Lord.

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E2 Where sin increased, grace overflowed
Romans 5:17-21 all the more. (1014-2)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the

Romans Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgressions of the one,

death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive the abundance of
grace and the gift of justification
come to reign in the 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.

E3 We too might live in newness of life. Long
version: Romans 6:3-9
(1014-3)

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

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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 through him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,

we believe that we shall also live with him.

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

The word of the Lord.

E3

Short version: Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
(1014-3)

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.

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E4 We also groan within ourselves as we

Romans 8:14-23 wait for adoption, the (1014-4)

redemption of our bodies.

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 with Christ, if only we will suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our

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E5 What will separate us from Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 the love of Christ? (1014-5)

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 us?

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, not 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.

E6 Whether we live or die, Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12 WE are the Lord's. (1014-6)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the

Romans Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself

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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 judgement seat of God; 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 himself to God. The word of the Lord.

E7 So too in Christ shall all be Long version: 1
Corinthians 15:20-28 **brought to life.** (1014-7)

**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 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;
then comes the end,

when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and
Father. For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for "he subjected everything under his feet."

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But when it says that everything has been
subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who
subjected
everything to him,

When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

E7

Short version : 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
(1014-7)

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Corinthians** Brothers and sisters:

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the firstfruits of those who 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.

E8 Death is swallowed up in victory 1 Corinthians
15:51-57
(1014-8)

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the
Corinthians** Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.
We shall not 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

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the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.
For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with
incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe
itself with immortality.
And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with
incorruptibility, and this which is mortal clothes itself
with immortality, then the word that is
written shall come about:
Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death is your sting?

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**E9 What is seen is transitory, 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1
but what is unseen is eternal. (1014-9)**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the
Corinthians** Brothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord
Jesus will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more
and more people may cause the thanksgiving to
overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction

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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.

E10 We have a building from God, 2 Corinthians
5:1, 6-10 **eternal in heaven.** (1014-10)

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 judgement seat of
Christ, so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body,
whether good or evil.

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E11 He will change our lowly bodies Philippians
3:20-21 **to conform to his glory.** (1014-11)

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.

E12 Thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1014-12)

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,

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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.

E13 If we have died with him we shall also live with him. (1014-13)

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.

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E14 We shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:1-2
(1014-14)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like
him, for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

E15 We know that we have passed from 1 John

3:14-16 **death to life because we love** (1014-15) **our brothers. A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

Beloved:

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

Whoever does not love remains in death.

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

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

brothers. The word of the Lord.

29 *Rite of Christian Burial* **Gospel Reading**

G1 Rejoice and be glad, for your Matthew 5:1-12a
reward will be great in heaven. (1016-1)

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

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

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G2 Come to me and I will give you rest. Matthew

11:25-30

(1016-2)

† 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 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.

G3 Behold the bridegroom! Matthew 25:1-13 Come out to him! (1016-3)

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Matthew Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
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G4 Come, you who are blessed Matthew 25:31-46
by my Father. (1016-4)

† 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,

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‘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 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 the
least of my 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.”

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G5 Jesus gave a loud cry and Long version: Mark
15:33-39, 16:1-6 **breathed his last.** (1016-5)

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

Mark At noon the 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 sabachthani?" 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!"

When the sabbath was over,

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and
Salome brought spices so that they might go and anoint
him. Very early when the sun had risen,

on the first day of the week, they came to the
tomb. They were saying to one another,

"Who will roll back the stone for us
from the entrance of the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone had
been rolled back; it was very large.

On entering the tomb they saw a young man
sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe,
and they were utterly amazed.

He said to them, "Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.

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He has been raised; he is not here.
Behold the place where they laid him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G5

Short version: Mark 15:33-39
(1016-5)

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bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him

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“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G6 Young man I tell you, arise! Luke 7:11-17

(1016-6)

† **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 widowed.

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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.

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G7 You must also be prepared. Luke 12:35-40 (1016-7)

† **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.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

G8 Today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke 23:33, 39-43

(1016-8)

†† **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 not 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.

G9 Father, into your hands I commend Long

version: Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52,-53, 24:1-6a **my spirit.** (1016-9)

† **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,

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“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.

At daybreak on the first day of the week
the women took the spices they had prepared
and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the
tomb; but when they entered,
they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were puzzling over this, behold,
two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.

They were terrified and bowed their faces to the
ground. They said to them,

“Why do you seek the living one among the
dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.”

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G9

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a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been
buried. The Gospel of the Lord.

G10 Was it not necessary that the Christ Long
version: Luke 24:13-35 should suffer these things
(1016-10) and enter into his glory? †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. He
asked them,

“What are you discussing as you walk along?”

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you
the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the
things that have taken place there in these days?” And he
replied to them, “What sort of things?”

They said to him,

“The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who
was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and
all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both
handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified
him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem
Israel; and besides all this,

it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:

they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not
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find his Body; they came back and reported that
they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and
found things just as the women had described,
but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are!

How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was
it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and
enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him
in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going,
Jesus gave 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.

And it happened that, while he was with them at
table, he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to 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 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.

G10

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(1016-10)

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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.

G11 Whoever hears my word and believes

John 5:24-29 has passed from death to life. (1016-11)

▣ **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 the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgement, 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 to those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

G12 Everyone who sees the Son and believes

John 6:37-40 in him may have eternal life and

(1016-12) I shall raise him on the last day. ▣ **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.

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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.

G13 Who ever eats this bread will live John
6:51-59 forever, and I will raise them (1016-13) up
on the last day. □ 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 of 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 are and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

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G14 I am the resurrection and the life. Long

version: John 11:17-27

(1016-14)

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

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles
away. Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,

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

But even now I know 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 Christ, the Son of
God, the one who is coming into the World.”

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G14

Short version: John 11:21-27

(1016-14)

▣ 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 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?”

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

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G15 Lazarus, come out! John 11:32-45

(1016-15)

▣ A reading from the holy Gospel according to

John When Mar 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,
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“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 the 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 a 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 you have 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.

G16 If it dies, it produces much fruit. Long

version: John 12:23-28

(1016-16)

▣ 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.

“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.”

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G16

Short version: John 12:23-28

(1016-16)

▣ A reading from the holy Gospel according to

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and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.

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G17 In my Father's house there are John 14:1-6 many dwellings. (1016-17)

▣ **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 may also 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 the truth and the
life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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G18 I wish that where I am John 17:24-26 they also may be with me. (1016-18)

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

John Jesus raised his eye to heaven and said:

“Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they may also 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 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.”

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G19 And bowing his head John 19:17-18, 25-39 he handed over his Spirit. (1016-19)

▣ **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,

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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 a 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
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 a 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.

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Intercessions

You may use one of the following formulas, combine parts of several together, adapt the material below to your circumstances, or compose your own. If you chose to write your own, those given here can serve as helpful models. The various intentions should express the congregation's prayerful concern not only for those gathered for the funeral, but also for others in particular need throughout the world.

Record your choices on the selection form using the page number and the letter-number code on the left side of each heading.

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:"

Deacon: "In baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him (her) over the waters of death." Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

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

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

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

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

Deacon: "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: *Hear our prayer.*

Deacon: "Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all those whose faith is known to you alone."

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

For the mourners

Deacon: “The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.”

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

Deacon: “We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son’s coming.”

Lord, in your mercy: *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. *Amen.*

H2

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:”

Deacon: “For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he (she) may now be admitted to the company of the saints.”

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

Deacon: “For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he (she) may be raised up on the last day.” We pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: “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: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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Deacon: “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: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the mourners

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

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

Deacon: “For all us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together in God’s kingdom.”

We pray to the Lord: *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. *Amen.*

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Other Important Information

We are happy to serve you and your family regardless of your financial situation. If you cannot pay the suggested amount, please give what you can. If you can afford more, know that your gift will be put to good use to assist other families. In either case your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Offerings

Church \$200

Organist \$150

Cantor \$120

Programs

The church provides a half-page program which indicates the readings and the page numbers of the song selections for the liturgy. The family is responsible for preparing anything beyond that.

Visitation in church

In rare cases, when the deceased was of an advanced age it may be possible to have visitation for an hour prior to the funeral. There is an additional fee for this and the funeral home is responsible for providing staff during this time.

Not available during COVID.

Streaming

If you would like the Funeral Liturgy to be streamed on the church's Facebook and YouTube channel so that friends and families can participate from a distance, please let us know. A fixed camera streaming angle with no close-ups is free, if you would a more professional production there is a fee of \$50 but this is not guaranteed.