

# Funeral Planning Guide

## Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

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Brodheadsville, Pennsylvania

*As the Parish Community of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, we offer to you our faith-filled friendship at this time of loss. It is our hope that through the funeral liturgy, you may experience the comfort of faith, which assures us that life is changed and not ended.*

*This booklet may assist you in planning the funeral liturgy. Throughout its pages, you will find helpful suggestions for your personal expression of our Christian belief in everlasting life.*

*Please understand that this booklet is only meant to be of service to you and your family. If you find that it is too difficult to make these choices, please go no further. The funeral liturgy will be planned for you.*

*Through our common faith, we share in your loss. Please let us know if we can help you in any way during this time. May God bless you.*

**Father Robert Simon**  
**Deacon Robert O'Connor**  
**Deacon Joseph Rodgers**

### **Funeral Livestreaming:**

*Funeral Masses at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church will be livestreamed on our church facebook page for the convenience of loved ones who cannot make the Mass in person. If the family does not wish to have the Mass livestreamed, please ask the funeral home to notify Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.*

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# THE FUNERAL LITURGY

This section of the booklet explains the various parts of the Funeral Liturgy. Inserted into this booklet is a planning guide which will be useful to you in making your choices for the Funeral Liturgy.

**FUNERAL LITURGY FOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME** \_\_\_\_\_

## GATHERING RITE

Placing of Pall by \_\_\_\_\_

Gathering Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading No. \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading No. \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Reading No. \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Personally Composed? \_\_\_\_\_

Supplied by the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts Brought Forward by \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks of Remembrance will be given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Final Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

## THE OPENING RITE

Inside the entrance door of the church, the celebrant of the liturgy conducts a Rite of Reception of the body. This rite includes greeting those who have gathered together for the liturgy, blessing the body with holy water, and placing the pall on the casket.

After the priest completes this ritual, the congregation follows behind the casket in procession to the front of the church where the funeral director will seat them.

The casket is placed in front of the Paschal Candle, the celebrant may place the Book of the Gospels on the casket as a reminder of the Christian dignity of the deceased person.

### Aspects of the Rite

1. Sprinkling the body with holy water and placing the pall on the casket are reminders of the dignity conferred on all of us by Baptism. Family members or others may place the pall over the casket as a way of participating in this ritual.
2. The opening hymn, sung together as the congregation processes to the front of the church, sets a tone for us to remember the person who has died and to have hope in eternal rest. (Those planning the funeral liturgy may request appropriate hymns for any part of the liturgy.)
3. The Paschal Candle is a symbol of Christ, our Light and the Light of the World, the Light which has overcome death.
4. Placing the book of Gospels on the casket is a reminder of the Word of God which forms our lives as Christians, and it serves to remind us of God's promise of everlasting life to those who believe in His word. Other appropriate Christian symbols may also be placed on the casket. (rosary, prayer book, etc...)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the Liturgy of the Word, there are three readings from the scriptures: the first from the Old Testament, the second from an Epistle of the New Testament; and the third from a Gospel of one of the Evangelists.

After the reading from the Old Testament, the cantor will sing a Responsorial Psalm, and the congregation will join in the response.

Before the reading of the Gospel, the cantor and congregation sing an acclamation of praise.

Each of the readings and psalms encourages us with words of comfort and hope.

After the celebrant has read the Gospel, he will give a homily. The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the reading of the General Intercessions.

### Aspects of the Rite

1. Scriptural readings may be selected from the list which follows this introduction. Those planning the liturgy may also choose to have someone read the passages from the Old Testament, from the Epistle, and they may also read the General Intercessions.
2. The homily, which the priest or deacon gives, is an explanation and reminder of the Christian mysteries we celebrate and hear in the scriptural readings. A eulogy or words of remembrance are meant to be spoken after communion. The homily is specifically meant to remind all of us of the reality of Christian Hope as we face the reality of physical death.
3. The General Intercessions are petitions in which the congregation asks God to respond to our needs. If they so choose, the family may write their own petitions expressing their own personal needs.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

In preparation for the Eucharist celebration, the celebrant prepares the altar. During this time of preparation, members of the family may go to the credence table where there will be bread and wine, and bring these gifts to the priest. At the same time, the organist and cantor will sing a hymn, and the priest will incense the altar and the gifts of bread and wine.

### Aspects of the Rite

1. Bread and wine are fruits of this earth, which we offer to God, that in return for our offering, He will make of them a heavenly gift to us, the Body and Blood of His Son.
2. The hymn of preparation reminds us to look forward to the mysteries which we are about to celebrate.
3. As the priest incenses the altar and the gifts of bread and wine, we think of the rising incense as a symbol of offering our gifts and lives to God and of the holiness of our body in which we live out this life.

## THE FINAL COMMENDATION

Before the final prayers for the deceased, a member of the family or a friend may give a Eulogy or remarks of Remembrance to honor the memory and the life of the person who has died. After the remarks, the Funeral Liturgy concludes as the celebrant offers prayers for the deceased and for those who mourn, then the body of the deceased person is incensed. As the funeral procession leaves the church, the congregation sings a final hymn.

### Aspects of the Rite

1. The Eulogy or Remarks of Remembrance is an opportunity for a family member (or friend) to briefly speak in memory of the deceased. This is a wonderful opportunity to publicly remember and thank this person we honor with Christian burial.
2. During the Song of Farewell, the priests incenses the casket as a gesture of honor and respect.
3. As we bid a final farewell to the person who has died, the Prayer of Commendation commends the person to the care of God and offers us comfort as we let him/her go.
4. The Final Hymn reminds us of all our family and friends who have gone before us and comforts us during our time of loss.

**OLD TESTAMENT  
SELECTIONS**

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

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

Job answered Bildad the Shuhute and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

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

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

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's shall behold him;

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

**The word of the Lord**

**2A Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

**A reading from the Book of Proverbs:**

Who can find a woman of worth?

Far beyond jewels is her value.

Her husband trusts her judgment;

he does not lack income.

She brings him profit, not loss,  
all the days of her life.

She seeks out wool and flax  
and weaves with skillful hands.

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

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

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

Acclaim her for the work of her hands,  
and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

**The word of the Lord**

### **3A Wisdom 3: 1-9**

#### **A reading from the Book of Wisdom:**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
And no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.  
But they are in peace.  
For if before men, indeed they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.  
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;  
They shall judge nations and rule over people,  
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**

### **4A Song of Songs 2:10-14**

#### **A reading from the Song of Songs:**

Arise, my friend, my beautiful one,  
and come!  
For see, the winter is past,  
the rains are over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of pruning the vines has come,  
and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my friend, my beautiful one,  
and come!  
My dove in the clefts of the rock,<sup>\*</sup>  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,  
Let me see your face,  
let me hear your voice,  
For your voice is sweet,  
and your face is lovely.”

#### **The word of the Lord**



## 5A Song of Songs 8: 6-7

### **A reading from the Song of Songs:**

Set me as a seal on your heart,  
As a seal on your arm;  
For stern as death is love,  
Relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.

### **The word of the Lord**

## 6A Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

### **A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes:**

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
A time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.  
What advantage has the worker from his toil?  
I have considered the task,  
which God has appointed for men to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end,  
the work which God has done.

### **The word of the Lord**

**7A Sirach 26: 1-4, 13-26**

**A reading from the Book of Sirach:**

Blessed the husband of a good wife,  
twice-lengthened are his days;  
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,  
peaceful and full is his life.  
A good wife is a generous gift  
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;  
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,  
And a smile is ever on his face.  
A gracious wife delights her husband,  
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;  
A gift from the Lord is her governed speech,  
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.  
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,  
priceless her chaste soul.  
A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace,  
indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.  
Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,  
The beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

**The word of the Lord**

**8A Sirach 44: 1, 10-15**

**A reading from the Book of Sirach:**

Now will I praise those godly men,  
our ancestors, each in his own time:  
These were godly men  
whose virtues have not been forgotten;  
Their wealth remains in their families,  
their heritage with their descendants;  
Through God's covenant with them  
their family endures,  
their posterity for their sake.  
And for all time their progeny will endure,  
their glory will never be blotted out;  
Their bodies are peacefully laid away,  
but their name lives on and on.  
At gatherings their wisdom is retold,  
and the assembly proclaims their praise.

**The word of the Lord**

**9A Daniel 21: 1-3**

**A reading from 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**

**10A Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

The desert and the parched land will exult;  
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.  
They will bloom with abundant flowers,  
and rejoice with joyful song.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,  
The splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
They will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of God.  
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak,  
Say to those whose hearts are frightened;  
Be strong, fear not!  
Here is your God, he comes with vindication;  
With divine recompense he comes to save you.  
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
Then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the dumb will sing.  
Streams will burst forth in the desert,  
and rivers in the steppe.  
Those whom the LORD has ransomed  
will return and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy;  
They will meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning will flee.

**The word of the Lord**

## **11A Isaiah 41: 8-10**

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

Thus said the Lord God:

You, Israel, my servant,  
Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
offspring of Abraham my friend –

You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth  
and summoned from its far-off places,

You whom I have called my servant,  
whom I have chosen and will not cast off-

Fear not, I am with you;  
be not dismayed; I am your God.

I will strengthen you, and help you,  
and uphold you with my right hand of justice.

### **The word of the Lord**

## **12A Isaiah 57: 15-19**

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

Thus says he who is high and exalted,  
living eternally, whose name is the Holy One:

On high I dwell, and in holiness,  
and with the crushed and dejected in spirit,

To revive the spirits of the dejected,  
to revive the hearts of the crushed.

I will not accuse forever,  
nor always be angry;

For their spirits would faint before me,  
the souls that I have made.

Because of their wicked avarice I was angry,  
and struck them, hiding myself in wrath,  
as they went their own rebellious way.

I saw their ways,  
But I will heal them and lead them;

I will give full comfort  
to them and to those who mourn for them,  
I, the Creator, who gave them life.

Peace, peace to the far and the near,  
says the Lord; and I will heal them

### **The word of the Lord**

**13A Isaiah 61: 1-3**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to  
The lowly,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
To announce an year of favor from the Lord  
and a day of vindication by our God,  
to comfort all who mourn;  
To place on those who mourn in Zion  
a diadem instead of ashes,  
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,  
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

**The word of the Lord**

**14A Isaiah 25: 6-9**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
The web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.  
On that day it will be said:  
“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the Lord for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us.

**The word of the Lord**

**15A Lamentations 3: 17-26**

**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**

**16A Micah 6: 6-8**

**A reading from the Prophet Micah:**

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
    and bow before God most high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
    with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
    with myriad streams of oil?  
Shall I give my first born for my crime,  
    the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
You have been told, O man, what is good,  
    and what the Lord requires of you:  
Only to do right and to love goodness,  
    and to walk humbly with your God.

**The word of the Lord**

**17A Ezekiel 34: 11-16**

**A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel:**

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock  
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,  
so will I tend my sheep.

I will rescue them from every place  
where they are scattered  
when it was cloudy and dark.

I will lead them out from among the peoples  
and gather them from the foreign lands;  
I will bring them back to their own country  
and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel  
in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places.

In good pastures will I pasture them,  
and on the mountain heights of Israel  
shall be their grazing ground.

There they shall lie down on good grazing ground,  
and in rich pastures shall they be pastured  
on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will pasture my sheep;  
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God.

The lost I will seek out,  
the strayed I will bring back,  
the injured I will bind up,  
the sick I will heal,  
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,  
shepherding them rightly.

**The word of the Lord**

**18A Ezekiel 37: 12-14**

**A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel:**

Therefore, prophesy and say to them:

Thus says the Lord God:

O my people,  
I will open your graves and have you rise from them,  
and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the Lord,  
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,

O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the Lord.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

**The word of the Lord**

**19A Isaiah 65: 17-21**

**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:**

Thus says the Lord:

Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create;

For I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people.

No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there or the sound of crying;

No longer shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime;

He dies a mere youth who reaches but

a hundred years,

and he who fails of a hundred

shall be thought accursed.

They shall live in the houses they build,

and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.

**The word of the Lord**

**20A Zephaniah 3: 16-20**

**A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah:**

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

a mighty savior;

He will rejoice over you with gladness,

and renew you in his love,

He will sing joyfully because of you,

so that none may recount your disgrace.

Yes, at that time I will deal

with all who oppress you,

I will save the lame,

and assemble the outcasts;

I will give them praise and renown

in all the earth, when I bring about

their restoration.

At that time I will bring you home,

and at that time I will gather you;

For I will give you renown and praise,

among all the peoples of the earth,

When I bring about your restoration

before your very eyes, says the Lord.

**The word of the Lord**



**NEW TESTAMENT  
SELECTIONS**

**1B    Acts 10: 34-43**

**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,  
what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the Devil,  
for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day  
and granted that he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he arose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.

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

**The word of the Lord**

**2B    Romans 6: 3-9**

**A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:**

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who are baptized into  
Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through  
baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father  
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him  
through a death like his,  
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,  
so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

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

**The word of the Lord**

### **3B    Romans 5: 5-11**

#### **A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:**

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,  
    because the love of God has been poured out  
    into our hearts  
    through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
    died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for  
    a just person,  
    though perhaps for a good person  
    one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us  
    in that while we were still sinners  
    Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified  
    by his Blood,  
    will we be saved through him from the wrath.

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

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

**The word of the Lord**

## **4B    Romans 5: 17-21**

### **A reading from Paul's Letter 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 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 might also reign through justification  
    for eternal life  
    through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The word of the Lord**

## 5B Romans 8: 14-23

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter 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 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 first fruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan within ourselves,  
as we wait for adoption, the redemption  
of our bodies.

### **The word of the Lord**

**6B Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39**

**A Reading from Paul's Letter 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**

## 7B Romans 14: 7-12

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter 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 judgement seat

of God;

For it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee*

*shall bend before me,*

*and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of

himself to God.

### **The word of the Lord**

## 8B 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

### **A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:**

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.<sup>f</sup>

Love never fails.

### **The word of the Lord**



**9B 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57**

**A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:**

Brothers and Sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all  
be changed,  
in an instant, in the blink of an eye,  
at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,  
the dead will be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself  
with incorruptibility,  
and that which is mortal must clothe itself  
with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself  
with incorruptibility  
and this which is mortal clothes itself with  
immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

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

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

**The word of the Lord**

**10B Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7**

**A reading from the Book of Revelation:**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
And the sea was no more.  
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
Come down out of heaven from God,  
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be his people  
And God himself will always be with them as their God.  
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
And there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,  
For the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,  
“Behold, I make all things new.”  
I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
The beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.  
The victor will inherit these gifts,  
And I shall be his God,  
And he will be my son.”  
**The word of the Lord.**

## **11B Revelation 22: 1-7**

### **A reading from the Book of Revelation:**

John said:

An angel showed me the river of life-giving water,  
sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne  
of God  
and of the Lamb down the middle of the street,  
On either side of the river grew the tree of life  
that produces fruit twelve times a year,  
once each month;  
the leaves of the trees serve as medicine  
for the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found anymore.  
The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,  
and his servants will worship him.  
They will look upon his face, and his name  
will be on their foreheads.

Night will be no more, nor will they need light  
from lamp or sun,  
for the Lord God shall give them light  
and they shall reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy  
and true,  
and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits,  
sent his angel to show his servants what must  
happen soon."

"Behold, I am coming soon."

Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic  
message of this book.

**The word of the Lord**

## **12B 2 Corinthians 5: 1-16**

### **A reading from Paul's Second Letter 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.

So we are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous  
and we would rather leave the body  
and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.

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

Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord,  
we try to persuade others;  
but we are clearly apparent to God,  
and I hope we are also apparent to your  
consciousness.

We are not commending ourselves to you again  
but giving you an opportunity to boast of us,  
so that you may have something to say  
to those who boast of external appearance  
rather than of the heart.

For if we are out of our minds, it is for God,  
if we are rational, it is for you.

For the love of Christ impels us,  
once we have come to the conviction  
that one died for all; therefore all have died.  
He indeed died for all,  
so that those who live might no longer live  
for themselves  
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard  
no one according to the flesh;  
even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh,  
yet now we know him so no longer.

### **The word of the Lord**

**13B 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

**A reading from Paul's First Letter 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.

**The word of the Lord**

**14B** 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

**A reading from the Second Letter 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**

**15B** 1 John 3: 14-16

**A reading from the First Letter of 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**

**16B** 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

**A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy:**

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.  
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.  
The Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation  
might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.  
And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.  
The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to His heavenly Kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The word of the Lord**

**17B** 1 John 3: 1-2

**A reading from the First Letter of 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**

**A reading from the First Letter of Peter:**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ,  
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth  
to a living hope  
through resurrection of Jesus Christ  
from the dead,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you  
who by power of God are safeguarded  
through faith,  
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed  
in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while  
You may have to suffer through various trials,  
so that the genuineness of your faith,  
more precious than gold that is perishable  
even though tested by fire,  
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him;  
even though you do not see him now  
yet believe in him,  
you rejoice with an indescribable  
and glorious joy,  
as you attain the goal of your faith,  
the salvation of your souls.

**The word of the Lord**



## 19 B Ephesians 3: 14-21

### **A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians:**

Brothers and Sisters:

I kneel before the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and  
on earth is named,  
that he may grant you in accord with the  
riches of his glory  
to be strengthened with power through his  
Spirit in the inner self,  
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts  
through faith;  
that you, rooted and grounded in love,  
may have strength to comprehend with  
all the holy ones  
what is the breadth and length and height  
and depth  
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses  
knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness  
of God.

Now to him who is able to accomplish far more  
than all we ask or imagine,  
by the power at work within us,  
to him be glory in the Church  
and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.

**The word of the Lord**

**GOSPEL  
SELECTIONS**

## 1C Matthew 5: 1-12

When he 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.

Thus they persecuted the prophets who  
were before you.

**2C Matthew 6: 19-23**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and decay destroy, and thieves  
break in and steal.

But store up treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor decay destroys,  
nor thieves break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there also  
will your heart be.

“The lamp of the body is the eye.

If your eye is sound, your whole body will be  
filled with light;  
but if your eye is bad, your whole body  
will be in darkness.

And if the light in you is darkness, how great  
will the darkness be.”

**3C**    **Matthew 11: 25-30**

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth,

For although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me  
by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes  
to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

#### 4C Matthew 25: 1-3

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

Then 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 these 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.

## 5C Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the angels with him,  
he will sit upon his glorious throne,  
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,  
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.  
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,  
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

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

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

Then the righteous will answer him and say,  
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,  
or thirsty and give you drink?

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

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

And the king will say to them in reply,  
‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of these least 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 need?

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.”

## 6C Mark 15:33-39

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 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!"

## 7C Luke 1: 67-74

Zechariah his father, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
prophesied, saying:  
"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
for he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hand of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life."



## 8C Luke 7: 11-17

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.

## 9C Luke 12: 35-40

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.”

**10C Luke 23:33, 39-43**

When the soldiers came to the place called the Skull,  
they crucified him 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.”

**11C Luke 23: 44-49**

It was now 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.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened  
glorified God and said,  
“This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

When all the people who had gathered  
saw what had happened,  
they returned home beating their breasts;  
but all his acquaintances stood at a distance,  
including the women  
who had followed him from Galilee  
and saw these events.

## 12C Luke 24: 13-35

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 the 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 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 would suffer  
these things  
and enter into his glory?”

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

As they approached the village to which they were going,  
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

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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 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.

## 13C Luke 24: 1-16

At daybreak on the first day of the week  
the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus  
took 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.

Remember what he said to you while he was  
still in Galilee,  
that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners  
and be crucified, and rise on the third day."

And they remembered his words.

Then they returned to the tomb  
and announced all these things to the eleven  
and to all the others.

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The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna,  
and Mary the mother of James;  
the others who accompanied them also told this  
to the apostles,  
but their story seemed like nonsense  
and they did not believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb,  
bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone;  
then he went home amazed at what had happened.

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.

**14C** John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who has come down  
from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent  
in the desert,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

**15C John 6: 37-40**

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 come 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.”

**16C John 10: 27-30**

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.  
No one can take them out of my hand.  
My father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,  
and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.  
The Father and I are one.”

**17C John 6: 51-59**

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.”

## **18C John 10: 11-18**

Jesus said:

“I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep

and runs away,

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

and I know mine and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own.

I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father.”

## **19C John 11: 17-27**

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 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 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.”



## 20C John 12:32-45

Jesus said:

“And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself.”

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

So the crowd answered him,

“We have heard from the law that the Messiah  
remains forever.

Then how can you say that the Son of Man must  
be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

Jesus said to them,

“The light will be among you only a little while.  
Walk while you have the light,  
so that darkness may not overcome you.  
Whoever walks in the dark does not know  
where he is going.

While you have the light, believe in the light,  
so that you may become children of the light.”

After he had said this, Jesus left and hid from them.

Although he had performed so many signs  
in their presence they did not believe in him,  
in order that the word, which Isaiah  
the prophet spoke might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed our preaching,  
to whom has the might of the Lord been revealed?”

For this reason they could not believe,  
because again Isaiah said:

“He blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,  
so that they might not see with their eyes  
and understand with their hearts and be converted,  
and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said this because he saw his glory  
and spoke about him.

Nevertheless, many, even among the authorities,  
believed in him, but because of the Pharisees  
They did not acknowledge it openly  
in order not to be expelled from the synagogue.

For they preferred human praise to  
the glory of God.

Jesus cried out and said,

“Whoever believes in me believes not only in me  
but also in the one who sent me, and  
whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.”

## 21C John 12: 23-26

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 loses it,  
and whoever hates his life in this world  
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

## 22C John 14: 1-6

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.”

## 23C John 17: 24-26

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.

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The petitions allow us to personalize our needs in prayer. Family members and friends may wish to write these prayers so that they are more appropriate. The petitions which follow may be used as written or as a guide in composing personal petitions.

**Priest:** (Begins the general intercessions with a prayer)

**Leader:** Our brother/sister, N. (N. is used to indicate the person's name), was given the promise of eternal life in baptism: Lord give him/her joy in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord...

Response of congregation after each petition: *Lord hear our Prayer*

**Leader:** N. ate the Bread of eternal life, the Body of Christ; raise him/her up on the last day. **We pray to the Lord...**

**Leader:** We pray for all who have been close to us, for all who have been good to us, Lord, give them the reward of their goodness. **We pray to the Lord...**

**Leader:** We pray for all who have died in the hope of rising again; welcome them and all the deceased members of our family especially N., into the light of your presence, Lord. **We pray to the Lord...**

Leader: We pray for all who have gathered here to worship in faith; Lord, make us one in your kingdom. **We pray to the Lord...**

Leader: We pray for our family that we may be given strength, courage, and comfort in these difficult times. **We pray to the Lord...**

**Priest:** (Ends the general intercession with a prayer. It generally concludes with these words “**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**”)

# Music Selections

**NOTE:**

Mrs. Lindsey Blundetto has been hired by the parish as Director of Music. She will play the organ/piano and be responsible for providing a cantor for the liturgy.

## Hymns

All Creatures of Our God & King	Prayer of St. Francis
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	Precious Lord Take My Hand
Amazing Grace	Sing a New Song
An Old Irish Blessing	Sing to the Mountains
Ave Maria (Schubert)	Taste and See
Be Not Afraid	The Strife is O'er
Come To Us	We Remember
Gather Us In	
Go in Peace	
Glory and Praise to Our God	
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	
Here I Am Lord	
Holy Darkness	
You Are Near	
How Great Thou Art	
I Am the Bread of Life	
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	
In the Garden	
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You	
Let There Be Peace On Earth	
Like a Shepherd	
On Eagles Wings	

### Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 19: Lord You Have the Words  
Psalm 23: Shepherd Me O God  
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful  
Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light  
Psalm 25: To You O Lord

**FUNERAL LITURGY FOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME** \_\_\_\_\_

**GATHERING RITE**

Placing of Pall by \_\_\_\_\_

Gathering Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading No. \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading No. \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Reading No. \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Personally Composed? \_\_\_\_\_

Supplied by the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts Brought Forward by \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks of Remembrance will be given by \_\_\_\_\_

Final Hymn \_\_\_\_\_