

# GUIDE TO PREPARE A FUNERAL LITURGY

## SELECT READINGS

**First Reading:** Old Testament Reading. See C1 – C13

PDF booklet pages 3-8

Read by a friend or a family member

**Psalm:** It is usually sung (see list of hymns, page 29).

Examples are Psalm 23, My Shepherd Is the Lord or Shepherd Me, O God,  
or another Psalm.

Sung by the cantor

**Second Reading:** Epistle from the New Testament. See E1 – E15

PDF booklet pages 9-14. Read by a friend or a family member

**Gospel Acclamation**

Sung by cantor/assembly. We use the Celtic Alleluia except during Lent.

**Gospel:** New Testament Reading, from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. See G1-G20

PDF booklet pages 15-27. The Gospel is read by a priest or deacon.

## SELECT MUSIC

PDF booklet page 28

See the list in this PDF packet.

It is not exhaustive but gives an idea of hymns appropriate for funerals.

## SELECT A SET OF PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PDF booklet pages 29-31

Read by a friend or family member.

## EULOGY/WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Please limit the words of remembrance (prepared, written out) to one or two people, for a maximum of 5 minutes each.

A short biography sent to the presider will help them prepare their homily.

## SUGGESTED STIPENDS

Organist / cantor / priest: \$200 each (suggested)

Use of the Church: \$300 - no fee for the use of Riderwood Chapel

Payment (cash or check preferred; please inquire regarding electronic payments) on the day of the funeral or prior.

## RENTAL OF THE YOUTH CENTER or Amadeo Room, in Parish Life Center

**Youth Center:** \$200 (3 hours) - room accommodates approximately 75-80 people.

Disposal of trash & partial clean-up expected by family.

**Amadeo Room:** \$600 (3 hours), plus \$200 if we need to set up the room and return it to its Sunday morning set-up.

Disposal of trash & partial clean-up expected by family.

The room accommodates approximately 80 - 250 people.

## WAKE/VISITATION

Please let us know if you would like a visitation/wake for an hour before the funeral.

## URN OR CASKET?

In order to set up the church/chapel properly, it is important for us to know if there will be an urn, a casket, or neither.

## LIVE-STREAM

Live-stream is hosted on Resurrection's YouTube channel. A link will be sent ahead of time, to be forwarded to family and friends. The live-stream is unlisted (not public), thus the need for a link. Family and friends will be able to watch in real time. The link will also give access to the funeral Mass afterwards.

## LEAFLETS/PROGRAMS

If you wish, the music director can prepare programs for you and the church will print them. Samples of the type of programs provided can be found on pages 69-72.

Please provide the following: A digital picture of the deceased, dates of birth and death, names of the lectors (1st reading, 2nd reading, Prayers of the Faithful) and of the person(s) who deliver the words of remembrance; number of programs to be printed.

Does the family plan on having a eulogy (Words of Remembrance)?

Optional, for the back of the program: a short biography, a poem or words of thanks.

See a sample at the end of this packet.

# FIRST READINGS

## FIRST READING – C1

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,

which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,

inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;

for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,

it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward

that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,

it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead

that they might be freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord

## FIRST READING – C2

Job 19: 1, 23-27a

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, 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

## FIRST READING – C3

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 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

#### FIRST READING – C3a

Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord

#### FIRST READING – C4

Wisdom 4: 7-15

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported.

Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul;

For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

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

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

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING – C5

Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING – C7

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 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

## FIRST OR SECOND READING – C8

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

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

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

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

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

dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord

FIRST or SECOND READING – C9

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST OR SECOND READING – C10

Revelation 20:11-21:1

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 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.

The Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.

(This pool of fire is 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, the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST OR SECOND READING – C11

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

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God 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 victors will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord

FIRST READING – Ecclesiastes – C 12

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (Ee-clee-see-az-tees)

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 for 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 the beginning to end, the work which God has done.

I recognize that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life.

For every man and woman, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all their labor is a gift of God.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING – C 13

Proverbs 31: 10-12, 1, 17, 25-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A woman of strength who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not harm all the days of her life.

Strength and dignity are her clothing and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too, and he praises her:

“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord



# SECOND READINGS

## SECOND READING – E1

Romans 5: 5-11

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 into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that 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

## SECOND READING – E2

Romans 5: 17-21

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one,

how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace

and of the gift of justification come to reign in 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

## SECOND READING – E3a

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

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

## SECOND READING – E4

Romans 8: 14-23

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 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 bodies.

The word of the Lord

## SECOND READING - E5

Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

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

He did not spare his own son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

## SECOND READING – E6

Romans 14: 7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the 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

## SECOND READING – E7

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order; Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; 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.” 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

## SECOND READING – E7a

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order; Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord

## SECOND READING – E8

1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

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

Brothers and sisters: Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

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

“Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

## SECOND READING – E9

2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1

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 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

## SECOND READING - E10

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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

The Word of the Lord

## SECOND READING – E11

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the first 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 to his glorified body by the power that enables him  
also to bring all things in to subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord

## SECOND READING – E12

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 -18

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those  
who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming  
of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet  
of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet  
the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord

## SECOND READING - E13

2 Timothy 2:8-13

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. 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

## SECOND READING - E14

1 John 3: 1-2

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

## SECOND READING - E15

1 John 3: 14-16

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

# GOSPELS

## GOSPEL – G1

Matthew 5: 1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G2

Matthew 11: 25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and 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

## GOSPEL – G3

Matthew 25: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards, the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

## The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G4

Matthew 25: 31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon 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 needs?’

He will answer them,

‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’

And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G4a

Matthew 16: 13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly and on the third day be raised.

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G5

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema 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 bought 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 to 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. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.”

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G5a

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The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G6

Luke 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL - G7

Luke 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamp and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

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

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G8

Luke 23:33, 39-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.” The other, 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

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The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G9

Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53; 24: 1-6a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G9a

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The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G10

Luke 24: 13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples 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 then, “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 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 they 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 Messiah 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 has appeared to Simon!” Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

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Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G11

John 5: 24-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation."

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G12

John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

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

And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G13

John 6:51-59

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

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

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

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL – G14

John 11: 17-27

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. And 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 lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G14a

John 11: 21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

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The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G15

John 11: 32-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,

“Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”

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

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now, there will be 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 that you sent me.”

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice,

“Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to the crowd, “Untie him and let him go.” Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord



## GOSPEL – G16

John 12: 23-28

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 servants be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? “Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G16a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 12: 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

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The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G17

John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

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

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him,

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G17

John 14:1-7, 15-17, 27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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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.

If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G18

John 17: 24-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord

## GOSPEL – G19

John 19:17-18, 25-39

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 his disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over his spirit.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may 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

GOSPEL – G20

Matthew 9:9-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

# HYMNS

Please select a total of 4 hymns; this list is no exhaustive

Processional / Recessional (please select 2)

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	Hymnal 953
Amazing Grace	Hymnal 650
Be not Afraid	Hymnal 680
For All the Saints	Hymnal 891
For the Beauty of the Earth	Hymnal 632
How Great Thou Art	Hymnal 578
I Am the Bread of Life	Hymnal 950
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Hymnal 707
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	Hymnal 527
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	Hymnal 867
Lord of All Hopefulness	Hymnal 686
O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Hymnal 689
Sing With All the Saints	Hymnal 526
The Strife Is O’ver	Hymnal 511
What Wondrous Love Is This	Hymnal 641

Offertory (please select one)

Ave Maria, by Franz Schubert (soloist)	
Ave Maria, by Charles Gounod (soloist)	
Pie Jesu, from A Requiem Mass by Gabriel Fauré (soloist)	
Going Home, by Anton Dvořák (soloist)	
Eye Has not Seen	Hymnal 713
Healer of Our Every Ill	Hymnal 965
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	Hymnal 708
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Hymnal 980
You Are Mine	Hymnal 704

Communion (please select one)

Blest Are They	Hymnal 721
Eye Has not Seen	Hymnal 713
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	Hymnal 939
I Am the Bread of Life	Hymnal 950
On Eagle’s Wings	Hymnal 690
Unless a Grain of Wheat	Hymnal 759
Panis Angelicus, by César Franck (soloist)	

Please select one psalm:

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Hymnal 36

Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord

Hymnal 37

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

Hymnal 42

Psalm 42: Like a Deer That Longs

Hymnal 50

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Hymnal 39

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Please select one set, or write your own set, following these examples.

### **Prayer of the Faithful, set 1**

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for the Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Reader:

In Baptism, name received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

Our brother/sister, name was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

Many 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. We pray to the Lord.

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. We pray to the Lord.

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

The family and friends of name seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister, name. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord.

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Faithful, set 2**

Priest:

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

Reader:

For name who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she/he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

(R.)Lord, hear our prayer.

For our sister/brother, name who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she/he may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

(R.)Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

(R.)Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.

(R.)Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our sister/brother, name, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.

(R.)Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

(R.)Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS

**Memorial Mass**  
for  
**ALBERT JAMES KLAVON**  
September 27, 1935 - May 26, 2023



**June 3rd, 2023**  
Church of the Resurrection  
Burtonsville, MD

# Order of Service

## Presider: Rev. John Beal

### Introductory Rites

**Prelude music:** flutist Sawyer MacMillan

**Entrance:** Be not Afraid Hymnal 680

### Words of Remembrance

delivered by Katerina Klavon (daughter) & Philip Klavon (son)

### Liturgy of the Word *(please sit)*

**First Reading:** Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

read by Philip Klavon

*Lector: The word of the Lord*

*Assembly: Thanks be to God*

**Psalms 103, The Lord is kind and merciful**

read by Maribeth Davis (great-niece)

**New Testament Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2

read by Katie Klavon (daughter-in-law)

*Lector: The word of the Lord*

*Assembly: Thanks be to God*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia *(please stand)* Hymnal 333

*Priest: The Lord be with you*

**Assembly:** And with your spirit

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

**Assembly:** Glory to you, O Lord

**Gospel:** John 14:1-6

*Priest: the Gospel of the Lord*

**Assembly:** Thanks be to God

### Homily

### Prayers of the Faithful

read by Lara Davis (niece)



## Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Offertory:** Ave Maria, by Franz Schubert  
sung by Julia Hancock (great-niece)

**Procession:** Matthew & Suzanne Heaps (nephew & his wife)

*Invitation to Prayer (please stand)*

*Priest: Pray... the almighty Father.*

**Assembly:** *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church*

*Priest: The Lord be with you*

**Assembly:** *And with your spirit*

*Priest: Lift up your hearts*

**Assembly:** *We lift them up to the Lord*

*Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*

**Assembly:** *It is right and just*

### Eucharistic Acclamations:

Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal 365

Memorial Acclamation Hymnal 366

Great Amen Hymnal 367

### Lord's Prayer

**Assembly:** *Our Father...but deliver us from evil*

*Priest: Deliver us Lord . . . and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ*

**Assembly:** *For the kingdom, the pow'r, and the glory are yours now and forever*

**Lamb of God** Hymnal 384

*Invitation to Communion*

*Priest: Behold...supper of the Lamb.*

**Assembly:** *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed*

**Communion:** Eye Has not Seen Hymnal 713

**Meditation:** To You, O Lord (Psalm 25) Hymnal 39

## Concluding Rites

**Song of Farewell** Hymnal 198

**Closing Hymn:** What Wondrous Love Is This Hymnal 641

Albert James Klavon, Ph.D., 87, of Silver Spring, MD passed away after a long illness surrounded by family on Friday, May 26, 2023.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Albert was the third of seven children. A man of many talents, he was recruited to sing in the Children's Choir at St. Scholastica Catholic School as a mere second grader. In seventh grade, the family moved to a farm in Murrysville where he managed a hilly 220-acre farm. His time on the farm was treasured, despite the challenges of managing a family garden the length of a football field, caring for 300 chickens, and waking up in the dark to trudge through the snow in order to milk the cows before school.

He started his educational career at Penn State and worked a few years as a scientist at Rockwell Manufacturing Company before being drafted into the Army, eventually to be stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. University of Maryland was his academic home, where he completed three degrees and 38 years of service, 23 of them as an Assistant Dean in the College of Life Sciences. Over his tenure at the University, Albert mentored, taught and advised thousands of students, working to shape the advising experience across the entire campus.

After years of being a dedicated dad to Philip, Albert retired in 1999 and began a new role in life: stay-at-home dad. He played an active part in his daughter's schools and his church community, where he served in various roles, including as Food Pantry Coordinator for many years.

Albert had a zest for life and for learning. He enjoyed history, gardening, baking, crabbing and gathering family and friends around the dinner table for a home-cooked meal.

Albert is survived by his wife, Sharon O'Brien; son Philip and his wife, Katherine, grandchildren Gage and Rye Klavon; daughter Katerina and her partner, Adam Hostetler; siblings Virginia (Ginni) Grims and Thomas Klavon and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Mary Klavon, in-laws Joseph and Elizabeth O'Brien, siblings Mary Ann Borman, Rosemary Heaps, Jeanne Anne Campbell, Joan Ochs; niece Kelly Klavon and nephews Mark Borman, Christopher Borman, Michael Heaps, Martin Heaps, sister-in-law Elizabeth (Betty-Jo) Robertson, brothers-in-law William Patrick O'Brien and Robert Barry O'Brien.

The interment will be held at the Arlington National Cemetery on a later date.