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Preparation of the Eucharistic Celebration For a Funeral

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# OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

(The First Reading)

### A Reading from the Book of Job

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record:

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

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

And from my flesh I shall see God

The Word of the Lord

OT 1 Job 19:1, 23-26a

### A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

But 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 the elect.

The Word of the Lord

OT 2 Wisdom 3:1-9

### A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just ones, though they 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 crown for human life and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

Having become perfect in a short while, they reached the fullness of a long career; for they were pleasing to the Lord, therefore God sped them out of the midst of wickedness.

The Word of the Lord

OT 3 Wisdom 4:7-9, 13-14b

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples.
On this mountain the Lord will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
God 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 God has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord

OT 4 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Do you not know or have you not heard?

The LORD is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound.

Though young people faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall,
They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings;
They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

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.

Yes, all shall be put to shame and disgrace who vent their anger against you; Those shall perish and come to naught who offer resistance.

You shall seek out, but shall not find, those who strive against you; They shall be as nothing at all who do battle with you.

For I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

The Word of the Lord.

OT 5 Isaiah 40:28-31, 41:10-13

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

But now, thus says the Lord,
who created you O Jacob,
and formed you, O Israel:
fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
and you are mine.

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

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

OT 6 Isaiah 43:1-3a

### A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her has an unfailing prize. She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She reaches out her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel.

Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

The Word of the Lord.

OT 7 Proverbs 31:10-12, 20, 25, 28-30

### 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.

God has made everything appropriate to its time. Whatever God does will endure forever, There is no adding to it, or taking from it.

The Word of the Lord.

### OT 8 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11a, 14a

### A Reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth said, "Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you!

For wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people and your God, my God.

Wherever you die I will die, and there be buried.

May the Lord do so and so to me, and more besides, if aught but death separates me from you!"

Naomi then ceased to urge her, for she saw she was determined to go with her.

The Word of the Lord.

OT 9 Ruth 1:16-18

### A Reading from the Book of Sirach

In word and deed, honor you father that his blessing may come upon you; for a father's blessing gives a family firm roots.

He who loves his children chastises them often, that they may be his joy when they grow up.

He who disciplines his children will benefit from them and boast of them among his intimates.

He who educates his children makes his enemy jealous and shows his delight in them among his friends.

At the father's death he will seem not dead, since he leaves after him children like himself, whom he looks upon through life with joy, and even in death without regret.

The Word of the Lord.

OT 10 Sirach 3:8-9, 30:1-5

### A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

Judas (the ruler of Israel) then took up a collection from 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.

OT 11 Maccabees 12:43-46

### **End of Old Testament Readings**

### During Easter Time: New Testament

(Note: During the Easter season one of the following four readings is used as a first reading instead of a passage from the Old Testament)

### C8 Acts of The Apostles 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 rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that 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.

# 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 rest from their Labors, for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord.

### C 10 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 it's dead; then death and Hades Gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

(This pool of fire is the second death.)

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life, was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, And the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord.

# C11 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 from 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 he will be my son."

The word of the Lord.



# New Testament Readings

(The second reading)

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### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died 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 the blood of Jesus, will we be saved though 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.

**NT 1 Romans 5:5-11** 

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

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

NT 2 Romans 6:3-9

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord: so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother or sister? For we all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

NT 3 Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us. God who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will God 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.

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

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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 interest, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over wrong-doing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things.

Love never fails. So faith, hope and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

NT 5 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. 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 first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

NT 6 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

## A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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

"Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT** *7* **1 Corinthians 15:51-57** 

### A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

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

The Word of the Lord.

NT 8 1 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard you hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

NT 9 Philippians 4:4-9

### A Reading from the Letter of 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 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.

NT 10 Thessalonians 4:13-18

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear 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 preserve 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.

NT 11 2 Timothy 2:8-13

### A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet, so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. 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 see God as God is.

The Word of the Lord

NT 12 John 3:1-2

### A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

As for me, my life is already being poured out as a libation, and the time for my departure has come.

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 righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

NT 13 2 Timothy 4:6-8

## A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.

Rather we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, " this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

NT 14 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

**End of New Testament Readings** 

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS 1**

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of  Let us pray to the Lord.  R. Lord, hear our prayer
That God will lead from death to life. Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.
That's family and friends may be comforted in their grief. Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.
That God will grant release to those who suffer. Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.
That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ especially
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS 2**

For the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may they be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer who in Baptism was given the For\_ pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer. For the family and friends of our brother/sister \_\_\_\_ that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer. For 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. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken. We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer. That those who have trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer. For 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.

### MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL MUSIC

# Special intercession for the military (Optional)

For those who are serving in the military and for those who have served, that God may protect and guide them as they work to keep our country free, we pray to the Lord,

### R. Lord, hear our prayer.

#### **Gathering Songs**

**Amazing Grace** 

As Grains of Wheat

Be Not Afraid

Christ, Be Our Light

Come Home

Eternal Father Strong To Save (Navy Hymn)

God of Day and God of Darkness

Hail Mary Gentle Woman

Here I Am, Lord

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy Ground

Holy, Holy, Holy

How Great Though Art

I Am the Bread Of Life

I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say (Joncas)

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Lead Me, Lord

On Eagle's Wings

Shelter Me, O God

Shepherd Me, O God

Sing With All The Saints

Surely the Presence

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

We Shall Rise Again

#### Responsorial Psalm

As the Deer Longs (Hurd) (Psalm 42 /43)
Be With Me, Lord (Psalm 91)
In the Land of the Living (Psalm 27)
Let Us Go Rejoicing (Psalm 122)
Like a Child Rests (Psalm 131)
My Soul is Thirsting (Psalm 63)
Shelter Me O God(Psalm 16/61)
Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23)
The Goodness Of The Lord (Psalm 27)
The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation (Psalm 27)
The Lord Will Heal The Broken Hearted (Psalm 34)
To You, O Lord (Psalm 25)

### <u>Gifts</u>

\*Ave Maria (Schubert or Gounod)
Amazing Grace
Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone
Be Still My Soul
Come Home
Hail Mary Gentle woman
Here I Am Lord
Holy Ground
How Great Thou Art
I Can Only Imagine
I Have Loved You

I Heard the Voice of Jesus (Kingsfold) I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Joncas) May The Road Rise To Meet You (The Irish Blessing) Just a Closer Walk With Thee Lead Me, Lord Like A Child Rests On Eagle's Wings \*Panis Angelicus Parable \*Pie Jesus Prayer of St. Francis Precious Lord Take My Hand Shepherd Me O God Surely the Presence The Cloud's Veil The King Of Love My Shepherd Is The Old Rugged Cross The Servant Song (Gillard) The Summons This Alone There Is A Longing Unless A Grain Of Wheat We Walk By Faith You Are Near \*You Raise Me Up

<sup>\*</sup>Only if a soloist is available,

#### **Communion Songs**

As Grains of Wheat Be Not Afraid Christ, Be Our Light Come Home Eve Has Not Seen Here I Am, Lord I Am the Bread of Life I Have Loved You I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say (Joncas) I Know That My Redeemer Lives Jerusalem My Destiny Just A Closer Walk With Thee Lead Me. Lord On Eagle's Wings On That Holy Mountain One Bread, One Body Prayer Of St Francis Precious Lord Take My Hand Rest Now In Me Servant Song (Mc Gargill) Shepherd Me, O God Song of the Body of Christ Surely the Presence The King Of Love My Shepherd Is The Lord Will Heal The Broken Hearted The Supper Of The Lord There Is A Longing These Alone Are Enough This Alone Unless a Grain of Wheat We Remember We Shall Rise Again You Are Near

#### **Closing Songs**

**Amazing Grace** Be Not Afraid Christ, Be Our Light Come Home Eternal Father, Strong To Save Going Home Holy God We Praise Thy Name Holy, Holy, Holy How Great Thou Art I Am the Bread of Life I Know That My Redeemer Lives Jerusalem My Destiny Lead Me Lord Let There Be Peace On Earth On Eagle's Wings On That Holy Mountain Precious Lord Take My Hand Sing With All The Saints In Heaven The King Of Love My Shepherd Is The Old Rugged Cross We Shall Rise Again

#### Incensing

Jesus Remember Me Celtic Song Of Farewell Saints Of God (Janco) Song Of Farewell (Sands)

### **Funeral Mass Information**

Deceased:
Date of Funeral:
First Reading:
Name of Reader :
Second Reading:
Name of Reader:
General Intercessions Read by: :
Presentation of Gifts (Names):
Special Music Selections:
Gathering:
Responsorial Psalm:
Presentation of Gifts:
Communion Song:
Closing Song: