

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
IN VERDANT PASTURES HE GIVES ME REPOSE;
BESIDE RESTFUL WATERS HE LEADS ME;
HE REFRESHES MY SOUL.
HE GUIDES ME IN RIGHT PATHS
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.
EVEN THOUGH I WALK IN THE DARK VALLEY
I FEAR NO EVIL; FOR YOU ARE AT MY SIDE
WITH YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF
THAT GIVE ME COURAGE.
YOU SPREAD THE TABLE BEFORE ME
IN THE SIGHT OF MY FOES;
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
MY CUP OVERFLOWS.
ONLY GOODNESS AND KINDNESS FOLLOW ME
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE;
AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
FOR YEARS TO COME.

PSALM 23



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERALS

(Taken from the Lectionary for Mass)

As a general rule, all corresponding texts from sacred Scripture in the funeral rites are interchangeable. In consultation with the family and close friends, the minister chooses the texts that most closely reflect the particular circumstances and the needs of the mourners. (OCF, 344) The following suggestions are particularly appropriate for expressing the Christian meaning of death. Choose one reading from each of the following three categories: the first reading from the Old Testament or New Testament readings during the Easter season, the second reading and the gospel. **[For the shorter form of a reading, omit the part in the brackets.]** *(Indicate your choice of readings on the funeral services form on page 64)*

Reading I from the Old Testament

(Choose one to be read by an assigned reader.)

1.

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.

Judas, the ruler of Israel,

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

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble
way,
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in
view;

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

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

But if he did this with a view to the splendid
reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in

godliness,

it was a holy and pious thought.

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

2.

Job 19:1, 23-27a

I know that my Vindicator lives.

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.

3.

Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6, 9

As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

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;



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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.

4.

Wisdom 4:7-15

An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

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.

5.

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

He will destroy death forever.

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!”

6.

Lamentations 3:17-26

*It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the
LORD.*

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.

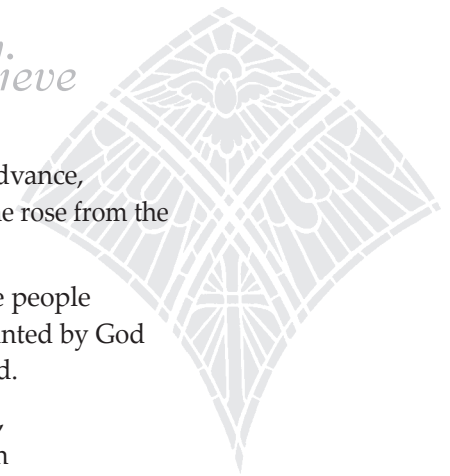
7.

Daniel 12:1-3

*Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth
shall awake.*

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.

Reading I From The New Testament During The Season Of Easter

1.

Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36, 42-43

*He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living
and the dead.*

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 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.”

2.

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

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.”

3.

Revelation 20:11–21:1

The dead were judged according to their deeds.

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.

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

(This pool of fire is the second death.)

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



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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.

4.

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

There shall be no more death.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had
passed away,
and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their
God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.

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

Reading II From The New Testament

(Choose one to be read by an assigned reader.)

1.

Romans 5:5-11

*Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be
saved through him from the wrath.*

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.

2.

Romans 5:17-21

Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.

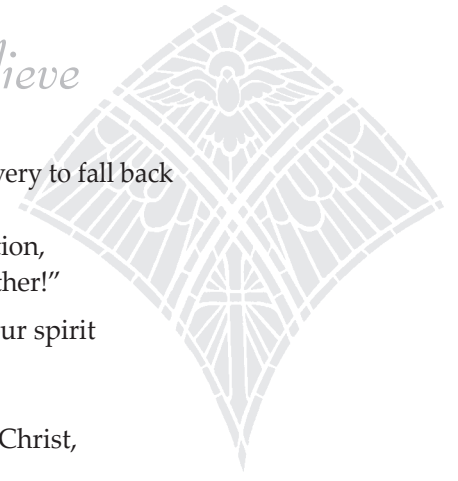
Brothers and sisters:

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

In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
so, through one righteous act,
acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man
the many were made sinners,

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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.

3.

Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9

We too might live in newness of life.

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.

[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.

4.

Romans 8:14-23

*We also groan within ourselves as we wait for
adoption, the redemption of our bodies.*

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.

5.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

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,

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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.

6.

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

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

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of
God;

for it is written:

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

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

7.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 or 15:20-23

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

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.]

8.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death is swallowed up in victory.

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:

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*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.

9.
2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing 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.

10.
2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.

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

11.
Philippians 3:20-21

He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus
Christ.

He will change our lowly body
to conform with his glorified Body
by the power that enables him also
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

12.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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,



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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.

13.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we have died with him we shall also live with him.

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.

14.

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see him as he is.

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.

15.

1 John 3:14-16

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

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.

Gospel

(Choose one to be read by the priest.)

1.

Matthew 5:1-12a

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

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

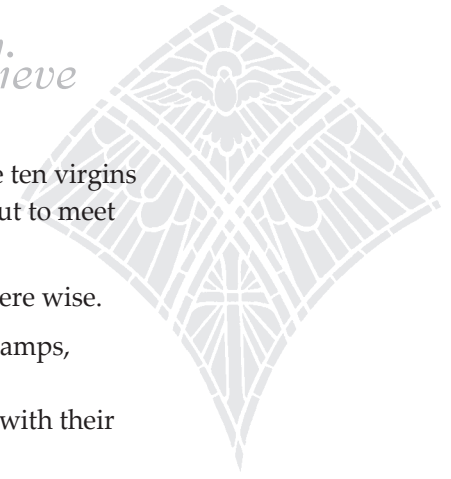
He began to teach them, saying:

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

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

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

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,



for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake
of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you
falsely because of me.

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

2.

Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me and I will give you rest.

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.”

3.

Matthew 25:1-13

Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!

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.”

4.

Matthew 25:31-46

Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

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.



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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."

5.

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

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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.

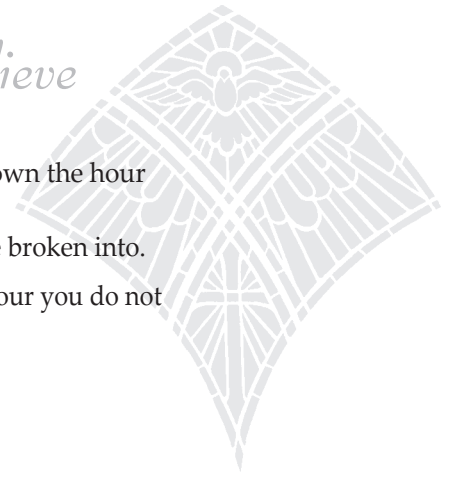
He said to them, "Do not be amazed!

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here.

Behold the place where they laid him."

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6.

Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you, arise!

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.

7.

Luke 12:35-40

You also must be prepared.

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."

8.

Luke 23:33, 39-43

Today you will be with me in Paradise.

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

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

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

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

Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your
Kingdom."

He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

9.

Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a or 23:44-46, 50, 52-53
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

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

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the
middle.

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";
and when he had said this he breathed his last.



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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."]

10.

Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13-16, 28-35

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem,

and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,

Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

[He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him,

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

to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;

and besides all this,

it is now the third day since this took place.

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

they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body;

they came back and reported

that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had

described,

but him they did not see."

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

How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

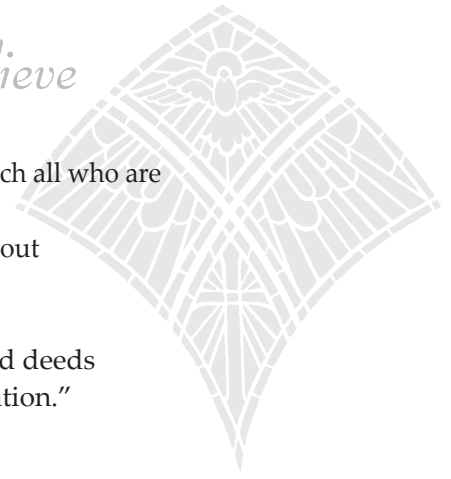
Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.]

As they approached the village to which they were going,

Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther.

But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."

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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.

11.

John 5:24-29

*Whoever hears my word and believes has passed
from death to life.*

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."

12.

John 6:37-40

*Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may
have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day*

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."

13.

John 6:51-59

*Whoever eats this bread will live forever,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

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,



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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."

14.

John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27

I am the resurrection and the life.

[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 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."

15.

John 11:32-45

Lazarus, come out!

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.

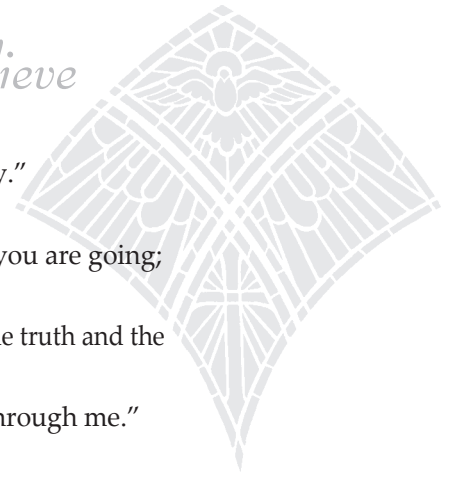
And Jesus raised his eyes and said,
"Father, I thank you for hearing me.

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,

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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.

16.

John 12:23-28 or 12:23-26

If it dies, it produces much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.

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

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

["I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

'Father, save me from this hour?'

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again.""]

17

John 14:1-6

In my Father's house there are many dwellings.

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."

18.

John 17:24-26

I wish that where I am they also may be with me.

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."

19.

John 19:17-18, 25-39

And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

There was a vessel filled with common wine.
So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of
hyssop
and put it up to his mouth.

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

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

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

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first
and then of the other one who was crucified with
Jesus.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was
already dead,
they did not break his legs,
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,
and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

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

Suggested Repertoire for the Order of Christian Funerals

Below is a sampling of music appropriate for the celebration of the Order of Christian Funerals. This music is suitable for the Vigil Service, the Church Service, or the Committal Service. During the Church Service the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and the acclamations of the Eucharistic Prayer are normally sung. The parish music ministry may select settings of these acclamations from the common repertoire of the community.

Hymns / Songs

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – HYFRYDOL

Amazing Grace – NEW BRITAIN

As One Unknown – Cyprian Consiglio

Be Not Afraid – Bob Dufford

Crown Him with Many Crowns - DIADEMATA

Day Is Done – AR HYD Y NOS

Eat This Bread – Jacques Berthier

For All the Saints – SINE NOMINE

Go, Silent Friend – LONDONDERRY AIR

I Am the Bread of Life – Suzanne Toolan, SM

Jerusalem, My Happy Home –
LAND OF REST

Lead Me, Guide Me – Doris M. Akers

Lift High the Cross – CRUCIFER

Lord of All Hopefulness – SLANE

O Happy Day – Edward F. Rimbault

O God Our Help In Ages Past – ST. ANNE

On Eagle's Wings – Michael Joncas

Shall We Gather At The River – Robert Lowry

Jesus Wine of Peace - David Haas

Supper of the Lord - Laurence Rosania

Take and Eat - Michael Joncas

Steal Away to Jesus – African-American
Spiritual

We Have Been Told - David Haas

The Hand of God Shall Hold You
– Marty Haugen



The Lord is My Light – Lillian Bouknight
There Is A Place – Liam Lawton (GIA)
We Shall Rise Again – Jeremy Young
We Walk By Faith – Marty Haugen
You Are Mine – David Haas

Responsorial Psalm settings

Psalm 23: I Shall Live in the House of the Lord
– James E. Moore, Jr. (GIA)
Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord
– Joseph Gelineau, SJ
Psalm 23: Shepherd Me O God
– Marty Haugen (GIA)
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd
– Owen Alstott (OCP)
Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and My
Salvation – David Haas
Psalm 62: Rest In God Alone – Robert Batastini
Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting – Michael Joncas
Psalm 84: Happy Are They Who Dwell In Your
House – Thomas Porter
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful –
Marty Haugen
Psalm 116: The Name of God – David Haas
Psalm 121: Our Help Comes From the Lord –
Michael Joncas

Service Music (Funeral Mass)

Celtic Song of Farewell – LONDONDERRY
AIR (WLP)
I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Howard
Hughes, SM
I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Scott Soper
May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise –
Howard Hughes, SM
May Saints and Angels Lead You On –
TALLIS' CANON
Saints of God – Philip Duffy
Saints of God – Richard Proulx
Song of Farewell – Ernest Sands (OCP)
Song of Farewell – OLD HUNDREDTH (OCP)

Seasonal Supplement

Advent

Psalm 25: To You O Lord I Lift My Soul –
Marty Haugen
Psalm 25: To You O Lord – Stephen Pishner
Creator of the Stars of Night – CONDITOR
ALME SIDERUM
My Soul in Stillness Waits – Marty Haugen
Soon and Very Soon – Andrae Crouch
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns –
MORNING SONG
Wait for the Lord – Jacques Berthier

Christmas

Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth
– David Haas
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – CAROL
O Little Town of Bethlehem – ST. LOUIS
Of the Father's Love Begotten – DIVINUM
MYSTERIUM
We Three Kings of Orient Are – KINGS OF
ORIENT

Lent

Psalm 130: With the Lord There is Mercy –
Marty Haugen
Psalm 130: With the Lord There is Mercy –
Michael Joncas
From Ashes to the Living Font – ST. FLAVIAN
Have Mercy On Us Lord – ATTENDE DOMINE
Jerusalem, My Destiny – Rory Cooney
Jesus Remember Me – Jacques Berthier
Remember Your Love – Darryl Ducote
Turn to the Living God – Lori True (GIA)

Easter

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise
– HOLY ANTHEM
Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er – VICTORY
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today – LLANFAIR
Easter Alleluia – Marty Haugen
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – EASTER HYMN
Jesus Is Risen – LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Sing With All the Saints In Glory – ODE TO JOY



"The Annunciation", Gate of Heaven Chapel Mausoleum, East Hanover, NJ



PRACTICAL PREPARATION

Details to Address

Prepare a list of family and friends to be notified.

- † Names
- † Relationship
- † Addresses
- † Telephone
- † Email

Gather your vital statistics

- † Legal name
- † Address
- † Date of birth
- † Place of birth
- † Occupation
(or former occupation)
 - Kind of business or industry
- † Education completed and degrees received
 - Names of educational institutions
- † Dates of military service
 - Branch of military service
 - Military service number
 - Location of discharge papers
 - Names of wars in which you participated
- † Marital status
 - Legal name of spouse
 - Your mother's maiden name
 - Her place of birth
 - Your father's name
 - His place of birth

Decide on the funeral instructions

- † Vigil Service
 - Readings and Songs
(See pages 37, 52)

- † Funeral Mass
 - Readings and Songs
(See pages 37, 52)
- † Committal Service
 - Readings and Songs
(See pages 37, 52)

Type of service

- † Traditional or cremation?
- † Graveside, church or chapel?
- † Military?
- † Active pallbearers' names
 - Addresses
 - Telephone numbers

Name of funeral home

- † Address
- † Telephone number
- † Type of casket
 - Wood or metal?
- † Viewing (visitation)
 - Open or closed casket?
 - Day and /or Evening?
 - Number of Days
(Viewing)
- † Clothing
 - Your own or new?
- † Newspaper notice
- † Notice to organizations to which you belong
- † Memorial contributions
- † Flowers/preferred florist
- † Clergy
- † Special instructions
 - Jewelry, music, flowers, hairdresser

Decide on the burial instructions Catholic Cemetery

- † Committal Service
 - Readings and Songs
(See pages 37, 52)
- † Type of burial
- † Ground, mausoleum, crypt or other
- † Cemetery
 - Name

- Lot, space number, section
- Vault (may be required by cemetery)
 - Concrete, steel or other?

List your documents and personal papers

- † Bank accounts
- † Bank names
- † Account numbers and types of accounts
- † Safe deposit box
 - Location
 - Location of keys
- † Important document locations
 - Birth certificate
 - Social Security
 - Children's birth certificates
 - Marriage certificates
- † Deeds and titles
- † Mortgages and notes
- † Will and/or living will
- † Medical power of attorney
- † Military discharge
- † Income tax records

Make or update your will

- † Preserve your will
(See page 56)
 - Name of executor
 - Address
 - Telephone number
 - Probation of your will
- † Legal assistance
 - Name
 - Telephone number

Provide your insurance instructions

- Insurance companies
- Policy numbers
- Amounts
- Purposes



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Your Will¹

A will is a document used to distribute a deceased person's property. There are two types of property, real property and personal property. Real property is real estate. All other property is personal property (cash, stocks, bank accounts, furniture, cars, etc.). However, a will may not apply to all of a deceased person's property. For instance, it usually does not apply to insurance benefits, nor a retirement plan when a beneficiary has been named. And it may not even apply to a deceased person's interest in joint property if the property is jointly held "by the entirety" (a legal term).

A will can also be used to appoint a legal guardian for one's minor children. Without such appointment, a court will decide who will care for the deceased's child in the event that the other parent is deceased, unavailable or unfit. One should consider naming an alternate guardian in the will in case the first choice cannot or will not accept responsibility for the minor's care.

All persons over 18 years of age should have a will. You should make a will as soon as possible because no one can plan for a sudden illness or accident. If you are a parent, you should have a will even if you do not have many assets. The reason is so that you can appoint a guardian for your minor children.

The following should be noted when making a will:

- The testator (i.e. person making the will) must be clearly identified in the will.
- The testator should revoke all prior wills.
- The testator should be at least 18 years old and of sound mind and body at the time the will is signed.
- The testator should sign and date the will.
- The testator's signature should generally be witnessed by at least two adults, who also sign but who are not beneficiaries under the will.
- The testator should state his/her wishes clearly.

Many "homemade" wills are declared invalid by the courts. State laws set forth the specific requirements for wills. Therefore, preparation and execution of a will should be handled in most cases by a competent attorney.

Often wills are prepared to obtain maximum benefits under the tax laws. Wills should be

reviewed every few years, since there might be changed circumstances, i.e. adopted children, etc. Also, if you change residence to a different state after you have executed your will, it is always a good idea to have your will reviewed by an attorney in the state of your new residence.

How are the intentions expressed in my will carried out upon my death? The court process in which a deceased person's intentions in the will are carried out is called "probate." During probate, the executor of your will (a person you designate) collects your property, pays all your debts and taxes, and distributes the property according to your will.

Should I include funeral instructions in my will? No. It is usually better to leave separate instructions and tell your relatives or close friends where to find the instructions in case of death.

Planned Gifts

As Christian Stewards, we have an obligation to pass on to the next generation, the Catholic Faith and Life we have received. Making a Planned Gift is a way to say thank you to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Planned giving can enable the Church to continue the mission entrusted to it by Christ. It can continue to witness the generosity one has shown through life.

The most common planned gift is a bequest in a will. Bequests can be made to a specific parish or to a specific endowment of the Archdiocese of Newark. Another frequently used planned gift is the Archdiocesan Charitable Gift Annuity. This annuity provides immediate tax deductions, lifetime income and a gift to the church. Retained Life Estates, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts also provide alternative methods of giving, based on the size and complexity of an estate. Contact an attorney for the best method for your estate. The Archdiocesan Planned Giving Office (973) 497-4584, can also provide information and assistance.

Social Security²

Social Security should be notified as soon as possible when a person dies. In most cases, the funeral director will report the person's death to Social Security. You will need to furnish the funeral director with the deceased's Social Security number so he or she can make the report. Some of the deceased's family members may be able to receive Social Security benefits if the deceased person worked long enough under Social

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Security to qualify for benefits. You should get in touch with Social Security as soon as you can to make sure the family receives all of the benefits to which it may be entitled. Please read "Contacting Social Security" below.

Benefits which may be available include a one-time payment of \$255 to the surviving spouse if he or she was living with the deceased; or, if living apart, was receiving certain Social Security benefits based on the deceased's record. If there is no surviving spouse, the payment may be made to a child who is eligible for benefits based on the deceased's record in the month of death.

Certain family members may be eligible to receive monthly benefits, including:

- A widow or widower age 60 or older (age 50 or older if disabled);
- A surviving spouse at any age who is caring for the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled;
- An unmarried child of the deceased who is:
 - Younger than age 18 (or age 18 or 19 if he or she is a full-time student in an elementary or secondary school); or
 - Age 18 or older with a disability that began before age 22;
- Parents, age 62 or older, who were dependent on the deceased for at least half of their support; and
- A surviving divorced spouse, under certain circumstances.

If the deceased was receiving Social Security benefits, you must return the benefit received for the month of death and any later months. For example, if the person dies in July, you must return the benefit paid in July and any month thereafter. If benefits were paid by direct deposit, contact the bank or other financial institution, and request that any funds received for the month of death or later be returned to Social Security. If the benefits were paid by check, do not cash checks received for the month in which the person dies or later. Return the checks to Social Security as soon as possible. However, eligible family members may be able to receive death benefits for the month in which the beneficiary died.

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Contacting Social Security

For more information and to find copies of Social Security publications, visit the Social Security Administration's website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call toll-free (800) 772-1213 (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call (800) 325-0778). Social Security can answer specific questions and provide information by automated phone service 24 hours a day. A Social Security representative can tell you what benefits may be payable and set up an appointment, if necessary, to file a claim.

or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U. S. armed forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service to his or her country. Section 517 of Public Law 105-261 added eligibility for former members of the Selected Reserve.

Veteran Benefits

As an honorably discharged veteran, you or your family may be entitled to various death benefits. You must apply for veteran benefits as they are not paid automatically. Contact the VA at www.va.gov or toll-free 800.772.1213.

To facilitate receiving veterans benefits for which you may be eligible, you will need the following:

- Proof of the veteran's military service
- Service serial number
- Marriage license (if applicable)
- Children's birth certificate (if applicable)
- Certified copy of death certificate

Veterans Burial Allowance

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) furnishes a partial reimbursement of eligible veteran burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is service-related, the reimbursement is generally described as two payments:

- (1) a burial and funeral expense allowance and
- (2) a plot interment allowance.

You may be entitled to a VA burial allowance if:

- You paid for a veterans burial or funeral
- AND
- You have not been reimbursed by another



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government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer AND

- The veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- The veteran died because of a service-related disability OR
- The veteran was getting VA pension or compensation at the time of death OR
- The veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay OR
- The veteran died in a VA hospital or while in a nursing home under VA contract.

The VA will pay an allowance toward burial and funeral expenses along with a plot interment allowance for a service-related death. If the death is non-service related, the VA will pay an allowance toward burial expenses. Burial allowances are paid toward burials at veterans cemeteries only.

Headstones and Markers

The VA furnishes upon request, at no charge to the applicant, a government headstone or marker to mark the unmarked grave of an eligible veteran in any cemetery around the world.

Flat bronze or granite markers and upright marble headstones (at VA cemeteries only) are available.

The style chosen must be consistent with existing monuments at the place of burial. The cemetery must certify that the type chosen is permitted on the grave of the deceased.

Niche emblems are also available to mark the columbariums used for inurnment of cremated remains.

Burial Flags

Most veterans are eligible for a burial flag. Reservists who are entitled to retirement pay are also eligible to receive a burial flag.

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a Veteran's military service to his or

her country.

For additional veteran benefits information, please contact the VA at www.va.gov or toll-free 800.772.1213.

Commemoration of Veterans at Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark honor and cherish our fallen heroes and veterans, and remember them throughout the year during monthly Masses, Veteran's Day, Flag Day, and certainly, on Memorial Day. Flags fly daily in designated areas over all Archdiocesan Cemeteries to honor those presently serving and those who have served. Additionally, we place more than one thousand American flags at the memorials of veterans interred at our Catholic Cemeteries for Memorial Day, and those flags remain through Flag Day. All are invited to visit the graves of our fallen heroes as we pray for all our departed loved ones at Memorial Day Mass on Memorial Day at 11:00 am.

- **Memorial Day / "Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes"** is a national program developed by the Catholic Cemetery Conference to honor members of the military who died in combat and recognize veterans and current service men and women. Active military personnel and veterans are invited to participate in Memorial Day Mass at select Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries locations to serve as flag or candle bearers during the opening and closing processions, as Lectors, as participants in the Presentation of Gifts, and to recite uniform intercessions followed by a moment of silence. This program also is an ideal time for Catholics in the community and throughout the country to unite, remember, and pray for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Visit www.rcancem.org for details.

- **Veterans Day "An American Moment"** Each year on Veterans Day, one moment of silent prayer is observed to thank our military for their service, to pray for the peaceful repose of those who have died, and to pray for the intentions of those still living. This event takes place at noon in each Archdiocesan Cemetery on Veterans Day.

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- **American Flags** are permitted on individual graves from Memorial Day thru Flag Day and on Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day flags may be placed three (3) days prior to the holiday and remain one (1) week after the holiday. All flags must be presentable and will be removed and disposed of according to the norms of the Quartermaster General of the United States Army.

Flag Half-Staff Dates

In addition to the dates listed below, the flags may be flown at half-staff on other solemn occasions, as directed by the President and/or Governor.

- Peace Officers Memorial Day- May 15th (Sunrise to Sunset) Unless that day is also Armed Forces Day, then flags are to be flown at full-staff.
- Memorial Day- Last Monday in May (Sunrise to Noon)
- Patriot Day- Sept 11th (Sunrise to Sunset)
- National Fire Fighters Memorial Day- Oct 7th (Sunrise to Sunset)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day- Dec 7th (Sunrise to Sunset)

For more information, visit <http://www.rcancem.org/flag-regulations>

VETERAN'S PRAYER

Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele

Almighty God, Father and Protector of all, we ask that You grant a speedy reward to all Veterans who have passed out of this mortal life. In Your infinite and loving mercy, forgive their failings and faults that they may join with You for eternal happiness. Your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered death on the cross and gained for them a share in His victory over sin and death. Grant the veterans who have gone to rest in Christ that they may share in the joy of His resurrection. Amen.



"Memorial to the Men and Women of Our Armed Services", Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, NJ

INFORMATION FORMS

The following forms are provided as a public service. The Archdiocese of Newark and Catholic Cemeteries of Newark disclaim all liability with respect to these forms, the categories of information involved, and the use of the forms. If you have any questions regarding these forms, the use of the forms, or the content, you should consult your attorney and/or your funeral director.

NOTE: These forms include a space for your Social Security number and certain background information which, if it gets into the wrong hands, might result in identity theft. Therefore, once completed, you should safeguard these forms in the same way that you safeguard other very important personal financial information. However, please note that if you place these forms in a safety deposit box, the information may not be available in time for your personal representative.

Information for Relatives or Personal Representative

Name _____
Last First Middle (or initial)

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone _____ Social Security # _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____ Citizen of _____
City State Country

Resided in _____ for (how long) _____ Years

Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Name of Spouse _____ (If deceased) Date of Death _____

Wedding Date/ Anniversary _____

Email Address: _____

Professional Statistics

Occupation and Title (or retired from) _____

Kind of Business/Employer _____ How Long _____

Father _____
Name Date of Birth Birthplace

Mother _____
Maiden Name Date of Birth Birthplace

Persons to Notify: Next of Kin Other than Spouse

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Other Persons/Organizations

Parish _____ Phone _____

Doctor _____ Phone _____

Funeral Director _____ Phone _____

Personal Representative/ Attorney _____ Phone _____

Organization	Name	Address	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Financial Information & Important Records or Documents

Location of Records _____ Social Security Number _____

Will

I have a will. Yes No Will Dated _____ Where Located _____

Executor _____
Name Address Phone

Attorney _____
Name Address Phone

Banking /Financial Institution

Bank _____
Name Address Phone

Type of Accounts Checking# _____ Savings# _____ Other _____

Bank _____
Name Address Phone

Type of Accounts Checking# _____ Savings# _____ Other _____

Safety Deposit Box _____
Number Key Location Bank Address Phone

Insurance Policies

Name Policy Number Company/Union/Organization/Agent Phone

Name Policy Number Company/Union/Organization/Agent Phone

Name Policy Number Company/Union/Organization/Agent Phone

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Pension/Investments

Pension _____
Name/Number Administrator Address Phone

401K/Plan _____
Name/Number Administrator Address Phone

Investments _____
Name/Number Administrator Address Phone

Name/Number Administrator Address Phone

Name/Number Administrator Address Phone

Veteran Information

Service Identification/Serial Number _____ Rank & Branch of Service _____

Location of Veteran's Office to Notify _____
Address Phone

Entered Service _____ Discharged _____
Date/Place Date/Place

Wars Fought _____ Medals/Awards/Honors _____

Information for the Funeral Home & Parish Church

Name _____
Last First Middle (or initial)
Address _____
Street City State Zip
Telephone _____ Social Security # _____
Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____ Citizen of _____
City State Country
Resided in _____ for (how long) _____ Years
 Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed
Name of Spouse _____ (If deceased) Date of Death _____
Wedding Date/Anniversary _____

Professional Statistics

Occupation and Title (or retired from) _____
Kind of Business/Employer _____ How Long _____
Father _____
Name Date of Birth Birthplace
Mother _____
Maiden Name Date of Birth Birthplace

Veteran Information

Service Identification/Serial Number _____ Rank & Branch of Service _____
Location of Veteran's Office to Notify _____
Address Phone
Entered Service _____ Discharged _____
Date/Place Date/Place
Wars Fought _____ Medals/Awards/Honors _____
 I would want an American flag for my family and military honors (if available)

Floral Request

Memorial Gifts Instead of flowers, I would prefer that my friends make memorial gifts

_____ Name Address
_____ Name Address
Final Disposition of My Body Burial - In-ground Above-ground Cremation Donation for Research
at _____
Cemetery Town

I have I have not consulted with the above-named cemetery regarding:
 a cemetery plot a vault crypt niche for created remains memorial marker services
Location of Ownership Certificate (Deed for cemetery property, Certificate of Interment)

The location or number of my burial plot (cemetery, mausoleum, columbarium niche) or other instructions

Open Casket: Yes No Type of Casket _____ Color _____ Interior _____
Metal, Wood, Fiberglass exterior

Clothing: Current Wardrobe New Other _____
Jewelry: _____ Stays on Return to: _____

