



Funeral Readings

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Please fill in the # of the readings and petitions you have chosen:

_____ 1st Reading (#1-6)

_____ 2nd Reading (#7-13)

_____ Gospel (#14-20)

_____ Petitions (#21-24)

Music Suggestions for Funeral

Gift of Finest Wheat

The Supper of the Lord

Be Not Afraid

On Eagle's Wings

You are Near

Amazing Grace

City of God

Here I am, Lord

Those Who See Light

We Remember

We Walk by Faith

Shepherd Me, O God (psalm)

Shelter Me, O God (psalm)

You Are Mine

How Great Thou Art

We Are the Light of the World

I Have Loved You

Isaiah 49

Like a Shepherd

Morning is Broken

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Prayer of St. Francis

Peace is Flowing Like a River

Blest Are They

Lead Me, Lord

Let Heaven Rejoice

The Strife Is O'er

Lord of the Dance

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Sing a New Song

All Creatures of Our God &
King

Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow

Hosea

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign
King

1st Readings – Old Testament:

#1 *Genesis 12:1-4*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.

All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the Lord directed him, and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy- five years old when he left Haran.

The Word of the Lord.

#2 *Isaiah 35:3-6, 10*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak,

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God, who comes with vindication; with divine recompense

God comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared;

Then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the dumb will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe.

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;

They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

The Word of the Lord

#3 *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,11*

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put
the timeless into their hearts, without anyone ever discovering, from
beginning to end, the work which God has done.
The Word of the Lord.

#4 Isaiah 49:8,13-16

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I answer you, on the day of
salvation I help you, to restore the land and allot the desolate heritages,
Sing out,
O heavens, and rejoice,
O earth, break forth into song, you mountains.
For God comforts the people and shows mercy to the afflicted.
But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."
Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her
womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.
See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name;
your walls are ever before me.
The Word of the Lord.

#5 Job 19:1,23-27

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 God will at last stand *forth* upon the dust;
Whom I myself shall see:

My own eyes, not another's, shall behold God,
And from my flesh I shall see God;
My inmost being is consumed with longing.
The Word of the Lord.

#6 *Wisdom 3:1-6,9*

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom
The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
And no torment shall touch them.
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
And their passing away was thought an affliction
And their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.
For if before others, 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.
As gold in the furnace, God proved them,
And as sacrificial offerings God took them.
Those who trust in God shall understand truth,
And the faithful shall abide with God in love:
Because grace and mercy are with God's holy ones,
And God's care is with the elect.
The Word of the Lord.

2nd Readings – New Testament:

#7 *Paul to Romans 8:31b-35,37-39*

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 God 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 heights, 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.

#8 *I John 3:1-2*

A Reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called 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 be like God, for we shall see God as God is.

The Word of the Lord.

#9 *Paul to the Philippians 4:4-9*

A reading from Paul's letter 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 your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, 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.

#10 *Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him

by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in, newness of life.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

So you must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

#11 *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

A Reading from Paul's First Letter 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 this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about.

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

#12 *Paul to Corinthians 2:1-6,9*

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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

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 God"

The Word of the Lord.

#13 Paul to Corinthians 5:1,6-10

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

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.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Readings:

#14 John 6:44-51

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw them, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: 'They shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes, to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. 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 Gospel of the Lord.

#15 *Matthew 5:1-10*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

#16 *Matthew 13:4-9*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to the people: "A sower went out to sow. As the sower planted, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#17 *John 14:1-6*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

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

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#18 *Luke 24:13-16,28-35*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

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

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

#19 *John 6:37-40*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

"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 God 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 them on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#20 *John 11:21-27*

A Reading from the holy gospel according to John

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." 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 Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Petitions:

#21 *Petition*

Please respond: Lord hear our prayer.

For _____, that he/she may rejoice in the gift of new life, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer.

For those who mourn the death of _____, that Christ may bless and comfort them in their sorrow, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

For all here present: that we may pursue a life of goodness, so that even here on earth we may taste true happiness, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

For all our departed relatives and friends that they may enjoy the fullness of eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

For those who cared for _____ during his/her last days, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

For all the special people and prayers of our heart which we offer to the Lord in silence (pause), we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

#22 *Petition*

Please respond: Lord hear our prayer.

_____ has completed his/her earthly pilgrimage. May he/she be greeted with joyful love and welcomed home to paradise, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

_____ watched the coming of the seasons with their sowing and sprouting, ripening and harvesting. May he/she now present to God the good harvest of his/her life, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

That Christ, who himself knew the sorrow of death, may comfort those who mourn for _____, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer .

That all of us as followers of Christ may not merely believe in His words but live by them, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

That we may look forward in hope to the endless joy promised in _____'s new life in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer.

That all those who have died may rejoice in the healing peace of God's love in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

#23 *Petition*

Please respond: Lord hear our prayer.

_____ found community and fellowship within his/her church. Grant him/her now the joy of community and fellowship with the saints, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

_____ devoted himself/herself to making a home for those he/she loved. Give him/her a special place in your heavenly dwelling, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

That Christ, who himself know the sorrow of death, may comfort those who mourn for _____, especially his/her family and friends, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

That all here present may have our faith in Christ and in his Gospel renewed and deepened by our prayer and worship, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

That our deceased relatives and friends and all the faithful departed be brought into the light of God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

#24 *Petition*

Please respond: Lord hear our prayer.

Our sister/brother _____ was one with Christ in Baptism, may he/she now share with Him a life of everlasting glory, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

That _____ who loved to celebrate may now be caught up in the celebration of heavenly joy, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

That those who mourn the loss of _____ may be consoled and be at peace, we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord. Hear Our Prayer