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FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The death and loss of a loved one is a time of immense emotion. Sadness, grief, despair, relief, anguish, and sometimes anger are just a few of the emotions we may experience during the immediate day following the death of someone we love. But in Jesus Christ, our faith tells us that with death life is changed not ended. It is our deepest hope and prayer that our family and friends who have died are now in the hands of God.

The funeral Liturgy seeks to express both aspects of Christian Death: a true sense of mourning and loss and the hope that we will all be reunited one day with Jesus Christ in Heaven.

The priest, deacon, pastoral staff and bereavement teams both of Saint John and Saint Ann Parishes stand ready to assist you in planning the funeral and/or arranging for a burial. Once you have made arrangements with the funeral home, the next step is to call the rectory and arrange to meet with us. The purpose of this meeting is to meet you, encourage you to share your thoughts and memories of the deceased, to plan the Funeral Mass with you and to answer any questions. We are also here to meet with you in the months following the funeral, as you adjust to living in the absence of the deceased. Please feel free to contact us.

The Church's formal prayer for the deceased and his/her family begins during the visiting hours at the funeral home. It continues during the Mass and concludes at the time of the burial.

If you are not sure if you want to have a **Catholic Mass** in church or a **service** at the funeral home, we encourage you to select a Mass. Even if some of the family/friends are not practicing Catholic, the Mass is a beautiful expression of our faith. The prayers, sermon, Holy Communion and songs help the family to better understand the Lord's promise of eternal life and the love that the Lord has for the deceased and for their family. The extra time afforded by the Funeral Mass gives the family more time to pray and reflect about their grief and celebrate their hope.

May God's peace be upon you and your loved ones.

Fr. Paul Ring
Pastor

Planning the Funeral Liturgy

The staff and community of St. John and St. Ann Parishes extend their sincere sympathies for your loss. Though we cannot relieve your pain, we can offer our prayers and assistance to help you through the unfamiliar process of planning the Funeral. We invite you to participate in the following ways:

1. **THE PALL:** At the beginning of the Mass two or more family members may wish to unfold the Funeral Pall (the white cloth symbolic of their baptismal robe) over the casket, otherwise the Funeral Director will unfold the pall. After the Pall has covered the casket, a family member or friend is allowed to place a symbol of Christian life, e.g. a Cross, a Bible, etc. on the funeral pall.
2. **READINGS AND MUSIC:** You are encouraged to select the hymns and the readings for the Funeral Mass. You may have family members or friends read these scripture selections during the Mass.
3. **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** You may choose up to four intentions from the list provided and name a family member or friend to read them during the Mass.
4. **THE GIFTS:** You may have family members (1-4) bring up the gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated at Mass.
5. **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:** **One** family member or friend may offer a brief remembrance after Communion. This remembrance should be prepared and no longer than **five (5) minutes**. The remembrance should focus on faith, life, family devotion, work ethics and kindness of the deceased. The remembrance should be typed and given to the priest at the wake service. If more than one family member or friend would like to speak, they can be invited to speak at the wake or cemetery.

One of our Bereavement Ministers will contact you, set a time to meet with you and help with your planning. At this meeting you will have an opportunity to discuss your thoughts and any questions and concerns you may have. If you already know what you would like your readings, music selections and other choices to be, please write them down on the Family Worksheet to reference at your meeting. The Bereavement Minister will be able to guide you through the process and offer suggestions along the way. We are here to help and support you!

How to fill out your Family Worksheet

If you already know what you want to have for readings and music, please feel free to fill in your worksheet. You will bring that with you to your planning meeting with your Bereavement Minister.

However, please know that you don't have to select anything by yourself or even right now. You may wait until your meeting with your Bereavement Minister and they will be happy to go over everything with you.

Everyone is different and what feels right for one family may not feel right for another family. So, if you prefer, we will proclaim any or all of the readings for you. We can also make the music selections if you prefer. It is all your choice.

You will have the opportunity to discuss anything you are unsure of or any concerns you have, when you meet with your Bereavement Minister. You can then make final decisions in a casual, relaxed atmosphere.

Processional:

If you wish to name someone to place the Pall on the casket do so here in the space provided.

If you wish to name someone to carry a Christian Symbol to place on the casket, do so here in the space provided.

Refer to previous page Planning the Funeral Liturgy for more detailed information.

Readings:

1st Reading: Old Testament

Select one reading from the Old Testament Readings. Write the selected number in the appropriate space. Use the numbers that begin with a letter, such as C-3 or E-2. If you would like to name someone to proclaim the reading, write that name in space marked "Reader".

During the Easter Season, which begins the Monday after Easter Sunday and runs until Pentecost, you will choose the first reading from the section that says New Testament Readings During the Easter Season instead of the Old Testament Reading.

2nd Reading: New Testament

Select one reading from the New Testament. If you would like to name someone to proclaim this reading, write that name in the space where it says "Reader".

Prayers of the Faithful:

Select three or four Intercessions from the list. Write each number in the space provided. If you would like to name someone to read the Intercessions, write that name in the space where it says "Reader."

Presentation of Gifts:

If you would like to name up to four people to bring the Gifts to the Altar, you may name them in the spaces provided.

Words of Remembrance:

If you would like to name someone to offer a few words, write their name in the space provided. Please make sure the speaker is aware of the guidelines and is prepared to submit a written copy to the Priest at the wake.

Music Selections:

Please write your music selections in the spaces provided. There are links on our websites if you wish to hear excerpts of the music.

Please bring your worksheet with you to the meeting with your Bereavement Minister. It does not matter if you only wrote a few things on it or completed it. Your Bereavement Minister will help you finalize everything and give you a clear picture of what to expect.

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Family Worksheet

Saint John

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Funeral for _____ Date _____

Processional

Who will place the Pall on the casket? _____

Will a Christian symbol be carried? _____ By Whom? _____

Readings

1st Reading, Old Testament # _____ Reader _____

2nd Reading, New Testament # _____ Reader _____

Prayers of the Faithful # _____ # _____ # _____ # _____ Reader _____

Presentation of Gifts:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Words of Remembrance by _____

Music Selections:

Processional _____ Responsorial _____

Offertory _____ Communion _____

Farewell _____ Recessional _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please Select One Old Testament Reading and One New Testament Reading.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

C1 (1011-1) 2 MACCABEES (12:43-46)

Old Testament

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

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, in as much as he had the resurrection of the dead in view: 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.

C2 (1011-2) JOB (19:1, 23-27a)

Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's shall behold him; And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

C3 (1011-3) WISDOM (3:1-9) (Long Version)

Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead: and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace, He proved them and as sacrificial offerings, He took them to Himself. In the time of their visitation, they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble. They shall judge nations and rule over peoples and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in Him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with Him in love: Because grace and mercy are with the holy ones, and His care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Book of Wisdom*

The just one, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported – Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

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

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But, I will call this to mind, as my reasons to have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel*

In those day, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READINGS DURING THE EASTER SEASON

During Easter Time (the 50 Days beginning the day after Easter Sunday), one of the following four readings is used as the first reading instead of a passage from the Old Testament.

C8 (1012-1) Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43) (Long Version)

New Testament

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 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 (1012-1) Acts of the Apostles (10:34-36,42-43) (Short Version)

New Testament

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

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Book of Revelation*

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. 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. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth has passed away, and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Book of Revelation*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

E1 (1014-1) ROMANS (5: 5-11)

New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, But we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

E2 (1014-2) ROMANS (5: 17-21)

New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. 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.*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*

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The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, *Abba*, "Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*

Brothers and sisters: No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the 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.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, For "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits 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 first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

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

Brothers and sisters: We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians*

Brothers and Sisters, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians*

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. 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.*A reading from the first Letter of Saint John*

Beloved, See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.*A reading from the first Letter of Saint John*

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

CHOOSING MUSIC

The following list of music is offered as a guide to help you in selecting appropriate music for a funeral Mass. This is by no means a complete or exhaustive list and your choices are not limited to those listed. There is a variety of styles from which to choose, from traditional to contemporary, and our list contains the most familiar and oft requested hymns.

Both Saint John and Saint Ann Parishes use the hymnal *Breaking Bread*, published by OCP. While we do try to honor special music requests, please note that the text of your music selections must be sacred and should come from a reputable sacred music publisher. Popular secular songs are better shared with family and friends in a non-liturgical gathering. Pre-recorded music may not be played during the funeral rite.

Our music director will assign a cantor and accompanist from our music ministry to play at the funeral Mass.

Gathering Songs

Amazing Grace- John Newton
Be Not Afraid- Bob Dufford
Be Thou My Vision- SLANE
Here I am, Lord- Dan Schutte
I Heard the Voice of Jesus- KINGSFOLD
In the Garden- Austin Miles
On Eagles' Wings- Michael Joncas
Precious Lord, Take My Hand- Thomas Dorsey
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling- Will Thompson
We Remember- Marty Haugen

Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 18: I Love, You Lord- Julie and Tim Smith
Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God - Marty Haugen
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd - Scot Crandal
Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light - Christopher Walker
Psalm 27: The Goodness of the Lord - Scott Soper
Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs - Bob Hurd
Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting - Steve Angrisano
Psalm 91: Be with Me- Marty Haugen
Psalm 91: Be with Me Lord- Tom Booth

Preparation of the Gifts

Abba! Father- Carey Landry
Abide with Me- William Monk
All that I Am- Sebastian Temple
Amazing Grace- John Newton
Ave Maria - Schubert
Be Not Afraid- Bob Dufford
Be Thou My Vision- SLANE
Because the Lord is My Shepherd- Christopher Walker
Carry Me Home- Ricky Modlin

Come to Me- Gregory Norbert
Endless Is Your Love - Tom Kendzia
Eye Has Not Seen - Marty Haugen
Fly Like a Bird - Ken Canedo
Give Me Jesus- James Hansen
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman- Cary Landry
How Great Thou Art- Stuart Hine
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place - Randall DeBruyn
I Have Loved You - Michael Joncas
I, The Lord - Tom Kendzia
In the Garden- Austin Miles
On Eagle's Wings - Michael Joncas
Parable (Ecclesiastes)- MD Ridge
Psalm 42 (As the Deer Longs) - O WALY WALY
Prayer of St. Francis – Sebastian Temple
Precious Lord, Take My Hand- Thomas Dorsey
Shelter Me, O God- Bob Hurd
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling- Will Thompson
Surely the Presence- Lanny Wolfe
The King of Love My Shepherd Is - ST. COLUMBA
We Walk by Faith- Marty Haugen
Where My Father Lives- MD Ridge

Communion Processionals

Abba! Father- Carey Landry
Abide with Me- William Monk
All that I Am- Sebastian Temple
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)- Chris Tomlin
Be Not Afraid- Bob Dufford
Because the Lord is My Shepherd - Christopher Walker
Behold the Lamb- Martin Willett
Bread of Angels- Curtin Stephan
Carry Me Home- Ricky Modlin
Come to Me- Gregory Norbert
Endless Is Your Love - Tom Kendzia
Fly Like a Bird - Ken Canedo
Give Me Jesus- James Hansen
Here I am, Lord- Dan Schutte
His Eye is on the Sparrow
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place - Randall DeBruyn
I Am the Bread of Life - Suzanne Toolan, RSM
I Have Loved You - Michael Joncas
My Soul Is Thirsting - Bob Hurd
On Eagle's Wings - Michael Joncas
One Bread, One Body- John Foley
Panis Angelicus - Franck
Parable (Ecclesiastes)- MD Ridge
Pastures of the Lord- Curtis Stephan

Shelter Me, O God- Bob Hurd
Surely the Presence- Lanny Wolfe
Taste and See - James Moore, Jr.
The Supper of the Lord - Lawrence Rosania
We Remember- Marty Haugen
We Walk by Faith- Marty Haugen
Where My Father Lives- MD Ridge
You are Near- Dan Schutte

Song of Farewell

Come Home- Cary Landry
Go In Peace - Sarah Hart, Dwight Liles
Irish Blessing- Robert Fabing
Jesus, Remember Me- Jacques Berthier
May the Angels Be Your Guide- MacAler
O Loving God (Irish Funeral Prayer) - LONDONDERRY AIR
Quietly, Peacefully (Adapted from New World Symphony)
Song of Farewell- Ernest Sands
Song of the Angels- Bob Dufford

Recessionals

Abide with Me- William Monk
All that I Am- Sebastian Temple
Amazing Grace- John Newton
America the Beautiful- Samuel Ward
Be Not Afraid- Bob Dufford
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (aka The Navy Hymn)- J Dykes, W Whiting
Fly Like a Bird - Ken Canedo
Go In Peace - Sarah Hart, Dwight Liles
His Eye is on the Sparrow
Holy God, We Praise thy Name
How Great Thou Art - Stuart Hine
I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Scott Soper
Let There Be Peace on Earth- Sy Miller
O Loving God (Irish Funeral Prayer) - LONDONDERRY AIR
On Eagle's Wings - Michael Joncas
Pastures of the Lord - Curtis Stephan
Precious Lord, Take My Hand - Thomas Dorsey
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling- Will Thompson
Song of Farewell - Ernest Sands
You are Near- Dan Schutte

Seasonal Music:

Lent

Gracious God- Jesse Manibusan (Gathering, Preparation, or Communion)
Hosea (Come Back to Me)- Gregory Norbert (Preparation or Communion)
Led by the Spirit- KINGSFOLD (Gathering or Recessional)

Easter

Alleluia! Alleluia!- adapted from Ode to Joy (Recessional)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise (Recessional)

Roll Away the Stone- Tom Conry (Preparation or Communion)

Advent

Christ the Lord- Sarah Hart (Gathering, Preparation, or Communion)

Ready the Way- Curtis Stephan (Gathering or Preparation)

Christmas

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Preparation or Communion)

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Preparation or Communion)

Silent Night (Preparation or Communion)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Priest begins:

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

Reader:

**1. In baptism _____ received the light of Christ.
Scatter the darkness now and lead him (her) over the waters of death.**

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

**2. Our brother/sister _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior.
Welcome him (her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet.**

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

**3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom.
Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.**

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

4. Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day.

Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

5. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.

Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

6. The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation.

Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

7. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister _____.

Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

8. For _____ who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the Saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

**9. For our deceased relatives and friends especially, _____,
_____, and _____, and for all who have
helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.**

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

**10. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together
again in God's Kingdom.**

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

**11. For all who are suffering with serious illness, chronic pain and other physical
challenges on a daily basis.**

May they be healed in mind, body and spirit.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

12. For the *elderly and infirm* and their loved ones now struggling with end of life issues.

**May the prayers of this assembly help ease them all through these difficult times
and help them find peace and everlasting life with our Lord and Savior.**

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

The Priest then concludes:

Lord God,

**Giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of
your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in
Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

