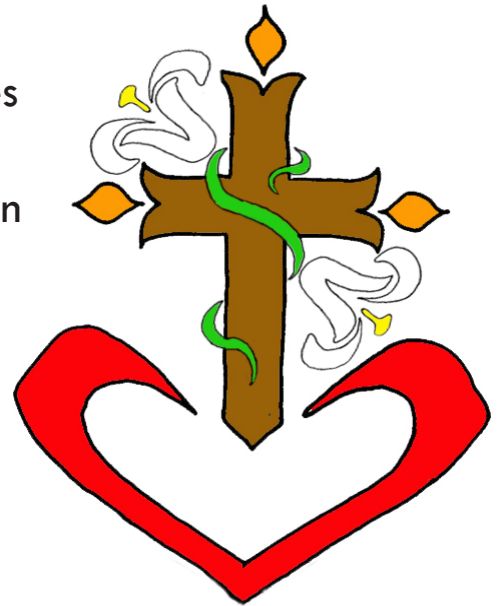


Ministry of Consolation

St. Anthony Parish Ministry of Consolation serves families who's loved ones will be buried from our church. One of our Ministers of Consolation will contact the family and will work with them as they plan the Funeral Liturgy. Families and their needs are all very different. Some families desire to be very active in the preparations and the liturgy while others do not, the choice is entirely theirs. Either way, St. Anthony Parish is here to help.



Below are the readings for Funeral liturgies as well as music suggestions. Please choose one reading from the Old Testament, one responsorial Psalm and one Reading from the New Testament. The celebrant usually chooses the Gospel. The parish will arrange for an organist, singer and Altar servers unless otherwise instructed by the family.

The family can participate in the liturgy in a number of ways: the placing of pall, proclaiming the Word, bringing up the gifts, making remarks of remembrance (eulogy). The Minister of Consolation will discuss all of these options with the family and communicate their choices to the Celebrant and the Music Director.

If you have any questions or concerns -please call the rectory.

FIRST READING
please choose one

Maccabees 12:43-46

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,
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.

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

The word of the Lord.

Job 19:1, 23-27

A Reading from the Book of Job 19:1, 23-27

Then 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! As for me, I know that my vindicator lives,*and that he
will at last stand forth upon the dust. This will happen when my
skin has been stripped off, and from my flesh I will see God:I
will see for myself, my own eyes, not another's, will behold him:
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God

and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them,
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just, though they die early,
shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not
with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

Those who pleased God were loved;
they who lived among sinners were transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert their mind
or deceit beguile their 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,
they reached the fullness of a long career;
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he sped them 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.

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples.
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

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

The word of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:17-26

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing 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.

The word of the Lord.

Daniel 12:1-3

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

“At that time there shall arise Michael,
the great prince,
guardian of your people;
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since the nation 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 to everlasting life,
others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.
But those with insight shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
And those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars* forever.

First Reading – Easter Season

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:
“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
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.

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” said the Spirit,
“let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them.”

The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM CHOICES

1- Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.+

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2- Psalm 25:6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your kindness are from of old.
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Relieve the troubles of my heart; and bring me out of my distress.
Put an end of my affliction and my suffering; and take away all my sins.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Preserve my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, because I wait for you, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

3- Psalm 27:1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13-14

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.
Your presence, O Lord I seek, hide not your face from me.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.

4- Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

As the hind longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?
Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving, with the multitude keeping festival.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God!

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Why do you sigh within me?
Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,
In the presence of my savior and my God.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

5- Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
Like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
And with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

6- Psalm 103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
Nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

As a father has compassion on his children,
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.
For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity, to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
Among those who keep his covenant and remember to fulfill his precepts.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

7- Psalm 116:5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"
;I said in my alarm, "No man is dependable."

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant, you have loosed my bonds.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

8- Psalm 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.
I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord."
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Because of my relatives and friends I will say "Peace be within you!"
Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will pray for your good.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

9- Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.
My soul waits for the Lord more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord,
For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

10- Psalm 143:1-2, 5-6, 7ab and 8ab, 10

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer; hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness;

In your justice answer me.
And enter not into judgment with your servant, for before you no loving man is just.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your doings;
The works of your hands I ponder.
I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like parched land.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Hasten to answer me, O Lord; for my spirit fails me.
At dawn let me hear of your mercy, for in you I trust.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.
May your good spirit guide me on level ground.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

SECOND READING
please choose one

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:
Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured 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.

Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

For if, by the transgression of one person, 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 person 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 one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of 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.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

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

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, *Abba*, "Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the 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.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of St. 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.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits^{*} of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end,^{*} when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. 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.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first Letter of St. 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.

2 Corinthians 4:14--5:1

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of St. 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.

Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

Beloved:
I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the Second Letter of St. 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.

Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the First Letter of St. 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.

Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

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

John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John 3:1-2

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.

1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

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.

Philippians 3:20-21

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Our citizenship^{*} is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.²¹ 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead;
with confidence we ask Him to save all His people living and dead.
Our response is: Lord Hear our prayer.

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

Lector: For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ,
The Bread of Life, that he/she may be raised up on
the last day, we pray to the Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

All: Amen.

Dear Parishioners;

My deepest sympathy for your loss at this difficult time. The power of music can heal and help to process grief. It has a twofold purpose, not only to celebrate, remember, and pray for the individual, but also to proclaim the paschal mystery and the triumph of life over death. Music is integral to the funeral rites.

Here is a list of hymns to help your family prepare the funeral liturgy for your loved one.

All the hymns are in accordance with the directives of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Office of Worship. Some of these hymns may be used at various parts of the liturgy not limited to where listed. Secular music is not permitted during the celebration.

These may be done as prelude or postlude music after discussion with Msgr. McHenry.

The following hymns are found in the music issue in church. If I can be of assistance, to extend a bridge of caring from the parish to the bereaved, please call 856-220-7935 or email emgroody@comcast.net. Eileen Groody, Music Director

****Entrance Hymns

Alleluia, The Strife is O'er	Amazing Grace	Be Not Afraid
Christ Be Our Light	Come to Me	I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Table of Plenty	Morning Has Broken	We Walk by Faith

****Responsorial Psalms

Settings of the psalm are listed in the booklet given by the parish. The Cantor sings the psalm at Mass.

****Gospel Acclamation

The Alleluia is sung by the Cantor except during Lent.

****Preparation of the Gifts

Behold the Lamb	Eye Has Not Seen	Here I Am, Lord
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place		Keep In Mind
Parable	Prayer of St. Francis	Precious Lord
Come to Me	Fly Like a Bird	

****Eucharistic Mass Parts are all sung

Christ the Savior Mass	Creation Mass	Heritage Mass
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****Communion Hymns

In Every Age	Eat This Bread	Gift of Finest Wheat
I Am the Bread of Life	Like A Shepherd	Lord You Have Come
One Love Released	Panis Angelicus	Shelter Me, O God
Taste and See	The Supper of the Lord	We Remember
I Received the Living God		

****Final Commendation Hymns

Jesus Remember Me	O Loving God	Song of the Angels
Song of Farewell-Sands	Song of Farewell-Old One Hundred	

****Recessional Hymns

How Great Thou Art	I Know My Savior Lives	Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Let There Be Peace	On Eagles Wings	Sing With All The Saints
In God Alone	Eternal Father, Strong to Save-Navy Hymn	

****Optional Meditation Hymns

Ave Maria	Hail Mary, Full of Grace	Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Irish Blessing	My Soul Rejoices	