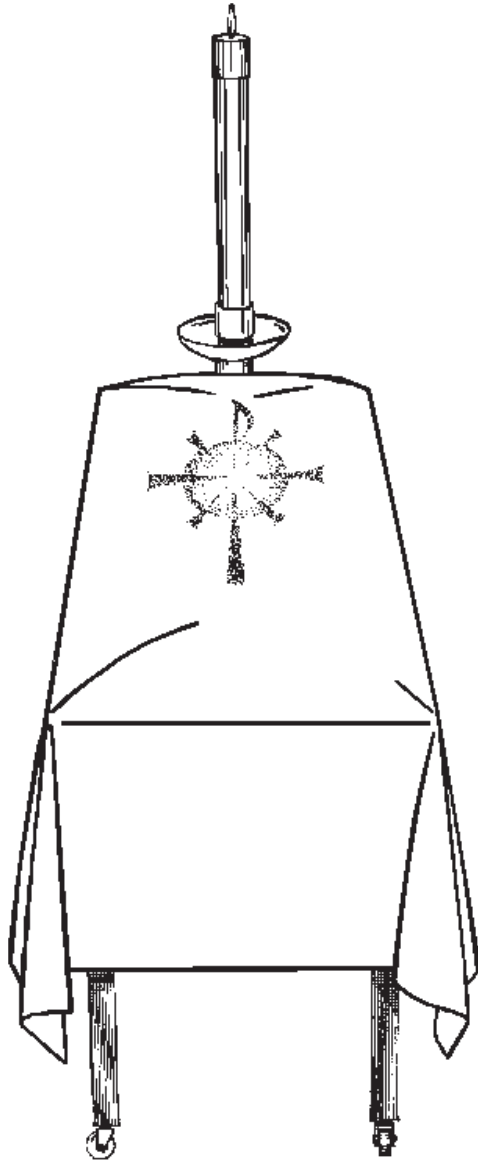


# *Mass of Christian Burial*



*The Church of the Assumption*

*The Church of the Immaculate Conception*

*Tuckahoe, New York*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY PARISH  
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences and, above all, our prayers for you at this difficult time. By its nature, grief is certainly a private affair. The depth of love for the deceased is known to you alone. We all grieve in our unique ways. Yet, sorrow can be shared, as we will do together in the Mass of Christian Burial. When people share a common painful experience, they are united by a special bond. So we, the parish family of Assumption and Immaculate Conception, are united with you.

As Christians, we believe that the Funeral Mass celebrates our belief that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the Love of God.

This booklet has been prepared for you. The readings, which may be used, as well as the music requests, will enable us to help you pray the Mass of Christian Burial most effectively.

Please be assured that your other “family” at Assumption and Immaculate Conception is praying for you and for the happy repose of the soul of your loved one.

*The Priests, Deacon, Religious*

*and*

*The Parish Family of*

*Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady Parish*

## *The Readings at Mass*

The Church attaches great importance to the reading of the word of God. The readings give us the opportunity to listen as God speaks to His people in their needs, sorrows, fears and hopes.

We ask that you please select an Old Testament reading and a New Testament reading. If possible, we encourage someone from among the family or friends to proclaim the readings at the Mass.

## *The Music at Mass*

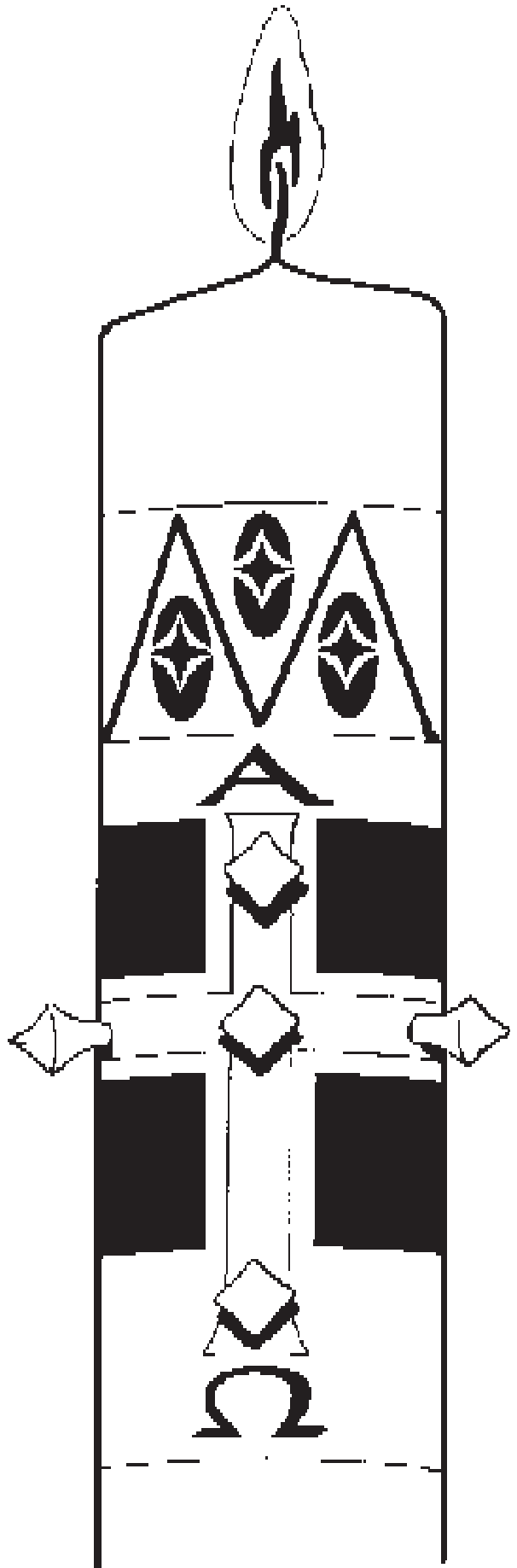
Music is integral to the Mass of Christian Burial. It allows us to express convictions and feelings that mere words alone may fail to convey. Music has the power to strengthen the unity of the people, uplift the mourners, and console the sorrowful.

The music selections are to be works written for the sole purpose of the honor and glory of God and for exclusive use within the Liturgy.

## *The Eulogy at the Funeral Home*

For various reasons, the practice of a eulogy at a Mass of Christian Burial has gained popularity in the United States. It gives the opportunity for people to reflect on the life of the deceased. The eulogy is quite different from the homily. The eulogy is best given outside the context of the Mass. We strongly encourage the use of a eulogy, however, it is more helpful within the setting of a home: the Funeral Home. It is a more intimate setting with family and friends gathered around, supporting the speaker and allowing all to share in the life-stories. The wake is the time to remember the person's life and loves.

In light of this, the eulogy is not allowed within the Church of the Assumption or the Church of the Immaculate Conception. If one wishes to give the eulogy within the context of the wake prayer service, please let the priest know ahead of time.





## **Suggested Old Testament Readings**

Please choose one Old Testament Reading

Job 19:1, 23-26

Wisdom 3:1-9

Wisdom 4:7-15

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Daniel 12:1-3

Lamentations 3:17-26

## **A Reading from the Book of Job (Job 19:1. 23-26)**

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!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
And from my flesh I shall see God;  
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.



## A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wisdom 3:1-9)

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.

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

But they are in peace.

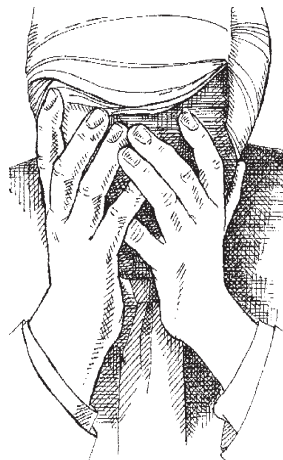
For if before men, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

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

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;  
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,  
and the LORD shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.



## A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wisdom 4:7-15)

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,  
nor can it be measured in terms of years.

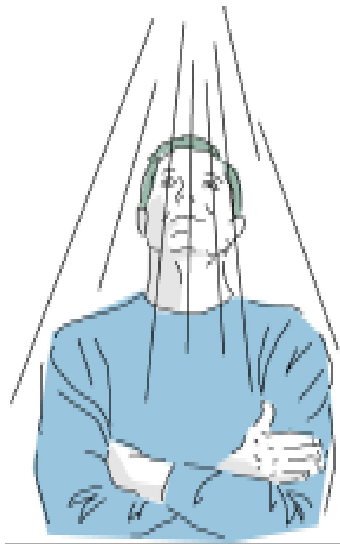
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,  
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;  
he who lived among sinners was transported—  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind  
or deceit beguile his soul;  
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right  
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while,  
he reached the fullness of a long career;  
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,  
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take this into account.  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.



## **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9)**

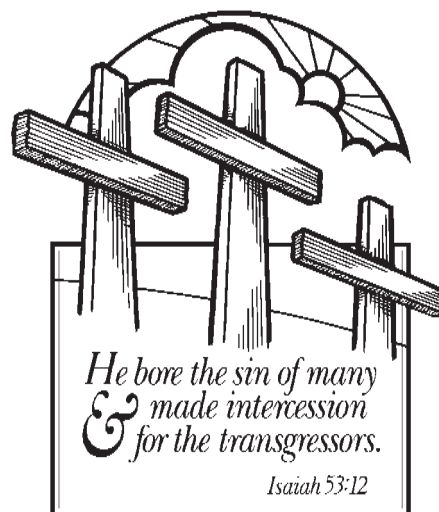
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples.

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 the Prophet Daniel (Daniel 12:1-3)**

I, Daniel, mourned and I 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.



## **A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (Lamentations 3:17-26)**

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.

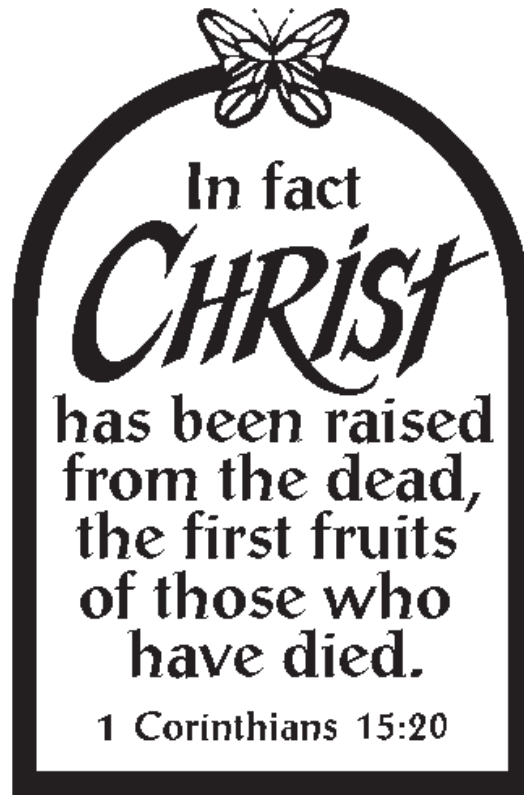
But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:  
The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness.

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.





## **Suggested New Testament Readings**

Please choose one New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43  
Romans 5:5-11  
Romans 5:17-21  
Romans 6:3-9  
Romans 8:14-23  
Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39  
Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12  
1 Corinthians 15:20-28  
1 Corinthians 15:51-57  
2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1  
2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10  
Philippians 3:20-21  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

### **For the Easter Season:**

2 Timothy 2:8-13  
1 John 3:1-2  
1 John 3:14-16  
Revelation 14:13

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-43)

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,  
“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 Israelites  
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.



## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 5:5-11)

Hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
yet 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.



## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 5:17-21)

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.

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righteous.  
Romans 5:19

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 6:3-9)**

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.

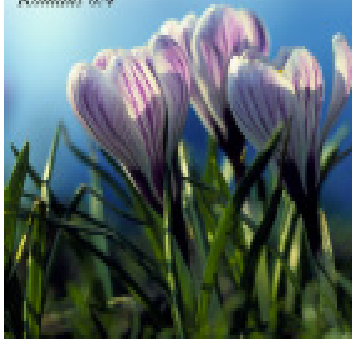
If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Just as Christ was raised  
from the dead by the glory  
of the Father, so we too might  
walk in the newness of life.*

*Romans 6:4*



## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:14-23)**

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a spirit of adoption,  
through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,  
if only we suffer with him  
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

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

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;  
and not only that, but we ourselves,  
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.





**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**  
**(Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39)**

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,  
how 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.

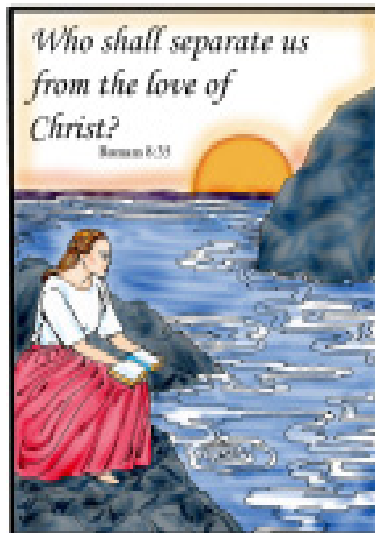
What will separate us from the love of Christ?

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 Paul to the Romans**  
(Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12)

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

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

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

Why 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 account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Whether  
we **live**  
OR  
Whether  
we **die,**  
we are  
the  
**Lords.**  
Romans 14:8

## **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:20-28)**

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits 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 firstfruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom  
to his God and Father,  
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.

The Word of the Lord.



## A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:51-57)

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.

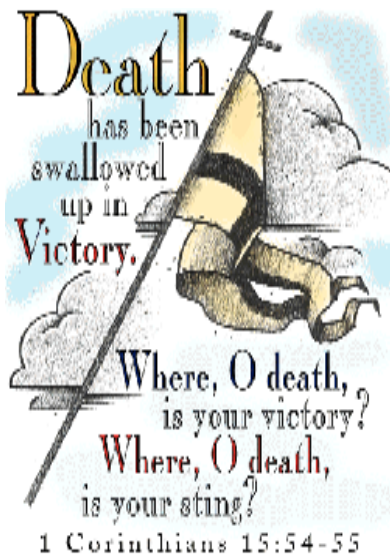
And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility  
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

“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 Paul to the Corinthians** **(2 Cor. 4:14-5:1)**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

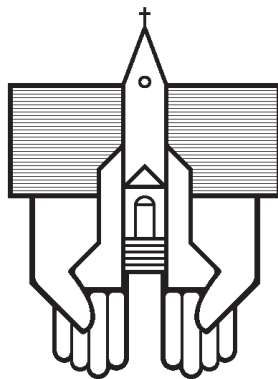
Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

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.



*Lord, you have been  
our dwelling place  
in all generations.*

*Psalm 90:1*

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**  
(2 Cor. 5:1, 6-10)

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.



## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (Phil. 3:20-21)

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 Paul to the Thessalonians**  
**(1 Thes. 4:13-18)**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,  
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.

We believe  
that **Jesus**  
**died**  
and  
**rose**  
**again...**



## **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:8-13)**

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 John (1 John 3:1-2)**

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 John (1 John 3:14-16)**

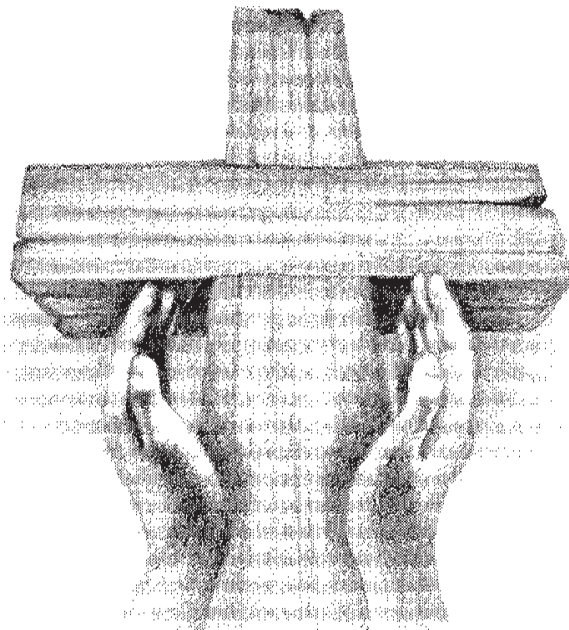
We know that we have passed from death to life  
because we love our brothers.

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.



THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:  
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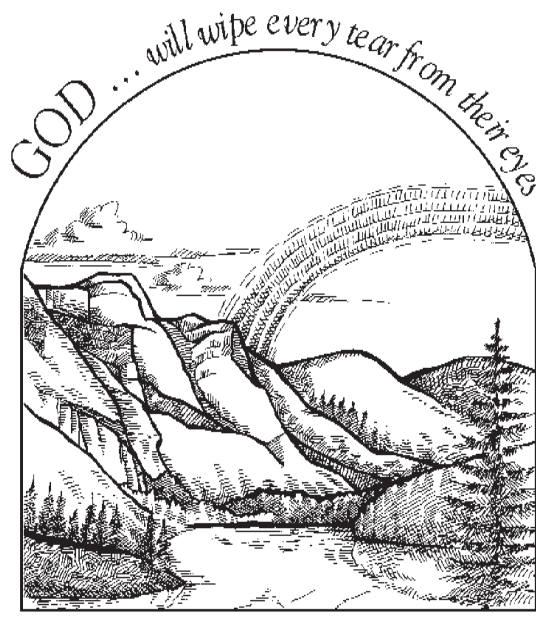
## A Reading from the Book of Revelation (Revelation 14:13)

I 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.



*There will be no more death or  
mourning or crying or pain.*

# *Suggestions for General Intercessions*

1. In Baptism, <Name> received the light of Christ.  
Scatter the darkness now and lead <him/her> over the waters of death;  
we pray to the Lord.
2. Our <brother/sister>, <Name>, was nourished at the table of the Savior.  
Welcome <him/her> into the halls of the Heavenly Banquet;  
we pray to the Lord.
3. 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;  
we pray to the Lord.
4. The family and friends of <Name> seek comfort and consolation.  
Heal <their/our> pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief;  
we pray to the Lord.
5. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our <brother/sister>, <Name>.  
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming;  
we pray to the Lord.

If you wish to compose your own intercessions, please feel free to do so. You can also edit the ones above. Please keep the number of intercessions to five.



# The Mass of Christian Burial

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Parishioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_  Single  Married Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>First Reading</b> (Old Testament):	Guest Reader:
<b>Second Reading</b> (New Testament):	Guest Reader:
<b>Presentation of the Gifts:</b> Please choose two people to bring up the bread and wine	Bread:
	Wine:

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  living  deceased  divorced

Parents' names (if living): \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers/sisters names (if living) \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of great-grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran of: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Circumstances of Death (e.g. sickness, accident, sudden, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Other information you wish to share with us (e.g. special interests/hobbies):

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