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Name of Deceased:_____

Date & Time of Mass: _____ Burial: _____

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Please select your readings from the enclosed selections.

You may select ONE OLD TESTAMENT reading #_____

You may select ONE NEW TESTAMENT reading #_____

GLORY & PRAISE:

Our parish has the Glory & Praise Hymnal in the pews. It has a number of classical and contemporary hymns which are appropriate for a Funeral Liturgy.

If you would like a hymn that does not appear on this list, please let us know, and we will try our best to accommodate you.

Please select Four hymns from the list below:

☐	For All The Saints	☐	Be Not Afraid
☐	Lady of Knock	☐	On Eagle's Wings
☐	You Are Mine	☐	You Are Near
☐	Prayer Of St. Francis	☐	Wherever You Go
☐	I Am The Bread of Life	☐	Faith of Our Fathers
☐	Sing With All The Saints In Glory (Ode to Joy)	☐	Hosea (Come Back to Me)
☐	Let There Be Peace On Earth	☐	Old Irish Blessing
☐	Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	☐	How Great Thou Art
☐	Lord of All Hopefulness	☐	Soul of My Savior
☐	Ave Maria	☐	Panis Angelicus
☐	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	☐	Holy Holy Holy

OLD TESTAMENT: Choose ONE from the following seven readings.

1. Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job.

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

2. Short version: Wisdom 3:1-6
Long version: Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Verses 1-6
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.
Verses 7-9
In the time of their visitation they
shall shine, and 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 his
elect.

The Word of the Lord.

3. Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

But 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.

The Word of the Lord.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 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.

7. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the Second Book of
Maccabees.

He then took up a collection among 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 make atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT: Choose ONE from the following nineteen readings.

1. Short version: Acts 10:34-36, 42-43
Long version: Acts 10-34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Versus 34-36
Peter proceeded to address them in these words: "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. This is the message he has sent to the sons of Israel, the good news of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all."

Versus 37-41
"I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, They killed him, finally, hanging him on a tree, only to have God raise him up on the third day and grant that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God -- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."

Versus 42-43
"He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify, saying that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

2. Philippines 3:20-21

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

As you well know, we have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

3. Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to The Romans.

If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one man, Jesus Christ.
To sum up, then: just as a single offense brought condemnation to all men, a single righteous act brought all men acquittal and life. Just as through one man's disobedience all became sinners, so through one man's obedience all shall become just.
The law came in order to increase offenses; but despite the increase of sin, grace has far surpassed it, so that, as sin reigned through death, grace may reign by way of justice leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

4. Romans 5:5-11

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

And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

The Word of the Lord.

5. Short Version: Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
Long Version: Romans 6:3-9

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

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

Versus 5-7
If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin.

Versus 8-9
If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

6. Romans 8:14-23

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

All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which we cry out, "Abba!" (that is, "Father"). The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him.
I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us. Indeed, the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God. Creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but by him who once subjected it; yet not without hope, because the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. Yes, we know that all creation groans and is in agony even until now. Not only that, but we ourselves, although we have the Spirit as first fruits, grown inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

7. Romans 8:3b-35, 37-39

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

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword?

Yet in all this we are more then conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, Our Lord

The Word of the Lord.

8. Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

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

None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. . . . . We shall have to appear before the judgement seat of God. It is written, "As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me and every tongue shall give praise to God." Every one of us will have to give an account of himself before God.

The Word of the Lord.

9. Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I heard a voice from heaven say to me: "Write this down; Happy now are the dead who die in the Lord!" The Spirit added, "Yes, they shall find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

10. Short Version:
1 Corinthians 15:20-23
Long Version
1 Corinthians 15:20-24a, 25-28

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

Versus 20-23
But as it is, Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Death came through a man; hence the resurrection of the dead comes through a man also. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming, all those who belong to him.

Versus 24a, 25-28
After that will come the end. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads that God "has placed all things under his feet." But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will then subject himself to the One who made all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

11. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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

Now I am going to tell you a mystery. Not all of us shall fall asleep, but all of us are to be changed in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, this mortal body with immortality. When the corruptible frame takes on incorruptibility and the mortal immortality, then will be saying of Scripture be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

12. 2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10

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

Indeed, we know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed we have a dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but to last forever. . .

Therefore we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away form the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat, we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please him whether we are with him or away from him.. The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad, according to his life in the body.

The Word of the Lord.

13. Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the First Letter of
St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death, brother; otherwise you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in him. We say to you, as if the Lord himself had said it, that we who live, who survive until his coming, will in no way have an advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, the Lord himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thenceforth we shall be with the Lord unceasingly. Console one another with this message.

The Word of the Lord.

14. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

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

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, was raised from the dead. This is the gospel I preach; in preaching it I suffer as a criminal, even to the point of being thrown into chains-- but there is no chaining the word of God! Therefore I bear with all of this for the sake of those whom God has chosen, in order that they may obtain the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.
You can depend on this:
If we have died with him we shall also live with him.
If we hold out to the end we shall also reign with him.
But if we deny him he will deny us.
If we are unfaithful he will still remain faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

15. 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

See what love the Father has
bestowed on us in letting us be called
children of God!
Yet that is what we are.
The reason the world does not
recognize us is that it never
recognized the Son.
Dearly beloved,
we are God's children now;
what we shall later be has not yet
come to light.
We know that when it comes to light
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

16. Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

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"Write this down: Happy now are the
dead who die in the Lord!" The Spirit
added, "Yes, they shall find rest from
their labors, for their good works
accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

17. 1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

That we have passed from death to
life we know because we love the
brothers.
The man who does not love is
among the living dead.
Anyone who hates his brother is a
murderer, and you know that
eternal life abides in no murderer's
heart. The way we came to
understand love was that he laid
down his life for us;
we too must lay down our lives for
our brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

18. Revelation 20:11-21:1

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Next I saw a large white throne and
the One who sat on it. The earth and
the sky fled from his presence until
they could no longer be seen. I saw
the dead, the great and the lowly,
standing before the throne. Lastly,
among the scrolls, the book of the
living was opened. The dead were
judged according to their conduct as
recorded on the scrolls. The sea gave up
its dead; then death and the nether
world gave up their dead. Each person
was judged according to his conduct.
Then death and the netherworld were
hurled into the pool of fire, which is the
second death: anyone whose name was
not found inscribed in the book of the
living was hurled into this pool of fire.
Then I saw new heavens and a new
earth. The former heaven and the
former earth had passed away, and
the sea was no longer.

The Word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw new heavens and a new
earth. The former heavens and the
former earth had passed away, and
the sea was no longer. I also saw a
new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming
down out of heaven from God,
beautiful as a bride prepared to meet
her husband. I heard a loud voice
from the throne cry out: "This is
God's dwelling among men. He
shall dwell with them and they shall
be his people and he shall be their
God who is always with them. He
shall wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or
mourning, crying out or pain, for the
former world has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said
to me, "See, I make all things new!
To anyone who thirsts I will give to
drink without cost from the spring of
life-giving water. He who wins the
victory shall inherit these gifts; I will
be his God and he shall be my son."

The Word of the Lord.