



HOLY ANGELS PARISH

Dear Parishioner,

If you're reading this letter, it means a loved one has died. This is a difficult and perhaps stressful time for you and your family. As your Pastor, I want to assure you of my prayers and the prayers of your extended family here at Holy Angels parish. We would like to assist you in any way possible. The attached packet will help you should you desire to make certain requests regarding the funeral Mass. We can take charge of planning the Mass or invite you to take as active a role as you wish. The following remarks are for your consideration.

Here at Holy Angels parish we strictly follow the Archbishop's request that only sacred music be sung and played in Church. The enclosed packet has a list of hymns from which you may choose. If you have ethnic or secular songs and ballads that are significant to you and your family, I suggest that you plan to play them for the wake or at the cemetery. A very helpful way to close the viewing hours of the wake is to invite all present to listen to a song that had special significance to the deceased, after which all can respectfully return to their homes. A song at the cemetery is a very moving and effective way to end the tribute given to your loved one.

As Catholics we want to bring your loved one to rest with all the dignity and consolation our faith can offer. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift you can offer your loved one who has just died. At Mass we remember and celebrate the love of Jesus Christ who loved us so much that He died to save us. The Mass is the all-powerful and perfect prayer of Jesus offered from the cross on Calvary. At Mass the Church joins you in asking Jesus to lead the soul of your beloved to the joy of heaven; that place where there is no more sadness or suffering. May your beloved see God face to face and enter into the everlasting joy shared by all the saints in glory. May our Blessed Mother intercede for you and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Amen

In Christ,

Rev. Lawrence Symolon

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Funeral Preparation
Booklet

Old Testament Readings

New Testament Readings

Gospel Readings

Music

General Intercessions

Suggestions & Selections

*Old
Testament
Readings
(choose one)*

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

A Reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad and 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

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 God's holy ones,
and His care is with His elect.

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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 perverts his mind
or deceit beguiles 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 God 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 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 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, 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

*New
Testament
Readings
(choose one)*

*Read after cantor/choir
sings the
Responsorial Psalm*

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 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 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 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.
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death no longer has power over him.

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Brothers and Sisters:
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 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 account 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 a 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 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.
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.

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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 God's 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

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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 one may receive recompense,
according to what he or she 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, 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

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.”

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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 had 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

*Gospel
Readings
(choose one)*

Gospel Readings

- 1** p. 1114 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
5:1-12a
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
- 2** p. 1115 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
11:25-30
Come to me...and I will give you rest.
- 3** p. 1116 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
25:1-13
Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to him!
- 4** p. 1116 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
25:31-46
Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
- 5** p. 1118 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK
[Longer Form] 15:33-39; 16:1-6
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
- 5b** p. 1119 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK
[Shorter Form,] 15:33-39
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
- 6** p. 1120 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
7:11-17
Young man, I tell you, arise!
- 7** p. 1120 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
12:35-40
You also must be prepared.

- 8** p. 1121 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
23:33, 39-43
Today you will be with me in paradise.
- 9** p. 1122 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
[Longer Form] 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
- 9b** p. 1123 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
[Shorter Form] 23:44-46, 50, 52-53
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
- 10** p. 1124 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
[Longer Form] 24:13-35
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer for these things
and enter into his glory?
- 10b** p. 1126 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
[Shorter Form] 24:13-16, 28-35
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and enter into his glory?
- 11** p. 1127 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
5:24-29
Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.
- 12** p. 1127 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
6:37-40
Everyone who sees the Son and believe in him may have eternal life
and I shall raise them to life on the last day.
- 13** p. 1128 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
6:51-59
Whoever eats his bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on
the last day.

- 14** p. 1129 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
[Longer Form] 11:17-27
I am the resurrection and the life.
- 14b** p. 1130 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
[Shorter Form] 11:21-27
I am the resurrection and the life.
- 15** p. 1130 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
11:32-45
Lazarus, come out!
- 16** p. 1132 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
[Longer Form] 12:23-28
If it dies, it produces much fruit.
- 16b** p. 1133 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
[Shorter Form] 12:23-26
If it dies, it produces much fruit.
- 17** p. 1133 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
14:1-6
In my Father's house there are many dwellings.
- 18** p. 1134 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
17:24-26
I wish that where I am they also may be with me.
- 19** p. 1134 A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
19:17-18, 25-39
And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.

General Intercessions

*(Choose list A or B
or create your own intentions
modeled after these.)*

LIST A

The presider introduces the intercessions with a prayer--- then:

Reader: In baptism [Name] received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: Our brother/sister [Name] was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: 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. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: 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. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: For [the mourners:], the family and friends of [Name] seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: 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. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LIST B

The presider introduces the intercessions with a prayer--- then:

Reader: For [Name] who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: 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. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: For [the mourners], for the family and friends of our brother/sister [Name], that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Music

MUSIC

These music suggestions are intended to assist your family.

The list is not all inclusive.

Please contact the Parish Musician for additional suggestions.

(Sometimes there are favorite compositions which may not be suitable for a funeral liturgical service. This music is appropriate for the wake or at the grave site.)

Processional Hymn:	Gather Comprehensive II Hymn Number
Amazing Grace	586
Be Not Afraid	596
For all the Saints	705
Hosea	405
I Have Loved You	504
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	622
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	631
Presentation of the Gifts:	
Blest Are They	636
Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled	765
Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen)	616
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)	671
How Great Thou Art	496
I Will Be the Vine	763
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	721
Shepherd Me, O God	23
Take Me Home	760
We Shall Rise Again	762
You Are All I Want	625
You Are Mine	627
Communion Hymn:	
Bread of Life from Heaven	803
I Am the Bread of Life	822
I Received the Living God	809
Table Song	833
Taste and See (Moore)	827
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	816

If soloist is requested and available:

Be Still My Soul	
Go, Silent Friend	868
Going Home	
Panis Angelicus	
Quietly, Peacefully	

Song of Farewell:

Come to His/Her Aid, O Saints of God	
May the Angels Lead You into Paradise	861
The Hand of God Shall Hold You	862
Song of Farewell	120 / 122

Recessional Hymn:

How Great Thou Art	496
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	454
On Eagle's Wings	593
Sing to the Mountains	452
Sing with All the Saints in Glory	442
The Strife is O'er	459

Suggestions
and
Selections

**SELECTIONS
FOR THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Deceased: _____

Date of Service: _____ Time: _____

Entrance Song: _____

Reception of the Body:

Spreading of the Pall over the casket: 2 – 4 persons

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Liturgy of the Word: *(Presider will either meet reader at pulpit and/or indicate the selection in the book which the family has chosen.)*

Old Testament (1st) Reading: # _____ P. _____

Reader: _____

Psalm: Sung by the cantor or choir

New Testament (2nd) Reading: # _____ P. _____

Reader: _____

Gospel Selection *(read by the Presider)*: # _____ P. _____

Intercessions: *(Select from those offered or create your own following the model of those offered.)*

List A: _____ List B: _____ Write Our Own: _____

Reader: _____

Offertory:

Music for Presentation of the Gifts: _____

Presenters of Bread and Wine *up to four persons*)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Communion:

Music for Communion: _____

Eulogist(s) *(Optional – one or two. Three minutes each, i.e. 1 ½ double spaced typed pages. Please read Suggestions page.)*

1. _____ 2. _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

* It is not necessary that every line above be filled.

The parish will provide music selections, readers, etc., if none are designated by the family.

Please return these Selections pages to the Parish Office at least 24 hours prior to the funeral.

Thank you for your consideration at this time.

Please accept our condolences for your loss.

**A SPECIAL WORD
FOR
LECTORS AND EULOGISTS**

Please Read

GENERAL:

To best be heard, please position the microphone so that it is aimed at your mouth or just below.

Prepare! Whether you are reading or speaking, the family deserves the best from you and that requires preparation and practicing aloud before you get behind the lectern.

LECTORS:

Remove your reading from this set of pages. Highlight the words you wish to emphasize. Practice. Also avoid a common mistake: do not lower your voice at the end of every sentence. Your desire should be to communicate the word of God to each individual in the congregation.

The book will be open at the lectern and marked for the passage you have selected.

EULOGISTS:

*Please keep your eulogy or remarks to approximately 3 minutes. Type (1 ½ pages) or write your entire eulogy. **Prepare** and **practice** your eulogy several times in front of others or before a mirror. Because this is a time of unpredictable emotional expression, if you are a close family member, you might want to select someone to accompany you to the lectern or to have someone else deliver your written words. **Important:** prepare a conclusion.*

No more than 2 eulogies may be delivered at Mass. Additional speakers could speak at the wake or at the cemetery.