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Readings and Music for the Funeral Mass from the Rite of Christian Burial

THE FAMILY IS INVITED TO MAKE SELECTIONS FOR THE FIRST TWO READINGS IN THE MASS AND TO SHARE THEIR REQUESTS FOR MUSIC.

SECTION I

HYMNS FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL (FUNERAL MASS SONGS)

Hymns for the Rite of Christian Burial (English)

Gathering Hymn

- Here I Am, Lord
- Be Not Afraid
- Morning Has Broken
- Give Me Jesus
- Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Psalms

- Psalm 16: You Will Show Me the Path of Life
- Psalm 19: Lord, You Have The Words
- Psalm 23: Shepherd Me O God
- Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd
- Psalm 23: Because the Lord is My Shepherd
- Psalm 25: To You O Lord
- Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light
- Psalm 42/43: As the Deer Longs
- Psalm 62: In God Alone

Offertory Hymn

- Ave Maria
- Hail Mary Gentle Woman
- In The Arms of God
- How Great Thou Art
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Prayer of St. Francis
- Come to Me
- You Are Near
- Lady of Knock
- We Remember
- All I Ask of You

Communion Hymn

- Panis Angelicus
- Behold the Lamb
- I Am the Bread of Life
- The Supper of the Lord
- One Bread, One Body

Song of Final Commendation

- Go In Peace
- The Hand of God Shall Hold You
- Song of Farewell
- The Lord Bless You and Keep You
- O Loving God (Celtic Farewell Song)
- Irish Blessing
- Go With God (Les Miserables)
- My Good and Faithful Servant

Recessional Hymn

- On Eagles Wings
- Amazing Grace
- Fly Like A Bird
- We Will Rise Again
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic)
- Lift High the Cross

SECTION II

1st READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

PLEASE SELECT **ONE**

A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

[2 Mc 12:43-46]

Judas, the ruler of Israel,
then 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 19:1, 23-27a]

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;

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 Psalms

[Ps 23]

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of
my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

[Pr 3:13-19]

When one finds a worthy woman,
her value is far beyond pearls.

She brings good and not evil
all the days of her life.

She rises when it is still night and
distributes food to her household.

She is girt with strength and
sturdy are her arms.

She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.

She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household,
and eats not her food in idleness.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a reward to her labors,
and let her works praise her at the gates.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

[Eccles 3:1-11]

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to give birth, 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.

What profit have workers from their toil?

I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be
busied about.

God has made everything appropriate to its time,
but has put the timeless into their hearts
so they cannot find out, from beginning to end,
the work which God has done.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

[Wis 3:1-9]

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 people, 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 God shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and God's care is with the elect.

The WORD of the Lord

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[Wis 3:1-6, 9]

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The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

[Wis 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.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Sirach

[Si 3:2-7, 12-14]

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

[Is 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 Isaiah

[Is 40:28-31]

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is God from of old,
creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary,
and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

He gives power to the faint,
abundant strength to the weak.

Though young men faint and grow weary,
and youths stagger and fall,

They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength,
they will soar on eagles' wings;

They will run and not grow weary,
walk and not grow faint.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

[Is 41:10-13]

Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
do not be alarmed, for I am your God.

I give you strength, truly I help you,
truly I hold you firm with my saving right hand.

Look, all those who rage against you
will be put to shame and humiliated;

Those who picked quarrels with you will be
reduced to nothing and will perish.

You will look for them but will not find them,
those who used to fight you;

They will be destroyed and brought to nothing,
those who made war on you.

For I, Yahweh, your God,
I grasp you by your right hand;

I tell you,

'Do not be afraid,
I shall help you.'

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations

[Lam 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

[Dan 12:1-3]

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned
and I heard this word from 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 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 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

SECTION III

2nd READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

PLEASE SELECT **ONE**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

[Acts 10:34-43]

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 Acts of the Apostles

[Acts 10:34-36, 42-43]

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The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans [Rom 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 dies 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 ^[Rom 5:17-21]

Brothers and sisters:

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 Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
so, through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of the one
the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase
but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more,
so that, as sin reigned in death,
grace also might reign through justification
for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

[Rom 6:3-9]

Brothers and sisters:

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

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

For if we have grown into union with him
through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

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

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

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans [Rom 6: 3-4, 8-9]

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death no longer has power over him.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans ^[Rom 8:14-23]

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 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 Saint Paul to the Romans

[Rom 8:31b
35, 37-39]

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

[Rom 14:7-9,
10b-12]

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

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that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.
But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

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 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.

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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those who belong to Christ.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself
with incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal must clothe itself
with immortality.

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

“Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home
in the body we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather
leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body,
whether good or evil.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians [Eph 1:3-5]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavens, as he chose us in him,
before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him.

In love he destined us for adoption to himself
through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will.

The WORD of the Lord

[Phil 3:20-21]

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavens, as he chose us in him,
before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him.

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through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest,
who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of
God, will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the 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.

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 Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

As for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed,
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

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

[1 Jn 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

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

[1 Jn 3:14-16]

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 Book of Revelation

[Rv 7:9-10, 15-17]

I had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count, from every nation,
race, people, and tongue.

They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches
in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation comes from our God,
who is seated on the throne,
and from the Lamb.”

For this reason they stand before God’s throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.

The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.

They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them and lead them
to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The WORD of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

[Rv 14:13]

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

[Rv 20:11—21:1]

I 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

[Rv 21:1-5a, 6b-7]

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 victors will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be their God, and they will be my own.

The WORD of the Lord

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