FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

The loss of a loved one is a difficult and painful time. At Saint Bonaventure, we are here to support you through prayer and pastoral care. This guide will help you plan a funeral Mass or service for your loved one.

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Saint Bonaventure Parish Guidelines for Funeral Arrangements

Scheduling a Funeral:

- Call the Parish office to schedule with Father James.

What to Expect:

- Visitation or a viewing of the body takes place in the Gathering Area of the church (the Fireplace Room) from 10 -11 a.m. before the Funeral Mass.
- The Funeral Mass is scheduled at 11 a.m.
- A luncheon at noon may be served in Ambrose Hall after the Mass.

Regarding Cremation:

- Cremation is acceptable by the Church.
- There are two options for final disposition of cremated remains: in-ground burial and above ground interment.

Planning the Funeral Mass:

- Our pastor, Father James will schedule a meeting for the family with himself and the music director.
- Select the scriptures and music, noting that all vocal music must be sacred.
- Offer insights into the life of the deceased to be incorporated into the homily.
- Family members are invited to put the white pall on the casket at the church doors, proclaim the readings (except the Gospel), lead the petitions (Prayer of the Faithful), and present the gifts of bread and wine. Commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.
- The parish provides music for funerals with a cantor or our Resurrection Choir. You may bring in a family member or friend for a solo, but the details must be arranged with the parish musician.

Eulogies / Words of Remembrance:

- One brief (3-5 minute) eulogy may be given by one person in church at the beginning of Mass with the permission of the priest.
- Opportunities for sharing memories or stories are encouraged at the vigil or funeral luncheon.

Fees:

- Church $300.00 (Payable to Saint Bonaventure)
- Presider $300.00 (Payable to Fr. James Chitteth, or other celebrant if used)
- Cantor $175.00 (Payable to name of Cantor)
- Accompanist $175.00 (Payable to name of Accompanist)

Special Requests:

- Any special requests should be made in advance to the priest/deacon who will be presiding at the funeral.

Funeral Music

Suggestions from the Gather 3 Hymnal and Parish Library

This list bears suggestions for music appropriate for the Funeral Mass. Other songs from the Gather Hymnal may also be appropriate. If there is a sacred song that has special meaning for the family members of the deceased, we will do our best to accommodate these special requests. All numbers refer to our Gather 3 Hymnal. **All music for the Mass must be sacred** in text and understanding; the Catholic Church does not allow recorded music during Mass. Songs offered by a soloist may only be offered as a Prelude, at the Presentation of the Gifts or Communion.

Opening Song, Presentation of the Gifts, Closing Song

611 All Creatures of Our God and King [1]
645 Amazing Grace
683 Be Not Afraid
576 Canticle of the Sun
766 City of God
731 Come to Me *Joncas*
Coming Home *Martin*
728 Eye Has Not Seen
Give Me Jesus *Spiritual*
777 Here I Am, Lord
685 How Can I Keep From Singing?
578 How Great Thou Art
796 I Danced in the Morning *(Lord of the Dance)*
724 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *KINGSFOLD*
527 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
510 Jesus, Remember Me *(with verses)*
656 Lead Me, Guide Me
663 Lord of All Hopefulness *SLANE*
828 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
713 Quietly, Peacefully *(melody of Going Home)*
873 Shall We Gather at the River
539 Sing With All the Saints in Glory
710 The Clouds Veil
573 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
681 We Remember
871 We Shall Rise Again *Young*
680 We Walk By Faith

Easter / Ascension Songs

949 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus [1]
492 Jerusalem, My Destiny
540 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today [1]
525 The Strife Is O'er [1]

Contemporary Christian

10,000 Reasons *(Bless the Lord, O My Soul)*
Because He Lives [1] *Maher, Tomlin*
Broken Vessels *Houston, Myrin*
Christ Is Risen *Maher*
Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled *Angrisano*
Grace Like Rain *Tomlin*
I Can Only Imagine *Millard*
I Will Rise *Tomlin*
Irish Blessing *Paul Stookey*
Lord, I Need You *Maher*
Shout to the Lord *Zchesch*

Sacred Classical

- should be offered by professional cantor
Ave Maria *(Schubert)*
Ave Maria *(Bach/Gounod)*

[1] Songs not used during Lent (because it contains Alleluias)

Responsorial Psalms

588 I Have Loved You (Ps 24) *Joncas*
084 Let Us Go Rejoicing (Ps 122) *Joncas*
055 My Soul Is Thirsting (Ps 63) *Joncas*
035 Shepherd Me, O God (Ps 23) *Haugen*
072 The Lord Is Kind & Merciful (Ps 103) *Cotter*

Communion Songs

945 I Am the Bread of Life
930 Taste and See *Moore*
917 O Taste and See *Haugen*
691 On Eagle's Wings *Joncas*
950 Take and Eat *Joncas*
928 Take and Eat This Bread
921 The Living Bread of God
834 We Are Many Parts
Panis Angelicus *Franck*

Final Commendation / Song of Farewell

981 The Hand of God Shall Hold You *Haugen*
977 In Paradísum / May Choirs of Angels
978 May Holy Angels Lead You *Londonderry Aire*
974 Song of Farewell *Joncas*
This Day in New Jerusalem *Bessert*

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Reading #1 – 2 Maccabees 12: 43-46 (NABRE)

A reading from the 2nd book of Maccabees:
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 in mind;
For, if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,
it would have been superfluous and foolish
to pray for the dead.
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.

Reading #2 – Job 19: 1, 23-27a (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Job:
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 will see God:
I will see for myself, my own eyes, not another's,
shall behold him.
My inmost being is consumed with longing.
The word of the Lord.

Reading #3- Proverbs 31:10-12,17-18,20,25-31 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Proverbs:
Who can find a woman of worth?
Far beyond jewels is her value.
Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack income.
She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life.
She girds herself with strength;
she exerts her arms with vigor.
She enjoys the profit from her dealings;
her lamp is never extinguished at night.
She reaches out her hands to the poor
and extends her arms to the needy.
She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom;
kindly instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband, too, praises her:
Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Acclaim her for the work of her hands,
and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.
The word of the Lord.

Reading #4 – Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 12-13 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes:
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.
I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice
and to do well during life.
Moreover, that all can eat and drink
and enjoy the good of all their toil – this is a gift of God.
The word of the Lord.

#5A – Wisdom 3: 1-9 or #5B – 1-6, 9 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Wisdom:
The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 judgment, 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 the elect.
The word of the Lord.

For the shorter reading #5B, omit verses indicated

#6 – Wisdom 4: 7-15. (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Wisdom:
The righteous one, 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 passes for gray hair,
and an unsullied life, is the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved;
living 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 that consideration into account.
The word of the Lord.

#7 – Sirach 2: 1-9 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Sirach:
My child, when you come to serve the Lord,
prepare yourself for trials.
Be sincere of heart and steadfast,
and do not be impetuous in time of adversity.
Cling to him, do not leave him,
that you may prosper in your last days.
Accept whatever happens to you;
in periods of humiliation be patient.
For in fire gold is tested,
and the chosen, in the crucible of humiliation.
Trust in God, and he will help you;
make your ways straight and hope in him.
You that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy,
do not stray lest you fall.
You that fear the Lord, trust in him,
and your reward will not be lost.
You that fear the Lord, hope for good things,
for lasting joy and mercy.
The word of the Lord.

#8 – Sirach 44: 1-2, 6-7, 10b, 12a, 13b-15 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Sirach:
I will praise the godly, our ancestors in their own time,
the abounding glory of the Most High's portion,
his own part, since the days of old.
Stalwart, solidly established, at peace in their own estates All these were glorious in their time, illustrious in their day.
Their virtues have not been forgotten.
Through God's covenant their family endures.
Their glory will never be blotted out;
Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives on and on.
At gatherings their wisdom is retold,
and the assembly proclaims their praise.
The word of the Lord.

#9 – Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 (NABRE)

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: "Indeed, this is our God,
we looked to him, and he saved us!
This is the Lord to whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"
The word of the Lord.

#10 – Isaiah 35: 3-6, 10 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
Strengthen hands that are feeble,
make firm knees that are weak.
Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your GOD, he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense, he comes to save you.
Then the eyes of the blind shall see,
and the ears of the deaf be opened;
Then the lame shall leap like a stag,
And the mute tongue sing for joy.
For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the Arabah (steppe).
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;
They will meet with joy and gladness,

sorrow and mourning flee away.
The word of the Lord.

#11 – Isaiah 40: 28-31 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
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.

#12 – Isaiah 41: 8-10, 13, 14b (NABRE)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
You, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,
offspring of Abraham my friend –
You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth
and summoned from its far-off places,
To whom I have said, You are my servant;
I chose you, I have not rejected you –
Do not fear: I am with you;
do not be anxious: I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.
For I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand;
it is I who say to you, Do not fear, I will help you.
I will help you – oracle of the LORD;
the Holy One of Israel is your redeemer.
The word of the Lord.

#13 – Isaiah 49: 8, 14-16a (NABRE)

A reading from the book of Isaiah.
Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I answer you,
on the day of salvation, I help you;
I form you and set you
as a covenant for the people,
To restore the land
and allot the devastated heritages,
But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me."
Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.
See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you.
The word of the Lord.

#14 – Isaiah 52: 7-10 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah
How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the one bringing good news,
Announcing peace, bearing good news,
Announcing salvation,
saying to Zion, "Your God is King!"
Listen! Your sentinels raise a cry,
together they shout for joy,
For they see directly, before their eyes,
the LORD's return to Zion.
Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem!
For the LORD has comforted his people,
has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations;
All the ends of the earth can see the salvation of our God.
The word of the Lord.

#15 – Isaiah 61: 1-3 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our GOD;
to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.
The word of the Lord.

#16 – Lamentations 3: 17-26 (NABRE)

A reading from the book of the 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 downward with 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.

#17 – Daniel 12: 1-3 (NABRE)

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.

During the Easter Season
These readings may be used for the First Reading

Easter Season #1A-Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
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.

Easter Season #1B – Acts 10: 34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
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,
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.

Easter First Reading #2 – Revelation 14: 13

A reading from the book of Revelation.
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.

Easter First Reading #3 – Revelation 20: 11 – 21: 1

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.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
The word of the Lord.

Easter First Reading: #4 – Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the book of Revelation:
I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."
The one who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new.
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."
The word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

New Testament #1 – Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

#1b – [Delete bracketed verses for short form.]

New Testament #2 – Romans 5: 5-11

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

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.

New Testament #3 – Romans 5: 17-21

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

For if, by the transgression of one person,
death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those
who receive the abundance of grace
and of the gift of justification come to reign in life
through the one person Jesus Christ.
In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act
acquittal and life came to all.
For just as through the disobedience of one person
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of one
the many will be made righteous.
The law entered in so that transgression might increase
but, where sin increased,
grace overflowed all the more,
So that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign
through justification for eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #4 – Romans 6:3-9

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

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.

#4b – [Delete bracketed verses for short form.]

New Testament #5 – Romans 8: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.
For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the spirit
you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
For 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.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #6 – Romans 8: 14-23

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

New Testament #7 – Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39

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

New Testament #8 – Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12

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

New Testament #9 – 1 Corinthians 2: 1-6, 9-10

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians.
When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you

except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,
And my message and my proclamation
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,
but with a demonstration of spirit and power,
So that your faith might rest not on human wisdom
but on the power of God.
Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature,
but not a wisdom of this age,
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.
But as it is written:
"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,"
this, God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #10 – 1 Corinthians 15: 20-24a, 25-28

A reading from the 1st letter of St.Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #11 – 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

A reading from the 1st letter of St.Paul to the Corinthians.

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.
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.

New Testament #12 – 2 Corinthians 4: 7-12

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

We hold this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.
We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained,
perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not abandoned;
struck down, but not destroyed;
always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus
may also be manifested in our body.
For we who live are constantly being given up to death
for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus
may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
So, death is at work in us, but life is you.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #13 – 2 Corinthians 4: 14-18, 5:1

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

New Testament #14 – 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

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.
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.

New Testament #15 – Galatians 6: 7-10

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians.

Make no mistake: God is not mocked,
for a person will reap only what he sows,
because the one who sows for his flesh
will reap corruption from the flesh,
but the one who sows for the spirit
will reap eternal life from the spirit.
Let us not grow tired of doing good,
For in due time we shall reap our harvest,
if we do not give up.
So then, while we have the opportunity,
let us do good to all, but especially to those
who belong to the family of the faith.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #16 – Philippians 2: 5-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Have among yourselves the same attitude
that is also yours in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #17 – Philippians 3: 20-21

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

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.

New Testament #18 – Philippians 4: 4-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #19 – Colossians 3: 12, 14, 16-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, put on then as God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Over all these, put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
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.

New Testament #20 – 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

A reading from the 1st letter of St.Paul to the Thessalonians.
We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not
grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel
and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #21 – 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.
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.

New Testament #22 – 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.
I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will award to me on that day,
and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #23 – 1 Peter 1: 3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you
Who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.
In this, you rejoice, although now for a little while
you may have to suffer through various trials,
So that the genuineness of your faith,
more precious than gold
that is perishable even though tested by fire,
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
Although you have not seen him you love him;
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,
You rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
as you attain the goal of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #24 – 1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John.
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.

New Testament #25 – 1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.
Whoever does not love remains in death.
Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know
that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.
The way we came to know love
was that he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #26 – 1 John 4: 7-12, 17

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God,
for God is love.
In this way, the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.
In this is love: not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
as expiation for our sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another,
God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.
In this is love brought to perfection among us:
that we have confidence for the Day of Judgment
because as he is, so are we in this world.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #27 – Revelation 14: 13

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.

New Testament #28 – Revelation 20: 11-15

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.

New Testament #29 – Revelation 21: 1-7

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.
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."
Then he said, "Write these words down,
for they are trustworthy and true."
He said to me, "They are accomplished.
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

Gospel #1 – Matthew 5: 1-12a

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely
because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #2 – Matthew 5: 13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste,
with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp
and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #3 – Matthew 7: 24-27

A reading of the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus said to his disciples, "Everyone who listens
to these words of mine and acts on them
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.
The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew
and buffeted the house.
But it did not collapse;
it had been set solidly on rock.
And everyone who listens to these words of mine
but does not act on them
will be like a fool who built his house on sand.
The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.
And it collapsed and was completely ruined."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #4 – Matthew 10: 26b-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus said to his disciples,
"Nothing is concealed that will not
be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.
What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one
who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.
Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
Yet not one of them falls to the ground
without your Father's knowledge.
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.
So do not be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.
Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #5 – Matthew 11: 25-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
At that time Jesus said, "I give praise to you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.
No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.
Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;

and you will find rest for yourselves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #6 – Matthew 14: 22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and precede him to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.
After doing so,
he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.
When it was evening he was there alone.
Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore,
was being tossed about by the waves,
for the wind was against it.
During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them, walking on the sea.
When the disciples saw him walking on the sea
they were terrified.
"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.
At once Jesus spoke to them,
"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."
Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water."
He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
When he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened;
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand
and caught him, and said to him,
"O, you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
After they got into the boat, the wind died down.
Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,
"Truly, you are the Son of God."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #7 – Matthew 25: 1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:
"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps
and went out to meet the bridegroom.
Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,
brought no oil with them,
but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.
Since the bridegroom was long delayed,
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
At midnight, there was a cry,
"Behold, the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!"
Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.
The foolish ones said to the wise,
"Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out."
But the wise ones replied, "No, for there may not
be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants
and buy some for yourselves."
While they went off to buy it,
the bridegroom came and those who were ready
went into the wedding feast with him.
Then the door was locked.
Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!"
But he said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you."
Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #8 – Matthew 25: 31-46

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man
comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
And all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry, and you gave me food,
I was thirsty, and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
And the king will say to them in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels.
For I was hungry, and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,

naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
Then they will answer and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?'
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.'
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel #9 – Mark 15: 33-39, 16: 1-6

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

At noon darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.
And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated,
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
"Look, he is calling Elijah."
One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine,
put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying,
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
The veil of the sanctuary
was torn in two from top to bottom.
When the centurion who stood facing him,
saw how he breathed his last, he said,
"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene,
Mary, the mother of James, and Salome
bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.
Very early when the sun had risen,
on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.
They were saying to one another,
"Who will roll back the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?"
When they looked up, they saw that the stone
had been rolled back; it was very large.
On entering the tomb,
they saw a young man sitting on the right side,
clothed in a white robe,
and they were utterly amazed.
He said to them, "Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Behold the place where they laid him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#5b – [Delete bracketed verses for short form.]

Gospel #10 – Luke 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.
As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.
A large crowd from the city was with her.
When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her
and said to her, "Do not weep."
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted, and he said,
"Young man, I tell you, arise!"
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.
Fear seized them all,
and they glorified God, exclaiming,
"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"
and "God has visited his people."
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea
and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #11 – Luke 12: 35-40

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants
who await their master's return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table and proceed to wait on them.
And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.
Be sure of this: if the master of the house
had known the hour when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #12 – Luke 23: 33, 39-43

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

When they came to the place called the Skull,
they crucified Jesus and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.
Now one of the criminals hanging there

reviled Jesus, saying,
"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us."
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
"Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal."
Then he said, "Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #13 – Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53; 24: 1-6a

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.
It was now about noon and darkness came over
the whole land until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.
Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";
and when he had said this he breathed his last.
Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph
who, though he was a member of the council,
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it
in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.
But at daybreak on the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body
of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.
They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here,
but he has been raised."
The Gospel of the Lord.
#9b – [Delete bracketed verses for short form.]

Gospel #14 – Luke 24: 13-35

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.
Now that very day two of them were going to a village
seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus,
and they were conversing about all the things
that had occurred. And it happened
that while they were conversing and debating,
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.
He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, How our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now
the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning And did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.
As they approached the village to which they were going,
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.
But they urged him, "Stay with us,
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."
So he went in to stay with them.
And it happened that, while he was with them at table,
he took bread, said the blessing, broke it,
and gave it to them.
With that their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.
Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts
burning within us while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the scriptures to us?"
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem
Where they found gathered together the eleven
and those with them
Who were saying,
"The Lord has truly been raised
and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them
in the breaking of the bread.
The Gospel of the Lord.

#10b – [Delete bracketed verses for short form.]

Gospel #15 – John 5: 24-29

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever hears my word and believes in the one
who sent me has eternal life and will not come
to condemnation but has passed from death to life.
Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming
and is now here when the dead will hear the voice
of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.
For just as the Father has life in himself, so, also,
he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.
And he gave him power to exercise judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.
Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming
in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice
And will come out, those who have done good deeds
to the resurrection of life, but those who have done
wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #16 – John 6: 37-40

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
Jesus said to the crowd:
"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #17 – John 6: 51-58

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
Jesus said to the crowd:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world."
The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.
Whoever eats my flesh
and drinks my blood has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.
For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #18 – John 11: 17-27

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.
Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you."
Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."
Martha said to him,
"I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."
Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?"
She said to him, "Yes, Lord.
I have come to believe that you are the Messiah,
the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."
The Gospel of the Lord.

#14b [Delete bracketed verses for short form.]

Gospel #19 – John 11: 32-45

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,
she fell at his feet and said to him,
"Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died."
When Jesus saw her weeping
and the Jews who had come with her weeping,

he became perturbed and deeply troubled,
And said, “Where have you laid him?”
They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”
And Jesus wept.
So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”
But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened
the eyes of the blind man have done
something so that this man would not have died?”
So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.
Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”
Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him,
“Lord, by now there will be a stench;
he has been dead for four days.”
Jesus said to her,
“Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?”
So they took away the stone.
And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father,
I thank you for hearing me.
I know that you always hear me;
but because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me.”
And when he had said this,
he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”
The dead man came out,
tied hand and foot with burial bands,
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.
So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”
Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #20 – John 12: 23-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
Jesus told his disciples:
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.
I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
‘Father, save me from this hour'?
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."
The Gospel of the Lord.

#20b – [Delete bracketed verses for short form.]

Gospel #21 – John 14: 1-6

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you
that I am going to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.
Where I am going, you know the way."
Thomas said to him,
"Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?"
Jesus said to him,
"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #22 – John 17: 24-26

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
Father, my disciples are your gift to me.
I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them.”

Gospel #23 – John 19: 17-18, 25-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
Jesus, carrying the cross himself, went out to what is
called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.
There they crucified him, and with him, two others,
one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.
Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary of Magdala.
When Jesus saw his mother
and the disciple there whom he loved,
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."
Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.
After this, aware that everything was now finished,
in order that the scripture might be fulfilled,
Jesus said, "I thirst."
There was a vessel filled with common wine.
So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop
and put it up to his mouth.
When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished."
And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #24 – Matthew 25: 29-40

A reading of the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
And all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger
and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him and say,
"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?"
And the king will say to them in reply,
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #25 – Mark 10: 13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.
When Jesus saw this, he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept
the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."
Then he embraced them and blessed them,
placing his hands on them.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #26 – Luke 12: 22-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you,
do not worry about your life and what you will eat,
or about your body and what you will wear.
For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.
Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap;
they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them.
How much more important are you than birds!
Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?
Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin.
But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor
was dressed like one of them.
If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today
and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?
As for you, do not seek what you are to eat
and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore.
All the nations of the world seek for these things,
and your Father knows that you need them.
Instead, seek his kingdom,
and these other things will be given you besides."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #27 – Luke 12: 35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Jesus said to his disciples,
"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants
who await their master's return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table and proceed to wait on them.
And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.
Be sure of this: if the master of the house
had known the hour when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #28 – Luke 22: 14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

When the hour came,
Jesus took his place at table with the apostles.
He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover
with you before I suffer,
for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again
until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."
Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,
"Take this and share it among yourselves;
for I tell you that from this time on
I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes."
Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it,
and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body,
which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."
And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
which will be shed for you."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #29 – Luke 23: 44-47

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun.
Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit;"
and when he had said this, he breathed his last.
The centurion who witnessed what had happened
glorified God and said,
"This man was innocent beyond doubt."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #30 – Luke 24: 1-9

A reading of the holy Gospel according to Luke.
At daybreak on the first day of the week, the women
took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.
They found the stone rolled away from the tomb;
But when they entered,
they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
While they were puzzling over this,
behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.
They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground.
They said to them,
"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?
He is not here, but he has been raised.
Remember what he said to you
while he was still in Galilee:
That the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners
and be crucified and rise on the third day."
And they remembered his words.
Then they returned from the tomb
and announced all these things to the eleven
and to all the others.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #31 – Luke 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:
Two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way,
and how Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of the bread.
While they were still speaking about this,
he stood in their midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."
But they were startled and terrified
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have
flesh and bones as you can see I have."
And as he said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,
he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
They gave him a piece of baked fish;
He took it and ate it in front of them.
He said to them, "These are my words
that I spoke to you while I was still with you,
that everything written about me in the Law of Moses
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."
Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.
And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah
would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day
And that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name to all the nations,
beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #32 – John 6: 44-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:
Jesus said to his disciples, "No one can come to me
unless the Father who sent me draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
"They shall all be taught by God."
Everyone who listens to my Father
and learns from him comes to me.
Not that anyone has seen the Father
except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert,
but they died;
This is the bread that comes down from heaven
so that one may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #33 – John 10: 11-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:
Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
A hired man, who is not a shepherd
and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming
and leaves the sheep and runs away,
and the wolf catches and scatters them.
This is because he works for pay
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd: I know mine and mine know me,
Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #34 – John 17: 1-5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son,
so that your son may glorify you,
Just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him.
Now this is eternal life, that they should know you,
the only true God,
and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.
I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work
that you gave me to do.
Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory
that I had with you before the world began."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #35 – John 20: 11-18

A reading of the holy Gospel according to John:
Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping.
And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb
And saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head
and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been.
And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"
She said to them, "They have taken my Lord,
and I don't know where they laid him."
When she had said this, she turned around
and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.
Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you looking for?"
She thought it was the gardener and said to him,
"Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him,
and I will take him."
Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him
in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher.
Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me,
for I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go to my brothers and tell them, "I am going to my Father
and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord," and what he told her.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #36 – John 20: 19-20, 24-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked,
where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."
When he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.
So, the other disciples said to him,
"We have seen the Lord."
But he said to them,
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands
and put my finger into the nail marks
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
Now a week later, his disciples were again inside,
and Thomas was with them.
Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
and stood in their midst and said,
"Peace be with you."
Then he said to Thomas,
"Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving but believe."
Thomas answered and said to him,
"My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him,
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful (Set #1)

Priest: **We trust in the Lord who gave us life and breath. We now place ourselves and our needs into the care of the Lord, who will hear and respond.**

For all who are called as God's holy people, for our witness to Christ, the resurrection and the life, our source of comfort and hope, we pray to the Lord.

For all who mourn the loss of **N,** may they be embraced by consolation and peace, we pray to the Lord.

For each of us to cherish the gift of life, giving thanks for each moment we can share with those whom we love, we pray to the Lord.

For all who are called to serve our brothers and sisters on earth, may we grow in generosity and courage, we pray to the Lord.

For peace on the earth, may we find ways to share forgiveness and justice in the Lord's time, we pray to the Lord.

For **N,** and all who have died, may they be judged in mercy on the last day, and may all of us rise in glory and grace on that great day, we pray to the Lord.

For the prayers we hold in our hearts ***…(PAUSE)…*** may they be united in the Holy Spirit and with all the saints-in-light, we pray to the Lord.

Priest: **Lord God of justice and mercy, hear our prayers. Give our brother/sister, N, and all our beloved dead the reward of their labors and grant us your consolation in our loss. We ask this through Christ our Lord.** *Amen.*

Prayers of the Faithful (Set #2)

Priest: **Let us draw consolation through our prayers calling upon Christ, our Resurrection and Life.**

For **N,** first given the promise of eternal life in baptism, may they be welcomed to the fullness of peace with Christ, we pray to the Lord.

For the family of **N,** may the promise of Jesus to raise up all humanity and heal its wounds be for them a source of comfort and healing, we pray to the Lord.

For those who find life burdensome and struggle to cope with pain, uncertainty, and heartbreak, may they be renewed in hope in the life of the Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

For our world, longing for a true and enduring peace, may the gospel of peace be planted in every human heart, we pray to the Lord.

For **N,** and each of us when we are called before the throne of God, may God's loving mercy make it a great day of homecoming and blessing, we pray to the Lord.

For the prayers we hold in our hearts, (pause……..) may our needs and concerns be carried by all the saints in light to the table of heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Priest: **Redeeming God, you called N to walk as a child of the light in baptism. Hear the prayers we raise to you this day in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of life, for ever and ever.** *Amen.*