

Mass of Christian Burial

In loving memory of:

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Holy Sepulcher Parish
Butler, Pennsylvania

Presider: _____

This booklet is yours to keep as a remembrance of your loved one.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

These words are directed in particular to those who have lost loved ones. The parish clergy, the pastoral staff and the parishioners of Holy Sepulcher Parish offer our prayerful support especially at this time of your loss. We want you to know that in the days and months ahead we are willing to be of whatever assistance we might be to you. We are also aware that we cannot remove your pain, but hope to be able to assist you in whatever way possible as you find God's loving presence even in the midst of grief.

INTRODUCTION

This booklet is prepared to assist you in planning the Rites of Christian Burial that will be celebrated for the deceased. It contains: the principles by which the Catholic Church and this parish approach the death of its members; answers to some of the most often asked questions regarding the rites of Christian burial; and details regarding the funeral liturgy with choices for Scriptural readings and hymns to be used in the funeral liturgy. Please note that during the funeral liturgy only Biblical readings may be read and only sacred music may be employed. Secular music (songs from operas, films and the theater) is not appropriate at the liturgy. Neither is pre-recorded music (CDs, tapes, etc.) permitted during the liturgy.

Please complete the enclosed Liturgy Planning Sheet at the back of this booklet, and return it to the Parish Office so that we will have ample time to prepare the details of the liturgy according to your wishes. The planning sheet may also be faxed to the Parish Center at **724-586-7247**.

PART ONE – PASTORAL PRINCIPLES

The Catholic Church celebrates the Rites of Christian Burial chiefly for two reasons (as given in *The Order of Christian Funerals*, article four):

1) "The Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased" and 2) "The Church ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them with the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist."

Responding to this directive of the Church, Holy Sepulcher Parish takes seriously its responsibility to minister to those who have died and to their loved ones. We do so in several ways, most notably, in the way we celebrate the liturgical rites for the deceased.

Within the limits of Church law and the availability of the pastoral staff and parish facilities, this parish will celebrate the Rites of Christian Burial for all those who seek them.

While it is expected that the Rite of Christian Burial be celebrated for baptized Catholics, the Catholic Church also permits the rites to be celebrated for unbaptized children (of Christian families) as well as baptized members of non-Catholic communities of faith.

While the Catholic Church continues to encourage the ancient custom of burying the dead, cremation is permitted (unless it is evident that cremation was chosen by the deceased or the family for reasons contrary to the Catholic faith; for example, lack of faith in the resurrection of the dead). Where cremation is to take place, the following are the options for a funeral liturgy: (1) The body may be brought to the church for the funeral Mass and cremation follows. (2) Cremation may take place and the funeral Mass is celebrated in the presence of the ashes. (3) A memorial Mass in church may take place sometime after the deceased has been cremated and the remains have been buried or entombed. Please note that it is the Church's expectation that out of respect for the remains of the deceased, the ashes of cremated persons should be buried or entombed.

Special pastoral care is appropriate in the case of the person who dies as a result of suicide. While the Catholic Church does not condone such action, neither does it pass judgment on a person who takes this action. The Church is aware that it is quite possible that the person who committed suicide was not in full possession of their rational faculties at the time of the act. Nor are we able to determine precisely the emotional or faith disposition of the person at the moment of death. Therefore, it is the normal pastoral response to provide for such persons all the appropriate rites of Christian burial. These rites are also provided in view of the family's special need for the prayerful support of the Christian community.

The Rite of Christian Burial provides for a variety of prayerful celebrations. While the traditional practice is the celebration of a funeral Mass, circumstances may dictate the choice of a service of Scripture and prayer in the funeral home. This might be appropriate where the family or loved ones are not of the Catholic faith, or where the deceased or a large portion of the family is not active in the practice of Catholic faith. In any case, the expressed wishes of the deceased should be relied upon in making this decision. If there are questions regarding this matter, the parish clergy would be happy to discuss them with the family.

Persons who regularly participated in the celebration of the Eucharist should not be deprived of the funeral Mass simply because few (if any) relatives and/or friends might attend. The number of mourners should not be the determining factor in whether or not a funeral Mass is celebrated.

Occasionally, people will ask whether or not a deceased person will be denied Christian burial because he or she did not receive the “last rites.” The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (not “last rites”) is the Church’s prayer for health and healing. It is not administered to those who have died. Nor is the reception of this sacrament required in order for a person to be buried from the Church.

May Our Lord bless you,
Rev. Charles Bober
Pastor
Holy Sepulcher Parish

PART TWO – PARISH POLICIES

We welcome the presence of other priests as concelebrants at funeral Masses. If the family requests, another priest may also preach the homily.

Normally, the clergy of the parish will visit the family of the deceased in the funeral home sometime before the funeral. If the family wishes the priest to pray with them, they should make that intention known. If they wish the rosary to be said, we will oblige, but our preference is for a brief Service of the Word. Normally, the clergy of Holy Sepulcher Parish do not conduct any type of concluding service in the funeral home immediately before the body is brought to the church for the funeral.

Generally, the clergy of Holy Sepulcher Parish will accompany the body to the cemetery. However, in some instances this may not be possible (e.g. because of the number of funerals on a given day, or the distance to the cemetery). In such cases, the parish will provide a “Rite of Committal” which may be used by the funeral director, family member, or others.

If a flag covers the casket when it is brought to the church, it must be removed so that the funeral pall (large white cloth) may be placed upon the casket. If the family wishes, funeral flowers may be brought to the church for the funeral and left there following the funeral as a memorial to the deceased (usually this should be two baskets or arrangements). During Lent and Advent when the churches are not decorated with flowers, they will be removed following the funeral.

THE FIRST READING: Any of the following Old Testament readings may be chosen, and the family may select someone to do this reading. The Funeral Planning Sheet included at the back of this booklet includes a place where this selection may be indicated.

Old Testament Readings

Please Choose One.

A reading from the Book of Job

Then Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead

they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

and that he will 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

Reading # 2
Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6a, 7, 8, and 9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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

On this mountain he will destroy

the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;

he will destroy death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away

the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove

from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the LORD for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

...The word of the Lord

Reading #3
Old Testament

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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

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

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

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

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love;

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

...The word of the Lord

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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 Second 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 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

Reading # 6

Old Testament

Proverbs (31:11-15, 20, 25-26, 28-30)

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household.
She reaches out her hand 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.
Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols 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.

...The word of the Lord

A reading from the Book of the Ecclesiastes

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

A time to be born, 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 have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about.

He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts.

...The word of the Lord

THE SECOND READING: Any of the following New Testament readings may be chosen, and the family may select someone to do the reading. The Liturgy Planning sheet has a place where this selection may be indicated.

New Testament Readings

Please Choose One.

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

A Reading from the Letter of 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, 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 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, no 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

Reading #11
New Testament

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

A Reading from the Letter of 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

A Reading from the First Letter of 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. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: “Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to god who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

...The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

...The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Philippians

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

...The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

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

....The Word of the Lord

Reading #16
New Testament

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the 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 preserve, 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

Reading #17
New Testament

1 John 3:1-2

A Reading from the First Letter of 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

A Reading from the First Letter of 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

A Reading from the Book of Revelations

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 at 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

Reading #20
New Testament

Revelations 14:13

A Reading from the Book of Revelations

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

THE GOSPEL READINGS: Any of the following Gospel readings may be chosen. The Liturgy Planning sheet has a place where this selection may be indicated. A priest will read the Gospel at the Liturgy.

Holy Gospel Readings

Please Choose One.

Reading# 21
Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to 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

Reading # 22
Gospel

John 6:37-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

“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

Reading # 23

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

“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 become 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

Reading # 24
Gospel

Matthew 25:31-40

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.’”

...The Gospel of the Lord

Reading # 25
Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Naim, 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

Reading # 26
Gospel

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 [Luke 12:36] 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 the 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

Reading # 27
Gospel

John 11:21-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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.”

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Reading # 28
Gospel

Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus

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. 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

Reading # 29
Gospel

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 by 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

Reading # 30
Gospel

John 12:23-26

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 their 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.

...The Gospel of the Lord

Reading # 31
Gospel

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

Reading # 32
Gospel

John 17:24-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: “Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am 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.”

...The Gospel of the Lord

Hymns

And

Psalms

Suggested Gathering Hymns

Choose One:

- 1 Alleluia! Sing To Jesus *
- 2 Amazing Grace
- 3 Be Not Afraid
- 4 Blest Are They
- 5 I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say
- 6 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 7 The Strife Is O'er *

* This hymn is not used during Lent.

Suggested Responsorial Psalms

Choose One:

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| 8 | Psalm 91 | Be With Me Lord (Haugen) |
| 9 | Psalm 34 | Cry Of The Poor, The |
| 10 | Psalm 139 | Fly Like A Bird |
| 11 | - - - - | Hand Of God Shall Hold
You, The |
| 12 | Psalm 23 | I Shall Live In The House
Of The Lord |
| 13 | Psalm 131 | Like A Child Rests |
| 14 | Psalm 103 | Lord Is Kind and Merciful,
The (Haugen) |
| 15 | Psalm 27 | Lord Is My Light and My
Salvation (Haas) |
| 16 | Psalm 23 | Lord Is My Shepherd, The
(Crandal) |
| 17 | Psalm 103 | Loving and Forgiving |
| 18 | Psalm 131 | My Soul Is Longing For
Your Peace |
| 19 | Psalm 16 | Shelter Me, O God |
| 20 | Psalm 23 | Shepherd Me, O God |
| 21 | Psalm 25 | To You, O Lord |

Suggested Hymns During Preparation Of The Gifts

Choose One:

- 22 Be Still My Soul
- 23 Be Thou My Vision
- 24 Beyond The Days
- 25 Beyond The Moon and Stars
- 26 Come To Me
- 27 Holy Darkness
- 28 Hosea
- 29 How Great Thou Art
- 30 I Have Loved You
- 31 In Christ Alone
- 32 King Of Love My Shepherd Is, The
- 33 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- 34 Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me A Channel Of
Your Peace)
- 35 Shall We Gather At The River
- 36 These Alone Are Enough

Suggested Hymns For Communion

Choose One:

- 37 All Is Well With My Soul
- 38 Come, Follow Me
- 39 Come To Me and Drink
- 40 Eye Has Not Seen
- 41 Gift of Finest Wheat
- 42 Here I Am, Lord
- 43 I Am The Bread of Life
- 44 Jesus, Remember Me
- 45 Lord, To Whom Shall We Go
- 46 O Sacrament Most Holy
- 47 On Eagle's Wings
- 48 One Bread, One Body
- 49 Supper Of The Lord, The
- 50 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
- 51 We Remember
- 52 You Are Mine

Suggested Meditation Hymns

Choose One:

- 53 Ave Maria (Schubert)
- 54 Beautiful Garden Of Prayer, The
- 55 Carry Me Home
- 56 Go In Peace
- 57 God, Grant This Suffering Soul Release
- 58 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
- 59 Irish Blessing
- 60 Love Of The Lord, The
- 61 Pastures Of The Lord
- 62 Peace In Christ
- 63 Quietly, Peacefully
- 64 Stand By Me
- 65 Surely The Presence
- 66 To Every Thing (Parable)
- 67 You Raise Me Up

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