A Celebration of Life
FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE
Guardian Angels
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Engaging in God’s Service
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FEES
Funeral Service $450.00 Includes musicians, presider, pastoral care & facilities.
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$500.00 Urn
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WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL?

This question seems self-evident. There are actually two dynamics at work at a funeral: On one hand the funeral is the celebration of the life of the loved one by the family of the loved one. At the same time it is a celebration of life by the Guardian Angels Catholic Community. We seek to work with the family to plan a celebration that honors the life of the loved one who has died and honors the Church’s expectation of celebrating and “…giving witness to its own faith in the future resurrection of the baptized with Christ.” (The Order of Christian Funerals)

This packet is a tool to ease the burden of planning a funeral. There are opportunities for the family to choose Scripture readings, select who will be involved in the liturgy, give suggestions for Prayers, and select hymns. This way families can choose those things that have meaning for the family, as well as for the Guardian Angels’ community.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Scripture Readings: “The Church attaches great importance to the reading of the Word of God… A careful selection and use of readings from Scripture… will provide the family and the community with an opportunity to hear God speak to them in their needs, sorrows, fears and hopes.” (The Order of Christian Funerals)

Since during the Mass biblical readings may not be replaced by nonbiblical readings, there are other places where it is appropriate. Within the funeral mass, non-biblical poems or reflections can be read within or in place of the eulogy. During prayer services with the family nonbiblical readings may be used in addition to readings from Scripture. In this packet you will find recommended Scripture readings. You are not limited to the readings in this packet. Three readings ought to be chosen. Only one of the readings must be from one of the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

Music: “Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey.” (The Order of Christian Funerals).

The Church asks us to choose songs to express the faith we share in our Lord. Songs may be chosen that are meaningful to the loved one who has died and to the family. We encourage chosen music to be sung by the congregation and cantor, with the accompanist. We discourage the use of pre-recorded music during the liturgy, though it may be played just prior to the beginning of the liturgy. In this packet you will find a list of recommended hymns for the funeral Mass. You are not limited to this list of hymns. If there is a particular hymn you are considering for the funeral Mass, not listed in this packet, please bring your suggestion to the planning meeting.

The goal of Guardian Angels is to support and console the loved ones of the deceased. We are with you in your grief and sorrow. The funeral celebration and Mass is one way we express this support. The community of Guardian Angels seeks to make the funeral celebration as meaningful and heartfelt as we can. Please do not hesitate in bringing your questions and needs to our attention.

Funeral Planning Team
Guardian Angels Catholic Community
The prospect of speaking about someone you care about can be daunting, but with a little thought and preparation you can create a meaningful moment for yourself and those around you.

Many people are inclined to just get up and “speak from the heart,” and though heartfelt sincerity is an important cornerstone, people who do that run a higher risk of being at a loss for words or running off topic. What you don’t want to do is return to your seat kicking yourself for not saying all the things you should have, or finding yourself wondering how your speech got so far away from what was really important.

Take time before you speak to create a list of beats or talking points at the very least. If you write out the speech word for word no one will blame you, people recognize what a difficult thing it is to perform in front of so many people, and at such an emotional time.

**Plan on your presentation taking no longer than five minutes.** That may seem short, but that is generally the amount of time a clergy person expects to allow and is also the amount of time you will likely be able to hold your audience’s attention. Preparation is key to getting in all that you want to say into five minutes. You do not want to ramble on without direction; it will make both you and your audience uncomfortable.

The five-minute time limit encourages the one giving the speech to distill the message to its essence. So figure out what the essence or message is—what are you trying to convey? Once you come up with a message or even a tag line (e.g. “Jim loved life,”) you can mold the rest of your stories and comments around that main idea. After all, you are telling a story and stories have a beginning, middle, and end—introduction, conflict, and resolution. Conflict doesn’t have to be bad, just interesting action that keeps the story moving toward a resolution, which connects to the main message.

Being well prepared for the speech you are going to deliver will help you express your emotions in a moving way without you being surprised by them. If you know what you’re going to say and have practiced saying it, you’re more likely to make it through without stumbling over an unanticipated swell of emotions. That said, don’t be afraid for moments of emotional overwhelm. It is an emotional moment and many times when the person speaking cries, it gives permission to others to do the same.

If you plan in advance and tell an honest story that speaks to the message of who your friend or family member really was, other people will recognize and relate to that truth. This way you can create a wonderful moment for yourself and for those grieving with you.
RITE OF COMMITTAL

 Prayer of Committal

 Intercessions

 Concluding Prayer

 Prayer over the People

 Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

 And let perpetual light shine upon her.

 May she rest in peace.

 Amen.

 May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

 Amen.

 Final Blessing

 SAMPLE

 THE RITES OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

 Anna Elizabeth Johnson

 February 5, 1931 - March 17, 2017
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting
Gathering Song  On Eagle’s Wings  Michael Joncas
Opening Prayer

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading  Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.12-13
Psalm 23  Shepherd Me, O God  Marty Haugen

Second Reading  Romans 8:31b-35.37-39
Gospel Acclamation  from Mass of Good Will  Roger Stratton
Gospel
Homily
Prayers of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts
Eucharistic Acclamations  Mass of Creation  Marty Haugen
The Lord’s Prayer
Sign of Peace
Lamb of God  Mass of Creation  Marty Haugen
Communion  How Great Thou Art  Stuart Hine
Prayer after Communion

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RITE OF COMMENDATION

Remembrance
Song of Farewell  arr. Steve Schaubel
Prayer of Commendation
Recessional  Amazing Grace  John Newton

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You are invited to continue to share memories of Dolly at a luncheon downstairs in Peter O’Neill Hall after the burial in Guardian Angels Cemetery.
SAMPLE WORSHIP AID COVERS

- You can choose the design on the sample program
- OR select one of these options [options are displayed in smaller size]
- Cover will also include person's name, date of birth, date of death, date of funeral

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circling flight.

I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there.
I did not die.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, 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.

Romans 8:38-39

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

-An Irish Blessing

My soul rests in you,
O Lord…..
My Soul rests in you.
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE (FIRST READING)

1. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12-13
A Time for Everything [Old Testament]
A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (ee-klee-zee-ass-teez)

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 be glad and to do well during life. For everyone, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all their labor is a gift of God.

The Word of the Lord.

2. Proverbs 31:10-12,15-18,20-21,25-31
When one finds a worth wife. [Old Testament]
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 picks out a field to purchase; our of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms.
She enjoys the success of her dealings;       at night her lamp is undimmed.
She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.
She fears not the snow for her household; all her charges are doubly clothed.
She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness.
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.
Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates

The Word of the Lord.
3. **Lamentations 3:22-26**
*It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save [Old Testament]*
A reading from the book of Lamentations

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 I will 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.**

4. **Isaiah 25:6a-7-9**
*The Lord God will destroy death forever. [Old Testament]*
A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain, he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: “Behold our God; to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD, for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

**The Word of the Lord.**

5. **Isaiah 35:1-6,10**
*They Shall See the Splendor of Our God [Old Testament]*
A reading from the book of Isaiah

The desert and the parched land will exult: the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make the firm the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened: “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God. He comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you.”

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared. Then will the lame leap with a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy. They will meet with joy and gladness. Sorrow and mourning will flee!

**The Word of the Lord.**
6. Isaiah 43:2, 4
You Are Mine [Old Testament]
A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:
Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.
When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you.
Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you.
The Word of the Lord.

7. Wisdom 3:1-9
He accepted them as a holocaust [Old Testament]
or Wisdom 3:1-6,9 (short form) [the short form omits the section below in bold italics]
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 if to others, indeed, they seemed punished, yet is their hope full of immortality. Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine and shall dart about as sparks through stubble.
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.
The Word of the Lord.

8. Wisdom 4:7-15
A blameless life is a ripe old age. [Old Testament]
A reading from the book of Wisdom - New RSV

But the righteous, though they die early, shall be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, or measured in number of years. But understanding is the gray hair for anyone, and an blameless life is ripe old age. There were some who pleased God and were loved by him; They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding; or guile deceive their souls; For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and a roving desire pervert the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for their souls were pleasing to the LORD, therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness. Yet the people saw and did not understand, or take such a thing to heart, that God’s grace and mercy are with his elect, and that he watches over his holy ones.
The Word of the Lord.
9. Isaiah 12:2-6
They Shall See the Splendor of Our God [Old Testament]
A reading from the book of Isaiah

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!
The Word of the Lord.

10. Sirach 3:2-8, 12-15
Honor for a Father and a Mother [Old Testament]
A reading from the book of Sirach

The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; a mother’s authority he confirms over her sons, He who honors his father atones for sins; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. He who honors his father is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard. He who reveres his father will live a long life; he obeys the Lord who brings comfort to his mother.

He who fears the Lord honors his father, and serves his parents as rulers. In word and deed honor your father that his blessing may come upon you; My children, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering—it will take lasting root. In time of tribulation it will be recalled to your advantage, like warmth upon frost it will melt away your sins.
The Word of the Lord.

I know that my Redeemer lives. [Old Testament]
A reading from the book of Job

Job answered and said: "O that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and with lead they were inscribed in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Redeemer 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.
1. **2 Timothy 4:6-8**
*I've Finished the Race* [New Testament]
*From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me.*
A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight; 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.

2. **Romans 8:31-35, 37-39**
*Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ.* [New Testament]
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not give us everything else along with him?
Who will bring any 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 has loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, 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.

3. **Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12**
*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.* [New Testament]
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters, 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why, then, do you judge your brother or sister? Or you, why do you look down on your brother or sister? 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.
4. Romans 6:3-9
Let us walk in the newness of life. [New Testament]
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

5. Revelation 14:13
Happy are those who die in the Lord. [New Testament]
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.

6. 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1
What is seen is transitory, what is unseen is eternal. [New Testament]
A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: Knowing 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.

7. Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
Let us walk in the newness of life [New Testament]
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. 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.
8. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We shall stay with the Lord forever [New Testament]
A reading from the first letter of 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 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.

9. Romans 5:5-11
Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God’s anger through him. [New Testament]
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:
Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in 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.

10. 1 John 3:1-2
We shall see God as he really is. [New Testament]
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.
11. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

*We have an everlasting home in heaven.* [New Testament]

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 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 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.

12. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8

*Love is Patient ...* [New Testament]

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*There will be no more death.* [New Testament]

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.
1. John 14:1-6

There are many rooms in my Father’s house. [Gospel]

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.

2. Matthew 5:1-12a

Beatitudes – Rejoice and be glad ... [Gospel]

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he 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.

3. Matthew 25:31-40

Come, you whom my Father has blessed. [Gospel]

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.
All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day. [Gospel]

Jesus said to the crowds: “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.

5. Matthew 11:25-30
Come to me and I will give you rest. [Gospel]

At that time Jesus said in reply, "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.

Father, I put my life in your hands [Gospel]

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 it in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

But at daybreak on the first day of the week they 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.
7. John 5:24-29
Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life. [Gospel]

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them: 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.
The Gospel of the Lord.

I am the resurrection and the life [Gospel]

(long form begins here and continues to the end)
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. 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.

(short form begins here)
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.
All who eat this bread will live forever. And I will raise them up on the last day. [Gospel]

Jesus said to the crowds: 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.

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. [Gospel]

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus and they were conversing and debating 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. 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.
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

In the Prayers of the Faithful the community calls upon God to comfort the mourners and to show mercy to the deceased (Order of Christian Funerals #62).

You may choose to write your own
We will pray for Anything Your Loved One would want us to Pray for – ideas?
We will pray for Anything You as Family would want us to Pray for – ideas?

The following are only options for prayers.
Please choose 3-5 prayers from the Category Options
or write your own or edit the wording however you feel it should be done.

They are divided into categories.
You may choose 1 or more from any given category, or skip any category.
The first prayer must be from A, and the last prayer must be from F.

You will need at least one reader to lead the Prayers of the Faithful.

There will also always be a prayer for:
• the Church, like: For the Church, that we may be a comforting witness to Christ, our resurrection and our life.
• the World, like: For God’s peace and God’s justice to become a reality in our world.

Response: we pray to the Lord … [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

Category A: For those who grieve (you do not need one from every category):

1. For the Family of ________________ for his/her wife/husband of ___ years, and for his/her children _______ ____________________________ [and grandchildren/ great grandchildren ______________]; [and the many other friends who have shared their path over the years;] may they move from grief to fondness, from loss to celebration, from sadness to joy.

2. For __________________ to continue to watch over his/her family from the kingdom of heaven;

3. For all those who love ____________________, and the many friends who have shared his/her path over the years; may they be comforted by their faith in a loving and compassionate God;

4. For all parents who grieve over the death of a child, may they be comforted in the knowledge that their child dwells with God;

5. For those who could not be here today due to distance or illness, that they may experience peace through our prayers;

6. For the example of ________________’s life; may it strengthen and deepen our own faith;

Response: we pray to the Lord … [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
Category B: For those who are Sick (you do not need one from every category):

1. For those who suffer from [terminal] illnesses [especially cancer or other]; may they know the power of prayer, compassion, and the love of family and friends, and may the Holy Spirit bring healing and peace; (and guide us to a cure;)
2. For those who are sick and suffering; may they find strength in joining their sufferings to those of Christ and find hope in the assurance of being glorified with Christ;
3. For those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body, may they never feel forsaken by God;

Response: we pray to the Lord ... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

Category C: For support/caregivers (you do not need one from every category):

1. For all those who have helped the _____________ family during this time of sorrow and confusion; may they have the reward of their goodness;
2. For all caregivers; may they experience strength, peace, and know our appreciation for their efforts;
3. For those who cared for _____________ in his/her illness; may they be blessed in the good care they provide;

Response: we pray to the Lord ... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

Category D: For those who suffer (you do not need one from every category):

1. For the sick, the needy, the aged and the lonely, that they may be consoled spiritually by the gifts of grace and also receive care, aid and loving concern from relatives, friends, and neighbors;
2. For those who are suffering economically and those who are struggling with life’s complications and hardships; May they find help and comfort in the generosity and ministry of our community.
3. For those who die by violence, war, and famine each day, that they may experience the mercy promised to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against Christ’s love and be gathered to the eternal kingdom of peace;
4. For those affected by natural disasters, that those who have died may receive eternal life and the survivors may be given comfort and hope;

Response: we pray to the Lord ... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
Category E: Miscellaneous samples
(you do not need one from every category):

1. For those who serve our country in the Armed Services [and/or veterans], especially those who have given their lives for our country. May they always be remembered and appreciated for the sacrifices they have made to keep our nation safe;

2. For family unity and closeness; may the Holy Spirit guide families to grow together in faith, happiness and love; and may family members grow to have a deep appreciation for one another, bringing about unity and peace;

3. For the blessings of __________ years of marriage for ______________; may others see their example of patience, kindness, and love for one another; may their love be an inspiration and a source of strength to all.

4. For all people to become good stewards of our natural resources; for the care of the beauty of our earth, so many generations to come may enjoy the bounty;

5. For all those who provide the gift of hospitality to others; may the Holy Spirit bless and inspire them as they open their hearts to others, providing fellowship, laughter, warmth, comfort, and friendship;

6. For all people of differing cultures, political approaches, and creeds of faith; may they display hospitality, patience and listening toward one another; That people may be open to new ideas and perspectives which might bring them together in lasting friendships and peace

7. For those traveling, especially those traveling over long distances; May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journeys and may they arrive at their destinations safely;

8. For those who struggle with an addiction, and their families; May they find peace with themselves, and may the Holy Spirit guide us to a cure for all addictions;

Others to Pray for:

- Community of Guardian Angels
- Ministers in the Church
- Women’s Club Members
- Those who stand against violence
- Ordination of Women
- Youth
- Heroes
- Musicians
- Teachers
- Acceptance of LGBTQ

Response: we pray to the Lord ... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

Category F: For the deceased (we will end with this/these):

1. For ________________ who is welcomed into the kingdom of God by those who have gone before [his/her spouse, parents, brothers, sisters ________________], may they all rejoice in everlasting life with the Lord;

2. For ________________, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life; may he/she be raised up on the last day;

3. For ________________, who was so quickly taken from us; may he/she experience the glory of the eternal kingdom of heaven;

4. For ________________, a child of God; may he/she be held securely in God’s loving embrace now and for all eternity;

5. For ________________, that the light of Christ may lead he/she to eternal life in God’s presence;
AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come,
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,
Than when we’d first begun.

- text by John Newton

BE NOT AFRAID

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

REFRAIN
Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow’r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all
because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

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3. THE CLOUDS’ VEIL

REFRAIN
Even though the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
    God is by my side.
Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,
Even when at dawn the sky shall weep,
Even in the night when storms shall rise,
    God is by my side,
1. Bright the stars at night
    that mirror heaven’s way to you.
Bright the stars in light
where dwell the saints in love and truth.

2. Deep the feast of life
where saints shall gather in deep peace.
Deep in heaven’s light
where sorrows pass beyond death’s sleep.

3. Blessed are they who sing
the fellowship of saints in light.
Blest is heaven’s King.
All saints adore the Lord, Most High.

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4. EYE HAS NOT SEEN

REFRAIN
Eye has not seen,
ear has not heard
what God has ready
for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come,
give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
    forgive the weakness of our faith,
    and bear us up within your peaceful word.

2. Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.

3. To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ever near,
    reflected in the faces
    of all the poor and lowly of the world.

4. We sing a myst’ry from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Son of God.

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5. FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints
who from their labors rest,
All who by faith
before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus,
be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion,
family divine!
We feebly struggle,
they in glory shine;
Yet all are one
within your great design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds,
from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son
and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How   Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams,
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6. HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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7. HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout
The universe displayed.

REFRAIN
Then sings my soul,
My savior, God, to thee;
How great thou art,
How great thou art! (repeat)

2. When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

3. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God,
How great thou art!

- Stuart K. Hine

8. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

1. I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

REFRAIN
And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up
on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever.

3. I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever.

-- Suzanne Toolan, SM,
9. I DANCED IN THE MORNING

1. I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

REFRAIN
Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they wouldn't dance,
and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John,
they came with me and the dance went on.

3. They cut me down, and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

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10. I HAVE LOVED YOU

REFRAIN
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

1. Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

2. Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

3. Seek the face of the Lord
and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

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11. I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your days be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
till trav’ling days are done.

-Horatius Bonar

12. JERUSALEM, MY DESTINY

REFRAIN
I have fixed my eyes on your hills,  
Jerusalem, my destiny!  
Though I cannot see the end  
for me,  
I cannot turn away.  
We have set our hearts  
for the way;  
this journey is our destiny.  
Let no one walk alone.  
The journey makes us one.

1. See, I leave the past behind;  
a new land calls to me.  
Here among you now I find  
a glimpse of what might be.

2. To the tombs I went to mourn  
the hope I thought was gone.  
Here among you I awoke  
to unexpected dawn.

13. LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Hose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe.
Be there at our labors,
and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing
and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

14. MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there’s despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there’s sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

- Sebastian Temple
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15. O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING

1. O God, beyond all praising we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown – though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.


16. ON EAGLE’S WINGS

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life. Say to the Lord: my refuge, My rock in whom I trust!

REFRAIN
And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler Will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear; Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come.

4. For to his angels he’s given a command To guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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17. ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

REFRAIN
One bread, one body,
One Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew,
Servant or free,
Woman or man no more.

2. Many the gifts,
Many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

3. Grain for the fields,
Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all.

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18. PEACE BE WITH THOSE

REFRAIN
Peace be with those
who have gone to God.
May they be at peace,
may they be with God.
Peace be with those
who have gone to God.
May they be at peace,
may they be with God.

May they be with the living God.
May they see the immortal God.

May they find their delight in the Lord.
May they rest secure in God.

May they be where God’s name is great.
May they live in eternal peace.

May they find a forgiving God.
Now and on the judgment day.

May they dwell in the house of God
May they live in eternal light.

May they know the peace of the Lord.
May they rest forever in peace.

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19. PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
lead me home.

When my way grows drear  
Precious Lord linger near  
When my life is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
lead me home.

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
lead me home.

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20. SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

1. Shall we gather at the river  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

REFRAIN

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver  
And provide a robe and crown.

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

- Robert Lowry
21. SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness, we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading,
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits;
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed th’eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices;
Jesus lives who once was dead;
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages,
Saints all longing for their heav’n,
Prophets, psalmists, seers and sages,
All await the glory giv’n.

Life eternal! O what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amidst earth’s closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
See that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal,
Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

- William J. Irons

22. SOON AND VERY SOON

(3x)
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.

(3x)
No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.

(3x)
No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah!

(3x)
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah!

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23.  WE SHALL RISE AGAIN

Come to me, all you weary,
   with your burdens and pain.
Take my yoke on your shoulders
   and learn from me:
I am gentle and humble,
   and your soul will find rest,
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

REFRAIN
We shall rise again on the last day
with the faithful, rich and poor.
Coming to the house of Lord Jesus,
we will find an open door there,
we will find an open door.

Do not fear death’s dominion,
   look beyond earth and grave.
See the brightness of Jesus
   shining out to light the way.
Loving Father and Spirit,
   loving Jesus the Son,
All God’s people together,
   we shall live on as one!

At the door there to greet us,
   martyrs, angels, and saints,
And our family and loved ones,
   everyone freed from their chains.
We shall feel their acceptance,
   and the joy of new life.
We shall join in the gathering,
   reunited in God’s love!

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24.  YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

REFRAIN
You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come, give to us,
O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

1.  As when the shepherd
   calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

2.  With joyful lips we sing to you
   Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us
   worthy, Lord,
To share this heaven’ly food.

3.  Is not the cup we bless and share
   The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
   Our oneness in the Lord?

4.  The myst’ry of your presence, Lord,
   No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
   Comes in our hearts to dwell.

5.  You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
   To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

- Omer Westendorf, ©1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
1. PSALM 23
SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

REFRAIN
Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears
from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd,
so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows
of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

2. Gently you raise me
and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways
of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music
of your name.

3. Though I should wander
the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

4. Your have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love
beyond my pow’r to hold.

5. Surely your kindness
and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
for evermore.

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2. PSALM 25
TO YOU, O LORD

REFRAIN
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
to you I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways,
teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth,
for you are God, my Savior.

For the Lord is good and righteous,
revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble.

To the ones who seek the Lord,
who look to God’s word,
who live God’s love,
God will always be near,
and will show them mercy.

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3. PSALM 42/43
AS THE DEER LONGS

REFRAIN
As the deer longs for the running water, so my soul longs for you, my God.

1. Each day my soul thirsts within me for you, O Lord.
I long to go and behold your face,
Send forth your light and your truth to lead me on,
And bring me to your mountain, to your holy place.

2. My food is tears; enemies ask, “Where is your God?”
Yet I recall, as my soul grows weak,
How with the throng joyfully I came to your house.
O God, do not forget me: You are my hope.

3. By day the Lord pours forth his bountiful grace,
And in the night, I can hear his song.
Rejoice, my soul!
Do not sigh, but trust in your God,
For in his presence, I will sing his praise.

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4. PSALM 84
HAPPY ARE THEY

REFRAIN
Happy are they who dwell in your house, O Lord, who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry to the living God.

2. The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest;
Your altars, O Lord, my King and my God.

3. Happy are they who abide in your house.
You are their strength, your praises they will sing.

-Tom Porter, ©GIA Publications, Inc.
5. PSALM 116
I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE

REFRAIN
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord, for the Lord has heard
the cry of my appeal;
God turned an ear to me
in the day when I called.

2. They surrounded me,
   the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord, my God, deliver me.

3. How gracious is the Lord and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so God saved me.

4. Turn back, my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has been good;
God has kept my soul from death
my eyes from tears,
and my feet from stumbling.

1. THE HAND OF GOD SHALL HOLD YOU

REFRAIN
The hand of God shall hold you,  
the peace of God enfold you;  
The love that dreamed and formed you  
still surrounds you here today;  
The light of God beside you,  
above, beneath, inside you,  
the light that shines  
to guide you home  
to the loving hand of God.

May God’s light shine ever upon you,  
May you rest in the arms of God,  
May you dwell for evermore  
in communion with all the blessed.

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2. GRANT ETERNAL REST

REFRAIN
Grant eternal rest to your servant, O Lord;  
Let perpetual light shine upon [her/him]  
With your saints forever:  
Loving God, rich in mercy.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savor the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness  
in the land of the living.  
In the Lord, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

-Collegeville Composers Group, © Liturgical Press

3. CELTIC SONG OF FAREWELL
(tune = “O Danny Boy”)

May choirs of angels lead you  
into paradise,  
and may the martyrs come to welcome you  
to bring you home into the holy city,  
so you may dwell in new Jerusalem.  
May holy angels be there  
at your welcoming,  
with all the saints who go before you there,  
that you may know the peace and joy  
of paradise,  
that you may enter into everlasting rest.


4. MAY THE ANGELS LEAD YOU INTO PARADISE

May the angels lead you into paradise.  
May the martyrs come to welcome you  
and take you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.

May the choir of angels welcome you  
where Lazarus is poor no longer.  
May you have eternal rest.

-Howard Hughes, SM ©1977 ICEL
FUNERAL LUNCH MINISTRY
Provided by the Guardian Angels Women’s Club

It is our mission to be of support to the members of our parish community, and their family and friends during the difficult time when having suffered the loss of a loved one, and to offer you a time and place where family and friends may gather for food and fellowship in a warm and comforting environment.

CONTACTS
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# People Expected
(for set up as well as food)

FUNERAL LUNCH COSTS
- $200 Women’s Club Fee (covers Women’s Club members to provide set up, serve and clean up)
- +Cost of Food (paid the day of Funeral, when Colleen will present you with the cost)
- All food purchased belongs to the family. Leftover food is sent home with the family.

Luncheons are served in Peter O’Neill Hall on the lower level immediately following the Funeral Mass. If the burial is at Guardian Angels Cemetery the luncheon will immediately follow the burial.

Choose the Option that best Fits
(if meal is not catered)

MAIN ENTRÉE OPTIONS
________One: Meat & Cheese Platter
- Ham - Turkey - Beef
- Sandwich Rolls
- Cheese Slices (White & Yellow)

________Two: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

________Three: Pasta with Sausage or Meatballs & Red Sauce

SIDE DISH OPTIONS
- Potato Salad - Cole Slaw - Cold Pasta Salad
- Baked Beans - Green Beans - Pickles
- Dinner Rolls & Butter - Fruit-in-season
- Tossed Salad

Dressing (choose two) Italian, French or Ranch

DESSERT OPTIONS
- Cake - Bars

BEVERAGE CHOICES
- Milk (1% or 2%)
- Lemonade
- Coffee (Regular & Decaf)

OTHER
Feel free to ask us about any special dietary needs

We plan to have it catered by ____________________________

Please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers for you, your family and your friends. May God Bless you with much peace, and many happy memories.
FAMILY LIST OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS
***FILL OUT AND BRING WITH YOU ON DAY OF FUNERAL***

PLACING OF PALL (if body is present) ________________________________

CARRY URN (if cremation)  Procession In ________________________________
                           Procession Out ________________________________

READERS  First Reading ________________________________
            Second Reading ________________________________
            Prayers of the Faithful ________________________________

GIFTBEARERS  1. ________________________________  2. ________________________________

COMMUNION MINISTERS (must be Catholic)
  1. (Cup) ________________________________  2. (Cup) ________________________________
  3. (Hosts) ________________________________ (if needed)

EULOGY (optional - 3-5 minutes total) ________________________________

For more information contact:
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Funeral Liturgy

***Bring with you to Funeral Planning***

Name _____________________________ Funeral Date ____________________________

Placing of Pall or Carrying of Urn ________________________________

Gathering Song ____________________________________________

Old Testament Reading ________________________________________

Psalms _______________________________________________________

New Testament Reading ________________________________________

Gospel _______________________________________________________

Preparation Music _____________________________________________

Communion Song _____________________________________________

Eulogy (Optional) _____________________________________________

Song of Farewell The Hand of God Shall Hold You #981

Recessional Song _____________________________________________
GENERAL INFORMATION
***BRING WITH YOU TO FUNERAL PLANNING***

NAME OF DECEASED________________________________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH _______________ DATE OF DEATH _____________________________

DATE OF FUNERAL _______________ BODY PRESENT ________ OR CREMATION_______

VISITATION ______________________ DVD AT VISITATION? YES ______ NO ______

FUNERAL HOME ___________________ CEMETERY _____________________________

LUNCHEON? YES ______ NO ______ IF YES, HOW MANY ATTENDING _____________

FAMILY CONTACT (relationship to deceased, name, address, phone and email)

NAME _________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS _____________________________________________________________

PHONE _______________________________________________________________

EMAIL _______________________________________________________________

SURVIVORS (addresses and emails for invitation to All Souls’ Remembrance)

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Permission from the family for a Mass, Funeral, Wedding, Zoom, Webinar, Meeting, Conference, etc.
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Name of Requestor  Date