A Celebration of Life
FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

Guardian Angels
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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Funeral Contact and Fee Information

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Fees

$550.00 Includes Musicians, Presider, Pastoral Care & Facilities.
$200.00 Funeral Luncheon fee (cost of food / Caterer additional)
$800.00(Casket) Internment Fee
$500.00 (Urn)
$200.00 Winter Frozen Ground Fee
$100.00 (Urn)

*May be collected by funeral home or paid directly to church.

*Make check payable to: Guardian Angels Church
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. One of the readings must be from one of the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. Only one gospel reading is to be chosen.

**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*
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)


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.


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; out 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*

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.*

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*

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 divinerecompense 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!
6.  Isaiah 43:2, 4  

You Are Mine  

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 a 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.
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 yoursins.

The Word of the Lord


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.
NEW Testament Scripture (Second Reading)

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.  

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 (Short Form)  

[the short form omits the section below in bold italics]

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.  

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.  

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.
*We shall stay with the Lord forever*  
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.

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God’s anger through him.*  
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.

*We shall see God as he really is.*  
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.
10. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10  

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

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.

11. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8  Love is Patient...

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.

12. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7  There will be no more death.

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.


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.  

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.  

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  

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.**

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.

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8. John 11:17-27 (long form)  

*I am the resurrection and the life*  

*or John 11:21-27 (short form)*

**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.
9. **John 6:51-59**

*All who eat this bread will live forever. And I will raise them up on the last day.*

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.*

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 3-8 prayers from the 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 **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]

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<th>A: For those who grieve (you do not need one from every category):</th>
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<td>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 (and family) who have shared their path over the years;] may they move from grief to fondness, from loss to celebration, from sadness to joy.</td>
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<td>2. For _______________ to continue to watch over his/her family from the kingdom of heaven;</td>
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<td>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;</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>5. For those who could not be here today due to distance or illness, that they may experience peace through our prayers;</td>
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<td>6. For the example of __________’s life; may it strengthen and deepen our own faith;</td>
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### 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]

### 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]

### 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]

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<td>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;</td>
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<td>3. For the blessings of_____________ years of marriage for__________________; may others see their example of patience, kindness, and love to one another; may their love be an inspiration and a source of strength to all.</td>
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<td>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;</td>
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<td>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;</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>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;</td>
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<td>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;</td>
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We pray to the Lord …. [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

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 him/her to eternal life in God’s presence;

Other Options to Pray for:

- For Firefighters and First Responders
- For Ministers in the Church
- For the Community of Guardian Angels
- For the Guardian Angels’ Women’s Club Members
- For those who stand against violence

- For Ordination of Women
- For Heroes
- For Youth
- For Musicians
- For Teachers

- For Acceptance of gays and lesbians
Music for Funerals

Hymns

The Church Fee covers a Guardian Angels approved accompanist and cantor. Additionally, our music ministry is able to assist with coordinating the optional involvement of friends and family in the funeral music. The base fee covers the accompanist arriving 30 minutes prior to the start of the funeral. If additional rehearsal, music preparation/acquisition, or set-up is needed, please contact Zack Stachowski to discuss.

1. ALL Are Welcome (Vs 1,3,4)

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Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of Faith and vault of Grace
Here the love of Christ shall end division

REFRAIN:
All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found, in water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and space
As we Share in Christ the Feast that frees us...

REFRAIN

Let us build a house where hands can reach, beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach And live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger Bear the image of God's face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger...

REFRAIN

2. 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
3. **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!

4. **City of God**

Awake from your slumber! Arise  
from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those  
whoweep.  
The people in darkness have  
seen agreat light.  
The Lord of our longing has  
conquered the night.

*CH Let us build the city of God.  
May your tears be turned into  
dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our  
love, has turned the night into  
day!*

We are sons of the morning; we  
are daughters of day  
the One who has loved us  
asbrightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called  
us to be  
a light for his people to set their  
hearts free.

God is light; in him there is no  
darkness. Let us walk in his light, his  
children, one and all.  
O comfort my people; make gentle  
your words.  
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

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5. 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.

- Liam Lawton ©1997, GIA Publications.

6. 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 tred, yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Son of God.

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7. **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!

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8. **Glory and Praise To Our God**

*Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.*

Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,  
Praise the wonders our God has done in ev’ry heart that sings.

In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that’s tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.

Ev’ry moment of ev’ry day our God is waiting to save,  
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.

God has watered our barren land and spent his merciful rain.  
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink.

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Text: William W. How  
Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
© Oxford University Press
9. 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?

10. How Can I Keep from Singing

My Life flows on in endless song, Above earth’s lamentations Consider all the worlds I hear the clear, though far-off hymn, That hails a new creation

REFRAIN: No storm can shake my inmost calm While to that rock I’m clinging Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing It finds an echo in my soul How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comfort die The Lord, my Savior liveth What though the darkness gather round Songs in the night He giveth

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever-springing! All things are mine since I am His How can I keep from singing?
11. 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

12. 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  
upon 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,
13. 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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14. 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 travelling days are done.

-Horatius Bonar
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
an unexpected dawn.


16. 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.
17. 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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18. 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.

**19. 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.

- Psalm 91; Michael Joncas ©1979, New Dawn Music

**20. 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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21. 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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22. Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
   With a liberating light.
   Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
   Turning blindness into sight.
   Praise the One who preached the gospel,
   Healing ev'ry dread disease,
   Calming storms and feeding thousands
   With the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children
   With a strong yet gentle word.
   Praise the one who drove out demons
   With a piercing, two-edged sword.
   Praise the One who brings cool water
   To the desert's burning sand.
   From this well comes living water
   Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
   Christ, who suffered in our place.
   Jesus died and rose for many
   That we may know God by grace.
   Let us sing for joy and gladness,
   Seeing what our God has done.
   Praise the one redeeming glory:
   Praise the One who makes us one.

23. 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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24. 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
riverThat 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
**25. 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

**26. 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, 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!

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27. **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 youOur praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav'nly food.

3. Is not the cup we bless and shareThe 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 containComes in our hearts to dwell.

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

- Omer Westendorf, ©1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
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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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.

   - Marty HAugen, ©GIA Publications, Inc

Refrain

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; 
   lift up my spirit to my Lord. 
To you I lift up my soul. (Rpt 1st time)

1  Make me to know your ways, O God; 
   teach me your paths; guide me. 
You are my Saviour.

Refrain

2  Good and upright our gracious God, 
   showing the way, 
guiding the humble to justice.

Refrain

3  Steadfast and kind your ways, O God; all 
   who revere your covenant 
know your friendship.

Refrain

To you I lift up my soul. To you I lift up my soul.
4. Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be Upon Us
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REFRAIN:
Let Your mercy be upon us O God
As we place out trust in you

Your words, O God, are truth indeed
and all your works are ever-faithful;
You love justice and right,
your compassion fills all creation.

See how the eye of God is watching
ever guarding those who wait in hope
To deliver them from death
and sustain them in time of famine

Exhult, you just, in the Lord
for praise is the song of the righteous!
How happy the people of God
the ones whom God has chosen

Our soul is waiting for God
for od is our help and shield
May your kindness, O God
be upon us who place our hope in you

5. Psalm 45: Here I Am, Lord
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REFRAIN:
Here I am, Lord, ere I am,
I come to do your will

Long was I waiting for God,
and then he heard my cry
It was He who taught this song to me
song of praise to God

You asked me for a sacrifice,
for slaughtered goats or lambs
No, my heart, you gave me ears
to hear you, then I said “Here I am.”

You wrote it in the scrolls of law
what you would have me do
Doing that is what has made me happy,
your law is on my heart

6. 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
mefor you, O Lord.
I long to go and behold your face,
Send forth your light and your
truthto 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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7. 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.
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8. Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

REFRAIN The Lord is Kind and Merciful
The Lord is kind and merciful

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all being bless God’s name;
Bless the Lord,
and forget not God’s benefits

2. God Pardons all your iniquities, and
comforts your sorrows, redeems
your life from destruction and
crowns you with kindness

3. Merciful, merciful
and gracious is our God
slow to anger, abounding in Kindess
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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.
Song of Farewell
(Sung When Incensing the Casket / Urn)

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 thereat 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

5. May The Angels Be Your Guide

May the angels be your guide, may they lead you into paradise, and take you home to the new Jerusalem.

1. There is one thing I ask of God; for this I long, for this I hope:
to dwell in the house of God every day of my life.

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HOW to Write a EULOGY - DO’s and Don’t’s
(From Mueller Memorial Newsletter)

With a little thought and preparation, you can create a very meaningful moment for yourself and those around you.

- **Eulogies you have heard** - Think what *you* have liked or disliked most about them
  o What made them most meaningful?
- **Speak from the Heart?** Of course, heartfelt sincerity is important, but if “From the heart” means “off the cuff,” that is not as effective. It can leave you open for all of a sudden being at a loss for words or rambling on and on, off topic.
  o What are the *most meaningful* things you could say about your loved one, that you really want everyone to know and don’t want to forget?
- **Create a List of “Talking Points”** that you feel are very important – to you, but also to all those who have gathered to honor your loved one
  o Definitely have something Written Down that you can look at, to keep you on task
- **No Longer than about 5 minutes** – it is generally the amount of time the priest/presider expects, and also is the most time you’ll likely be able to keep your audience’s attention
- **What is your Message – the Essence?** – once you come up with a message or “Tag Line” (e.g. “Jim loved life.”) you can mold the rest of the stories and comments around that main idea.
- **Well-prepared = manage Emotions better** – rather than be surprised by them. But emotions are expected, so don’t be afraid of the moments of emotion that may well up.

If you plan in advance and tell an honest story that speaks to the message of who your loved one really was, other people will recognize and relate to that truth. This way you can create a wonderful moment for yourself and those grieving with you.
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Name of Deceased ____________________________
(As you would like it to appear on the worship aid)

(Bring with you to Funeral Planning to help you organize your thoughts)

Date of Birth: ________________ Date of Death: ________________
Date of Funeral: ________________ Body Present ___ or Cremation: ___
Visitation: ________________ Slide Show at visitation? Yes ___ No ___
             DVD ___ Flash Drive ___ Laptop ___
Funeral Home: ________________ Cemetery: ______________________
Luncheon: Yes ___ Number of People _____ No ___

Family Contact
(Relationship to deceased, name, address, phone & e-mail)

Name: ________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________
email: ________________________________________________

Survivors (Other Family Members)
(Will ask for 1 Email to send out Invitation to All Souls’ Remembrance)
_____________________________________________________
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Funeral Liturgy & Participants
(Bring with you to Funeral Planning)

Name: ___________________________  Funeral Date: ______________

Carrying the Urn: _______________________________  Gathering / Entrance Song:

Old Testament Reading: ________________  Reader: ________________

Psalm: (Sung) ________________________________

New Testament Reading: ________________  Reader: ________________

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                                    Reader: ________________

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Song of Farewell: The Hand of God Shall Hold You #981 (other options in booklet)

(Sung When Incensing the Casket / Urn)

Recessional / Exit Song: ________________________________

Other: ________________________________________________