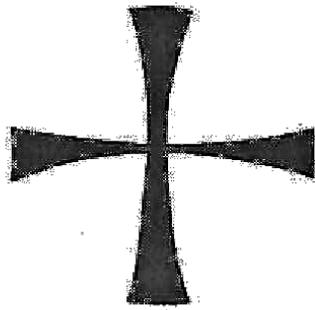


# *St. John the Evangelist* CATHOLIC CHURCH



## PREPARING A FUNERAL



*For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him  
should not perish but have eternal life.*

***John 3:16***

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## **CONSOLATION MINISTRY**

### **Our Message of Sympathy and Support**

The family of St. John the Evangelist Parish extends our heartfelt sympathies to you on your loss. As believers in Jesus Christ, we turn to the Lord and rely upon His words of comfort and support, proclaimed during His famous Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the sorrowful for they shall be consoled." (Matthew 5:4)

Although we cannot take away your pain, we offer you and your family our prayers of consolation and support during this difficult time. May our ministry be a sign of hope and trust in God.

## **THE ORDER OF MASS**

### **Introductory Rites**

The Funeral Director will assist in the seating of the family and guests according to the current COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

At the beginning of Mass the priest will bless the casket by sprinkling Holy Water on it. Then the family is invited to open the Pall (large white cloth) over the casket. The water and pall are both symbols of Christian baptism.

The family can choose the option of placing a Christian symbol on top of the casket, such as a cross, bible, or rosary.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

The Church offers us the opportunity to hear three readings from Sacred Scripture: from the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Gospel.

You have the choice to invited family members or friends to read the Old Testament and the New Testament readings that you select. (Reading selections follow in this booklet.) The priest or deacon will proclaim the Gospel.

The Responsorial Psalm is usually sung between the Old Testament and New Testament readings. The musician generally selects a psalm that relates to the readings.

The homily follows the Gospel and is given by the priest or deacon. The homily focuses on God's compassionate love and on the Easter mystery of death leading to resurrection. After the homily, the Prayer of the Faithful is read. You can invite a family member or friend to read the Prayer of the Faithful, or the priest or deacon will read it.

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

The usual order of Mass is followed. After the Eucharistic Prayer, we recite the Lord's Prayer, exchange a sign of peace, and receive Holy Communion.

## **Final Commendation**

After the Communion Prayer, the priest will incense the casket as a sign of respect and honor and he offers the final prayer of Commendation is offered. As the Funeral Mass concludes, the family follows the casket out of the church.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**

**OT-1** [Wisdom 3:1-6, 9]

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.  
But they are in peace.

For if before all, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.  
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

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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.

**OT-3** [Wisdom 4:7-15]

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.  
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,  
nor can it be measured in terms of years.  
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for all people,  
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;  
he who lived among sinners was transported -  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind  
or deceit beguile his soul;  
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right  
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while,  
he reached the fullness of a long career;  
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

**OT-4** [Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9]

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
the web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:  
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the Lord for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

**OT-5** [Lamentations 3:17-26]

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the Lord.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;  
therefore will I hope in him,

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**OT-6** [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8]

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

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

A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**OT-7** [Isaiah 40: 1-2, 28-29, 30-31]

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end.... Do you not know or have you not heard?  
The Lord is the eternal God, Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He give strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar as with eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**OT-8** [Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31]

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 obtains wool and flax  
and makes cloth with skillful hands.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her arms to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needy.  
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.

**OT-9** [Sirach 3: 1ff]

A reading from the book of Sirach.

For the Lord sets a father in honor  
over his children;  
A mother's authority he confirms  
over her sons and daughters.  
Those who honor their father atone for sins;  
they store up riches who revere their mother.

Those who honor their father are gladdened by children  
and when they pray, they are heard.  
Those who revere their father will live a long life;  
they obey the Lord  
who bring comfort to their mother.

In word and deed honor your father  
that his blessing may come upon you;  
For a father's blessing gives a family firm roots.

My children, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives.  
For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
it will serve as a sin offering----  
it will take lasting root.

The Word of the Lord.

## NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

**NT-1** [Romans 6:3-9]

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized in 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.

**NT-2** [Romans 6:3-4, 8-9]

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The Word of the Lord

**NT-3** [Romans 8:31b-35, 37 39]

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? If it is God who acquits us, who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-4** [Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12]

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

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

*"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."*

So, then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-5** [1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28]

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until "he has put all his enemies under his feet." The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

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The Word of the Lord.

**NT-7** [1 Corinthians 15:51-57]

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will

be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

*"Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?"*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-8** [2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10]

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 heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-9** [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18]

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters:

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-10** [1 John 3:1-2]

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-11** [1 John 3:14-16]

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved:

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

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-12** [Revelation 21:1-5a 6b-7]

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out. "This is God's dwelling among the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and he will be their God who is always with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "See, I make all things new! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who thirsts I will give to drink without cost from the spring of life. He who wins the victory shall inherit these gifts; I will be his God and he shall be my child."

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-13** [1 John 4:7-12]

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved:

Let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. The person without love has known nothing of God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: he sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him.

Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins.

Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-14** [Timothy 4:6-8]

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to Timothy.

As for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed;  
the time is here for me to leave this life.

I have done my best in the race,  
I have run the full distance,  
and I have kept the faith.

And now there is waiting for me the prize of victory awarded for a righteous life,  
the prize which the Lord, the righteous Judge,  
will give me on that Day – and not only to me,  
but to all those who wait with love for him to appear.

The Word of the Lord.

**NT-15** [1 Corinthians 13:1-8a]

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I have all the eloquence of men or angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL READINGS

### G-1 [Matthew 5:1-12a]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### G-2 [Matthew 11:25-30]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "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.

### G-3 [Matthew 25:31-46]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

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

Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not come and comfort me." Then they will answer and say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not attend to your needs?" He will answer them, "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-4** [Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-5** [Luke 7:11-17]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He

stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-6** [Luke 12:35-40]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-7** [Luke 23:33, 39-43]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-8** [Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle as Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." 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, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

At daybreak on the first day of the week the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-9** [Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle as Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." 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, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-10** [Luke 24:13-16, 28-35]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

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.

**G-11** [John 6:37-40]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd:

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-12** [John 6:51-58]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G13** [John 11:17-27]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever

you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-14** [John 11:32-45]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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

became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-15** [John 12:23-28]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus told his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-16** [John 14:1-6]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could

I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? 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.

**G-17** [John 17:24-26]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**G-18** [John 19:17-18, 25:30]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus carrying the cross himself, went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he

loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
(Choose Model A or B)

**MODEL A**

***The priest begins:***

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

***Reader:***

- In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.  
Lord in your mercy:  
R/. Hear our Prayer
  
- Our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.  
Lord in your mercy:  
R/. Hear our Prayer
  
- Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Lord in your mercy:  
R/. Hear our Prayer
  
- Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.  
Lord in your mercy:  
R/. Hear our Prayer
  
- Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.  
Lord in your mercy:  
R/. Hear our Prayer

- The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord in your mercy:

R/. Hear our Prayer

- We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord in your mercy:

R/. Hear our Prayer

- (*additional intentions:*)

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Lord in your mercy:

R/. Hear our Prayer

***The priest then concludes:***

Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of our redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place of rest in the kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

**MODEL B**

***The priest begins:***

With hope in the resurrection of Christ and with deep sorrow in the loss of one we loved, let us call on God, source of all kindness and comfort.

***Reader:***

- That the firm hope of the resurrection fill the heart of every member of the Church, we pray to the Lord:  
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer
- That all people who mourn find consolation and peace in God through those around them, we pray to the Lord:  
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer
- That \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven, we pray to the Lord:  
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer
- That all family members and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ experience the strength of our faith in the resurrection of Christ, we pray to the Lord:  
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

- That all who gather here today to remember our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ support one another in prayer and concern,  
we pray to the Lord:  
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

- (*additional intentions:*)

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we pray to the Lord:  
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

***The priest then concludes:***

O God, we affirm our faith and our hope in the resurrection of your Son. Comforted by your grace and your promise of eternal life, we offer you our prayers on this day, through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.