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Funerals

ST TERESA OF AVILA



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Funeral / Memorial Mass

SELECTION FORM

Casket
 Creains
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FULL NAME OF DECEASED (*First, Middle, Last*) _____ AGE _____

DATE OF BIRTH (*DD/MM/YY*) _____ DATE OF DEATH (*DD/MM/YY*) _____

LOCATION OF BIRTH _____ LOCATION OF DEATH _____

LOCATION OF LITURGY _____ LITURGY DAY _____ LITURGY DATE (*DD/MM/YY*) _____ TIME _____

PRESIDER _____ ORGANIST/PIANIST _____

CANTOR/VOCALIST _____ INSTRUMENTALIST _____

NEAREST RELATIVE/ REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

FUNERAL HOME DIRECTOR _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NOTES: _____

ORDER of SERVICE

Processional Hymn _____

First Reading: Old Testament _____
NAME OF READER

Responsorial Psalm Sung _____
Recited _____
IF RECITED, NAME OF READER

Second Reading: New Testament _____
NAME OF READER

Gospel Reading: New Testament _____

Homily _____

Prayer of the Faithful
 (Option A, B, or C) _____
NAME OF READER

Offertory Hymn _____
GIFT BEARERS

Communion Hymn _____

Meditation Song* _____

Final Commendation _____

Recessional Hymn _____

Words of Remembrance* Yes No _____
NAME OF SPEAKER

* OPTIONAL

Memorial Service

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Cremains
Livestreaming

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NEAREST RELATIVE/REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

FUNERAL HOME DIRECTOR _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NOTES: _____

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First Reading: Old Testament _____

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NAME OF READER

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Homily _____

Meditation Song* _____

Prayer of the Faithful
(Option A, B, or C) _____

NAME OF READER

Final Commendation _____

Recessional Hymn _____

Words of Remembrance* Yes No _____
NAME OF SPEAKER

* OPTIONAL

Funeral Homily

PREPARATION SHEET (1 OF 2)

Funeral Date: _____

Funeral Time: _____

Funeral Location: _____

Funeral Presider: _____

FULL NAME OF DECEASED (*First, Middle, Last*)

AGE DATE OF BIRTH DATE OF DEATH

FAMILY:

SPOUSE: _____

CHILD 1: _____

CHILD 2: _____

CHILD 3: _____

CHILD 4: _____

OF GRANDCHILDREN: _____

VOCATIONAL STATUS:

Marriage Widowed Divorced

Priesthood Religious Life Single

CAUSE OF DEATH

Sudden Long Term Hospice

Cancer Nursing Home Accident

Other: _____

MILITARY BRANCH: None Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard

If Yes, description of military experience...

WORK EXPERIENCE:

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

SKILLS, TALENTS, GIFTS, & HOBBIES:

3 WORDS THAT DESCRIBE THE DECEASED:

_____ | _____ | _____

Funeral Homily

PREPARATION SHEET (2 OF 2)

DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS/HER FAMILY:

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST ABOUT HIM/HER?

WHAT TRAIT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS ABOUT HIM/HER?

WHAT ROLE DID FAITH PLAY IN YOUR LOVED ONE'S LIFE?

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION THE PRIEST OR DEACON SHOULD KNOW:

Music Selections

P

Processional

O

Offertory

C

Communion

M

Meditation

R

Recessional

What follows is a list of approved music selections commonly used for funeral liturgies at Saint Teresa of Avila in Ordinary Time (Seasonal selections which also may be appropriate are not listed here: ie Christmas, Easter, Patriotic, Marian). Options are not limited to these selections, but please use this list as a guide to determine what is appropriate. The titles that follow may have two musical settings, indicated by more than one composer name.

P = Processional O = Offertory C = Communion M = Mediation R = Recessional

OPTIONS	TITLE	TEXT EXCERPT
P O C M R	Abide With Me - EVENTIDE	<i>...fast falls the eventide.</i>
P R	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - HYFRYDOL	<i>...His the scepter, his the throne.</i>
P O C M R	Amazing Grace - JOHN NEWTON	<i>...how sweet the sound.</i>
O C M	Ave Maria - FRANZ SCHUBERT OR BACH/GOUNOD	<i>...gratia plena. (Hail Mary, full of grace.)</i>
P O C M R	Be Not Afraid - BOB DUFFORD	<i>You shall cross the barren desert...</i>
O C M	Be Still, My Soul - FINLANDIA	<i>...the Lord is on thy side.</i>
O C M	Be Thou My Vision - SLANE	<i>...O Lord of my heart.</i>
C	Behold the Lamb - MARTIN WILLETT	<i>...all who eat, all who drink shall live.</i>
O C M	Eye Has Not Seen - MARTY HAUGEN	<i>...ear has not heard what God has ready.</i>
P R	Faith of Our Fathers - ST CATHERINE	<i>...living still.</i>
P R	For All the Saints - SINE NOMINE	<i>...who from their labors rest.</i>
C	Gift of Finest Wheat - ROBERT KREUTZ	<i>You satisfy the hungry heart...</i>
C M	Hail Mary: Gentle Woman - CAREY LANDRY	<i>...quiet light, morning star.</i>
P O C M R	Here I Am, Lord - DAN SCHUTTE	<i>I, the Lord of sea and sky...</i>
P R	Holy, Holy, Holy! - NICEA	<i>...Lord God Almighty!</i>
O C M	Holy Darkness - DAN SCHUTTE	<i>...blessed night.</i>
P O C M R	How Great Thou Art - STUART HINE	<i>Then sings my soul...</i>
C R	I Am the Bread of Life - SUZANNE TOOLAN	<i>And I will raise you up...</i>
O C M	I Have Loved You - MICHAEL JONCAS	<i>...with an everlasting love.</i>
P O R	I Heard the Voice of Jesus - KINGSFOLD	<i>...come until me and rest.</i>
O C M R	I Know that My Redeemer Lives - SCOTT SOPER or DUKE STREET	<i>...the one who calls me home.</i>
O C M	Irish Blessing - BOB CHILCOTT or LORI TRUE	<i>May the road rise to meet you...</i>
O C M	The King of Love, My Shepherd Is - ST COLUMBA	<i>...whose goodness fails me never.</i>
O C R	Lead Me, Lord - JOHN BECKER	<i>Blessed are the poor in spirit...</i>
R	Let There Be Peace on Earth - SY MILLER & JILL JACKSON	<i>...and let it begin with me.</i>
P R	Lift High the Cross - CRUCIFER	<i>...the love of Christ proclaim.</i>
O C	Lord of All Hopefulness - SLANE	<i>...Lord of all joy.</i>
O C	Lord, You Have Come / Pescador de Hombres - CESÁREO GABARÁIN	<i>...to the seashore.</i>
P R	Morning Has Broken - BUNESSAN	<i>...like the first morning.</i>
O C M	Nearer, My God, to Thee - BETHANY	<i>...nearer to thee!</i>
O C	No Greater Love - MICHAEL JONCAS	<i>...than to lay down your life.</i>
P O C M R	On Eagle's Wings - MICHAEL JONCAS	<i>You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord...</i>
P R	O God, Beyond All Praising - THAXTED	<i>...we worship You today.</i>
P R	O God, Our Help in Ages Past - ST ANNE	<i>...our hope for years to come.</i>
O C M	O Sanctíssima - O DU FRÖHLICHE	<i>...O piíssima.</i>
C	One Bread, One Body - JOHN FOLEY	<i>...one Lord of all.</i>
C	Pan de Vida - BOB HURD	<i>...cuerpo del Señor.</i>
C M	Panis Angelicus - CÉSAR FRANCK	<i>...fit panis hominum.</i>
O C M	Parable - MD RIDGE	<i>To everything there is a season...</i>
O C M	Prayer of Saint Francis - SEBASTIAN TEMPLE	<i>Make me a channel of your peace...</i>
O C M	Precious Lord, Take My Hand - GEORGE ALLEN	<i>...lead me on, let me stand.</i>
O C M	Seek Ye First - KARREN LAFFERTY	<i>...the kingdom of God.</i>
O C M	Servant Song - DONNA MCGARGILL	<i>What do you want of me, Lord?</i>
O C M	Shelter Me, O God - BOB HURD	<i>...hide me in the shadow of your wings.</i>
C	Taste and See - BOB MOORE	<i>...the goodness of the Lord.</i>
P R	The Churches One Foundation - AURELIA	<i>...is Jesus Christ, her Lord.</i>
O C M	The Servant Song - Gillard	<i>Will you let me be your servant...</i>
P O R	There's A Wideness in God's Mercy - IN BABILONE or ED BOLDDUC	<i>...like the wideness of the sea.</i>
O C	We Remember - MARTY HAUGEN	<i>...how you loved us to your death.</i>
O C	We Walk by Faith - SHANTI	<i>...and not by sight.</i>

Liturgy of the Word

OT

Old Testament

(First Reading / Choose One)

RP

Responsorial Psalm

(Sung by cantor / Choose One)

NT

New Testament

(Second Reading / Choose One)

ENT

Easter Season New Testament*

(Second Reading / Choose One)

**Optional second readings from the New Testament during the Easter Season*

G

Gospel

(Third Reading by Priest or Deacon / Choose One)

POF

Prayer of the Faithful

(Choose one option)

OT 1 – Proverbs 31:10-12,15,20,25-26, 28-31**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 rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: “Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.” Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT 2 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.**

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT

OT 3 – *Wisdom 3:1-9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT 4 – *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 men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported. Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account. Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT

OT 5 – *Sirach 2:1-11*

A reading from the book of Sirach.

My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, and do not be impetuous in time of adversity. Cling to him, do not leave him, that you may prosper in your last days. Accept whatever happens to you; in periods of humiliation be patient. For in fire gold is tested, and the chosen, in the crucible of humiliation. Trust in God, and he will help you; make your ways straight and hope in him. You that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, do not stray lest you fall. You that fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not be lost. You that fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy. Consider the generations long past and see: has anyone trusted in the Lord and been disappointed? Has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken? Has anyone called upon him and been ignored? For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; forgives sins and saves in time of trouble.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT 6 – *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

A reading from the book of Sirach.

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT

OT 7 – *Isaiah 25:6, 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT 8 – *Isaiah 41:9-11,13,14*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off. Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. All who are incensed against you will be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you will be as nothing and will perish. For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.” Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

OT

OT 9 – *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. / *Thanks be to God.*

RP 1

Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

2. He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

3. You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

4. Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

RP 2

Psalm 25:4bc-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14

R/ To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

R/ To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2. Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

R/ To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

3. All the paths of the LORD are kindness
and constancy toward those who keep
his covenant and his decrees.
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear
him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

R/ To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

RP 3

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2. One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek: To dwell in the house of
the LORD all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the
LORD and contemplate his temple.

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

3. I believe that I shall see the bounty of
the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

RP 4

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2. The LORD has eyes for the just,
and ears for their cry.
The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy
remembrance of them from the earth.

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

3. When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

4. Many are the troubles of the just one,
but out of them all the LORD delivers him;
he watches over all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

RP 5

Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R/ Rest in God alone, my soul.

1. Only in God is my soul at rest;
from him comes my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.

R/ Rest in God alone, my soul.

2. Only in God be at rest, my soul,
for from him comes my hope.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.

R/ Rest in God alone, my soul.

3. With God is my safety and my glory,
he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in
God. Trust in him at all times, O my people!
Pour out your hearts before him.

R/ Rest in God alone, my soul.

RP 6

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless
and without water.

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2. Thus have I gazed toward you in the
sanctuary to see your power and your
glory, For your kindness is a greater good
than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

3. Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands,
I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall
my soul be satisfied, and with exultant
lips my mouth shall praise you.

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

4. You are my help, and in the shadow of
your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

RP

RP 7

Psalm 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

**R/ In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

**R/ In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

2. You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like
the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

**R/ In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

3. Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

**R/ In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days. And may the gracious
care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

**R/ In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

RP 8

Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

**R/ I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.**

1. I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

**R/ I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.**

2. The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

**R/ I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.**

3. Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your
kingdom and speak of your might.

**R/ I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.**

4. The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**R/ I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.**

NT 1 – *Romans 5:5-11*

A reading from the book of Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

NT 2 – *Romans 6:3-9*

A reading from the book of 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

NT

NT 3 – *Romans 8:14–23*

A reading from the book of Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God, are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

NT 4 – *Romans 8:31b–35, 37–39*

A reading from the book of 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 also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

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NT 5 – *Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12*

A reading from the book of Romans.

Brothers and sisters: No one 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. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? 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 accounting of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

NT 6 – *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

A reading from the first letter of Saint 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 man, the resurrection of the dead came also through a man. 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

NT 7 – *1 Corinthians 15:51–55*

A reading from the first letter of Saint 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 this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, o death, is your victory? Where, o death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

NT 8 – *2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1*

A reading from the second letter of Saint 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

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NT 9 – *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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

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

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

NT 10 – *2 Timothy 4:6-8*

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

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

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NT 11 - *1 John 3:1-2*

A reading from the first letter of Saint John.

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we maybe 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

ENT 1 – *Acts 10:34-43***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

ENT 2 – *Revelation 14:13***A reading from the book of Revelation.**

I, John, 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. / *Thanks be to God.*

ENT

ENT 3 – *Revelation 20:11 – 21:1*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

ENT 4 – *Revelation 21:1–5a, 6b–7*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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

The Word of the Lord. / *Thanks be to God.*

G1 – *Matthew 5:1-12a*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he 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.”

G2 – *Matthew 11:25-30*

At that time Jesus answered: “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. ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of the least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

G3 – *John 5:24-29*

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who has 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 the Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.

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G4 – *John 6:37-40*

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.”

G5 – *John 6:51-59*

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.”

G6 – *John 11:17-27*

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. 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 that 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?” “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

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G7 – *John 11:32–45*

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 have sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to crowd, “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.

G8 – *John 12:23–28*

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 will lose 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.”

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G9 – *John 14:1-6*

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 may also 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.”

OPTION A**PRIEST:**

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

READER:

Our response will be "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

1. For **N.** who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord... **R/ "Lord Hear our Prayer.**
2. For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
5. For the family and friends of our brother/sister **N.**, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord... **R/**

PRIEST:

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

OPTION B

PRIEST:

My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.

READER:

Our response will be "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

1. That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord... **R/ "Lord Hear our Prayer.**
2. That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
3. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind and body may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
4. That God may deliver the soul of his servant **N.** from punishment and from the powers of darkness. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
5. That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offenses. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
6. That God may establish him/her in light and peace. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
7. That God may call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
8. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
9. That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord... **R/**

PRIEST:

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

OPTION C

PRIEST:

Brothers & 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:

Our response will be "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

1. In baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord...
R/ "Lord Hear our Prayer.
2. Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
4. 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. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
5. 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. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
6. The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord... **R/**
7. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord... **R/**

PRIEST:

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord.