

A Guide to prepare for a  
Christian Funeral or Memorial Mass  
at  
Church of the Assumption  
98 Riverside Avenue  
Westport, CT 06880



***“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” (John 11: 26).***

*Dear Friends:*

*Church of the Assumption wishes to express our condolences to you and your family on the death of your loved one. We appreciate your help in preparing the Mass of Christian Burial. Included in this booklet are a selection of readings from the sacred Scripture for the Liturgy of the Word. Please choose two readings: One from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. A family member or friend may read the first two readings and the priest will read the Gospels. Included in this booklet are selections of Sacred Music. You may choose four hymns.*

*If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 203-227-5161.*

## [Five parts in the Catholic Funeral Mass](#)

### **I: Introduction Rites**

1. Greeting at the door of the church
2. Sprinkling with Holy Water
3. Placing of the Pall
4. Placing of a Christian Symbol (optional)
5. Words of Remembrance (Eulogy – optional)
6. Opening Prayer

### **II: Liturgy of the Word**

1. Reading from the Old Testament
2. Reading from the New Testament
3. Reading of the Gospel
4. Homily
5. Prayer of the Faithful

### **III: Liturgy of the Eucharist**

1. Offertory: Bread and Wine

### **IV: Final Commendation**

### **V: Procession to the Cemetery**

## Introductory Rites

The Funeral Liturgy begins when the celebrant receives the body of the deceased at the main entrance of the Church. Here the priest will also greet the family and express the Church's prayers and sympathy. The celebrant will start with a greeting and the blessing of the body with holy water symbolizing the Sacrament of Baptism. After the sprinkling of holy water, the casket is covered with the funeral pall. The family may place a symbol of Christian life on the casket (crucifix, bible or rosary).

## Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

Sometimes the family may wish to say a few words about their loved ones. This is done before the opening prayer. *Only one family member or friend may speak in Church and the remarks should be kept brief (no more than 5 minutes) and written down.* It is appropriate to speak of the deceased's faith and works of mercy within the church setting. Other members or friends of the family may speak during or after the Wake Service in the Funeral Home. The reading of poems and playing of secular music should be done at the Wake service in the Funeral Home. Words of Remembrance is optional.

## Liturgy of the Word

The Church offers us the opportunity to listen to three readings from Sacred Scripture. One reading comes from the Old Testament, the second reading from the New Testament (Epistles) and the Gospel. You will find in this booklet selections of readings that are commonly used for Funerals. If you prefer different readings, please feel free to discuss this with the priest who will be celebrating the Funeral Mass. It is strongly suggested that members of the family or friends read the first two readings (Old Testament and New Testament). The responsorial Psalm is usually sung by the cantor and the priest or deacon will proclaim the Gospel. The homily follows the readings and is given by the priest or deacon. After the homily, the Prayer of the Faithful is said.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Two family members can bring up the gifts of bread and wine to the priest. The gifts can be found on the small table in front of the first pew. Please indicate on the form the names of those who will be bringing the gifts.

## [Final Commendation](#)

After a brief invitation to prayer, the body may be incensed during the singing of the “Song of Farewell”. The procession begins to the main entrance of the church. The priest and those assisting him precedes the casket; the family members and friend will follow the casket. The pall is removed by the funeral director at the main entrance of the church.

## [Liturgical Music](#)

Mr. Frank Matto is the Music Director and Organist and Mrs. Aidan Andrews is the soloist. A list of music has been included in this booklet. Please be mindful that the church is a sacred environment. Secular music from popular culture is neither appropriate nor permitted within the context of the liturgy. If there is a particular song the family wishes to be sung or played, please contact Mr. Matto at [fmatto@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:fmatto@assumptionwestport.org) who will determine if it is appropriate for Liturgical use.

## [Memorial Mass](#)

When the body or the cremated remains of the deceased are not present for the liturgy, the funeral is called a “Memorial Mass”. Except for the absence of the remains and the entrance procession, all others aspects of the Mass are the same as a Funeral Mass. You need to choose the readings and songs. Members of the family are urged to do the Scripture readings.

## [Bereavement Ministry](#)

Despite believing in this promise of our God, our hearts remain heavy because of the death of our loved ones. Assumption Bereavement Ministry gathers weekly where we witness the comfort, acceptance, support and strength shared by those who gather. We who participate find a real benefit in expressing ideas and feelings so important in our changed lives with those who understand the deep pain of loss—indeed we heal each other. If you have a question about the group please contact Helen Theimann at 203-227-6318 or email at [helenctman@gmail.com](mailto:helenctman@gmail.com).

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## OLD TESTAMENT

### # 1

#### A Reading from the second book of Maccabees (12:43-46)

Judas, the ruler of Israel, took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus, he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

**The word of the Lord.**

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### # 2

#### A Reading from the book of Job (19:1, 23-27)

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said: Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him; and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

**The word of the Lord.**

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 3

### A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

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 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 the elect.

**The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 4

### A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (4:7-15)

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported.

Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

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

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

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

## # 5

### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (25:6, 7-9)

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 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.

All: Thanks be to God!

## # 6

### A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (3:17-26)

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.

All: Thanks be to God!

## # 7

### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel (12:1-3)

In those days, I, Daniel mourned and heard this word of the Lord: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, Guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## # 8

### A Reading from the book of Proverbs (31:10-31)

A valiant woman, a capable wife, who can find her?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good and not harm, all the days of her life.

Her associates all have great confidence in her and benefit from her expertise.

She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life.

She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

She does not neglect her household tasks. She willingly works with her hands.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

She rises early, before dawn to prepare food for her family, and organizes the tasks of the day.

She works diligently, taking pride in her inner resources and strengths.

She opens her hands to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too, and he praises her.

*“Many women have done excellently well,  
but you surpass them all.”*

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

**The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 9

### A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-11)

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven.

A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning, a time for dancing.

A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up; a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing; a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war, a time for peace.

What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes?

I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labor at.

All that he does is apt for its time; But though he has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from the beginning to end.

**The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

# NEW TESTAMENT

## # 10

### A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (5:5-11)

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.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 11

### A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (5:17-21)

Brothers and Sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteousness act, acquittal and life came to all.

For just as though the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so the transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 12

### A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (6:3-9)

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,**

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 13

### A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:14-23)

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 fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 14

### A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:31-35, 37-39)

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,  
**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 15

### A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (14:7-9, 10-12)

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 judgement 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,  
**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 16

### A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

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.**

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 17

**A reading from the first Letter of St. John (1 John 3:1-2)**

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,**

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 18

**A reading from the first Letter of St. John (1 John 3:14-16)**

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 his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brother and sisters.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## # 19

### A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (II Timothy 2:8-13)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy: *If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we preserve we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.*

**The Word of the Lord,**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 20

### A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 3:20-21)

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change his lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 21

### A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (II Corinthians 4:14-5:1)

We know 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,**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 22

**A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10)**

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hand, 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,**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 23

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (I Corinthians 15:51-57)**

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 incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when that which is corruptible 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,**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## # 24

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (I Corinthians 15:20-23)**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 firstfruits; then, at this coming, those who belong in 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 of himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected everything to him, so that God may be in all.

**The Word of the Lord,**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

# Gospel

## # 25

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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"

### The Gospel of the Lord.

## # 26

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (12:23-26)

Jesus said to 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 wife 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.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## # 27

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 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.**

## # 28

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 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.**

## # 29

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.

Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.

On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothes in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.

He said to them “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.

But go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## # 30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## # 31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 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.**

## # 32

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Father, they 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 love me may be in them and I in them.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## # 33

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:21-27)**

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you have been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know 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 Christ, the Son of God, The one who is coming into the world.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## # 34

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (3:1-2)**

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 Gospel of the Lord.**

# Music selections for the Funeral Liturgy

Abide with Me  
Amazing Grace  
America the Beautiful  
Ave Maria  
Be Not Afraid  
Beyond the Moon and Stars  
Celtic Song of Farewell (Tune: Danny Boy)  
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Hymn)  
Fly Like a Bird  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Here I Am, Lord  
Hosea (Come Back to Me)  
How Great Thou Art  
I Am the Bread of Life  
I Have Loved You  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
The Irish Blessing  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn to Joy)  
Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
Lady of Knock  
Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore (Pescador de Hombres)  
Morning Has Broken  
On Eagle's Wings  
Panis Angelicus  
Prayer of Saint Francis  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling  
Shall We Gather at the River  
Shepherd Me, O God  
Sing with All the Saints in Glory (Hymn to Joy)  
You Are Mine  
You Are Near

# Sample Funeral Mass Program

(The Parish Office does not handle the preparing of the programs)

Processional	Here I Am, Lord #802
Tribute <i>Name of the person</i>	
First Reading <i>Name of the Reader</i>	Wisdom 3:1-5, 9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 23
Second Reading <i>Name of the Reader</i>	Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel <i>Name of the Priest</i>	John 11:21-27
Homily	Name of the Priest
Prayer of the Faithful	Name of the Priest
Presentation of the Gifts	Be Not Afraid #734
Communion	On Eagle's Wings #740 Ave Maria (Schubert)
Commendation and Farewell	I Know That My Redeemer Lives #936
Recessional	Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Celebrant*

Name of the Priest

*Presentation of the Gifts*

Name of the Person

Name of the Person

*Organist*

Name of the Organist

*Cantor*

Name of the Cantor

# Notes