

The Mass of Christian Burial
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
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Name of Deceased: _____ Date of Funeral: _____

Funeral Home: _____ Time: _____

Cemetery: _____

THE MASS

Words of Remembrance: At the beginning of the Mass, one family member or friend can say a few words in remembrance of the deceased. We ask that the speaker prepare and write out these remarks in advance and keep them to five minutes in length. Please note that the remarks should be respectful of the fact that we are in Church.

Read by: _____

READINGS

Old Testament: Reading: _____

Reader: _____

New Testament: Reading: _____

Reader: _____

Prayers of the Faithful Reader: _____

Presentation of Gifts (optional: usually 2-4 gift bearers)

Wine 1. _____

Water 2. _____

Ciborium/Paten 3. _____

Ciborium/Paten 4. _____

Music 1. Entrance Hymn _____

2. Responsorial Psalm _____

3. Offertory _____

4. Communion _____

5. Recessional _____

Music for Funeral Masses ~ St. Mary of the Assumption, Dedham, MA

Music plays an important role in the Funeral Mass and serves to console and lift our spirits during our time of loss. Music also serves to enhance the text of which it is paired, and sung participation in the Mass is encouraged as a way to lift our prayers to God. Although secular music is not permitted at the Funeral Mass, it may be included at the Funeral Home, at the committal/cemetery, or reception following the Mass. Requested music not on this list is subject to approval by the Music Director.

*Recordings of this music can be found on www.youtube.com

*Hymn texts can be found on www.hymnary.org

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Gathering Hymn--Please select one of the following. The Gathering Hymn is sung after the Sprinkling Rite.

“Christ Be Beside Me” (same tune as “Morning Has Broken”)

“Faith of Our Fathers”

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (excluded during Lent)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

“Lift High the Cross”

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Responsorial Psalm--Please select one of the following.

Psalm 23—“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Psalm 25—“To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul”

Psalm 27 (please specify the refrain)—“The Lord is My Light and My Salvation”

“I Believe That I Shall See the Goodness of the Lord”

Psalm 33—“Lord, Let Your Mercy Be On Us”

Psalm 42/43—“Like a Deer That Longs for Running Streams”

Psalm 84—“Blessed Are They Who Dwell in Your House”

Psalm 90—“In Every Age, You Have Been Our Refuge”

Psalm 91—“Be With Me Lord When I Am in Trouble”

Psalm 103—“The Lord is Kind and Merciful”

Psalm 121—“I Will Lift Up My Eyes”

Psalm 122—“I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me”

Psalm 146—“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

Offertory--Please select one of the following.

“Ave Maria” (solo)—please specify the composer of the version desired (Schubert, Gounod, or Franck)

“Blest Are the Pure in Heart” (based on the Beatitudes)

“Christ Be Beside Me” (Tune of “Morning Has Broken”)

“I Lift Up My Eyes” (Paraphrase of Psalm 121)

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

“Prayer of St. Francis” (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)

“Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty”

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Communion/Meditation--Please select one of the following from either group. A second piece selected for the Meditation piece after Communion is optional. If a Meditation piece is chosen, please write it on the Communion line next to the Communion piece.

Hymns

- “Abide With Me”
- “How Great Thou Art”
- “I Am the Bread of Life”
- “I Lift Up My Eyes” (Text: Psalm 121)
- “Prayer of St. Francis”
- “Psalm 23—I Am the Good Shepherd” (Hytreck)—excluded during Lent
- “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Solo Pieces

- “Ave Verum Corpus” (please specify composer...Elgar or Mozart)
- “O Rest in the Lord” (from *Elijah*)--Mendelssohn
- “Panis Angelicus”—Franck
- “Pié Jesu”—Fauré (written for soprano voice)
- “The Lord's Prayer”--solo (Malotte)

Recessional Hymn--Please select one of the following

- “Amazing Grace”
- “Dwellers in the Holy City” (LAUDA ANIMA)
- “Faith of Our Fathers”
- “For All the Saints” (excluded during Lent)
- “How Great Thou Art”
- “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (excluded during Lent)
- “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”
- “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
- “O Lord, You Died That All Might Live” (tune of “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”)
- “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
- “Sing With All the Saints in Glory” (HYMN TO JOY)--excluded during Lent
- “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

(Hymns listed below are especially appropriate for those who served in the military or in uniform)

- “America, the Beautiful”
- “Battle Hymn of the Republic” (excluded during Lent)
- “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (MELITIA)
- “God of Our Fathers” (NATIONAL HYMN)

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OLD TESTAMENT - FIRST READING

Old Testament Reading #1

A reading from the book of Job

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with 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.

Old Testament Reading #2a (Long Form)

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 rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.

She fears not the snow for her household, all her charges are doubly clothed.

Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land. 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.

Old Testament Reading #2b (Short Form)

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 hands 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.

Old Testament Reading #3

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Children listen to your father, do what I tell you, and so be safe;
For the Lord honors the father in his children,
and holds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins;
he who honors his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his
own. He shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honors his father,
He who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

He serves his parents as he does his Lord.
Respect your father in deed as well as word,
so that blessing may come on you from him;
Since a father's blessing makes the houses of his
children firm.

The Word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading #4a (Long Form)

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is a time for everything under heaven. 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.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed us to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without our ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading #4b (Short Form)

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;
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The Word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading #5

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 us, indeed, they be punished, now 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.

Old Testament Reading #6

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just ones, though they 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 crown for us, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. The one who pleased God was loved; those who lived among sinners were transported, snatched away, lest wickedness pervert their minds or deceit beguile their souls.

Having become perfect in a short while, they reached the fullness of a long career; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord, therefore He sped them 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.

Old Testament Reading #7

A reading from the book of Sirach

Now will I praise those godly people, our ancestors, each in their own time. These were godly people whose virtues have not been forgotten; Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants;

Through God's covenant with them their family endures, their posterity, for their sake. And for all time their family will endure, their glory will never be blotted out; Their bodies are peacefully laid away, but their name lives on and on.

At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading #8

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 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 saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading #9

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.

Old Testament Reading #10

A reading from the book of Sirach

When one finds a faithful friend, His value is far beyond gold. He is clothed with strength and dignity, and he laughs at the days to come.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;
He who finds one finds a treasure.
A faithful friend is beyond price,
No sum can balance his worth.
Let your acquaintances be many,
But one in a thousand your faithful friend.
For he who loves his friends behaves accordingly,
and his friends will be like himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading #11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep.

I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places. In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT - SECOND READING

New Testament Reading #1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

“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 Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 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.

New Testament Reading #2

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that 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.

New Testament Reading #3a (Long Form)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into the 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.

New Testament Reading #3b (Short Form)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading #4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? 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 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.

New Testament Reading #5

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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."

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading #6

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Love never fails. There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading #7

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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

New Testament Reading #8

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

New Testament Reading #9

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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.

New Testament Reading #9a

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the
peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your
hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is
honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and
seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading #10

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

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

New Testament Reading #11

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, 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.

New Testament Reading #12

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

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 persevere, 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.

New Testament Reading #13

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

I am already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me; on that Day the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me—and not only to me but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading #14

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet, so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God.

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 God, for we shall see God as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading #15

A reading from the book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say,
"Write this down: 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 good works accompany them"

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament Reading #16

A reading from the book of Revelation

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. 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 from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my child.

The Word of the Lord

New Testament Reading #17

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which we are loved, even when we are dead through our transgressions, makes us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved, and raises us up with him, and makes us sit with Christ Jesus in the heavenly places, that in the coming ages God might show the immeasurable riches of God's own grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of your works, lest any of you should boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which path God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in it.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READINGS

Gospel Reading #1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. 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 shall 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.

Gospel Reading #2

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.

Gospel Reading #3

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 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.

Gospel Reading #4

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. 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.

Gospel Reading #5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Father, my disciples 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.

Gospel Reading #6

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 or she 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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Opening Prayer

Reader: For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

All Respond: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the family and friends of N. that the hope of new life in Jesus may be our consolation and strength. We pray to the Lord.

All Respond: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: 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.

All Respond: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: 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.

All Respond: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Priest: Closing Prayer