

# St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church



## Complete Funeral Planning Packet, Including Scriptures

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# Funeral Planning Packet: General Information

# General Information

(Please complete in preparation for meeting with our priest, deacon, or parish personnel)

# SECTION I

## Contact Information

1. Full Name of Deceased (Please Include Middle Name):

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2. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Age at Time of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Place of Residence (at Time of Death): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Primary Contact (for Funeral Arrangements):

a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION II

### Arrangements Prior to the Funeral

1. Day and Date of the Funeral: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Time of Funeral: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Church: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Celebrant: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Celebrant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Type of Service:
  - a. With Mass: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Without Mass: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Grave-side Only: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Funeral Home w/Burial \_\_\_\_\_
6. Visitation Prior to the Funeral:    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No
  - a. If Yes:  
    Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
    Time (for Family): \_\_\_\_\_  
    Time (for Public): \_\_\_\_\_  
    Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_
7. Prayers Prior to the Funeral:    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No
  - a. If Yes, Check One:  
  
    Vigil Prayer Service for the Deceased:    \_\_\_  
  
    Rosary    \_\_\_\_\_
8. Cremation:    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No
  - a. If Yes:    \_\_\_ Prior to Funeral    \_\_\_ After Funeral
9. Burial:    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

a. Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Will the Celebrant preside at the burial/interment? \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

c. If not, name of other minister:  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6

# The Funeral Liturgy

(To be completed by family and then reviewed with  
priest or parish personnel)

**St. Jude the Apostle Church  
ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Mass of Christian Burial**

<b>Part</b>	<b>Fulfilled By</b>
1. Welcome and Invitation to Song	Cantor (Song Leader)
2. Gathering Song	Cantor (Song Leader)
3. Blessing of the Body	Celebrant
4. Placing of the Funeral Pall	Family or Other
5. Opening Prayer	Celebrant
6. Scripture Reading (from Scripture Packet):	
	Page #, Reading #: _____
	Reader Name: _____
7. Psalm Response (Sung)	Cantor (Song Leader)
8. Scripture Reading	Page #, Reading #: _____
	Reader Name: _____
9. Gospel Acclamation	Cantor (Song Leader)
10. Proclamation of the Gospel	Priest or Deacon
11. Homily	Priest or Deacon
12. Intercessory Prayers	Priest or Deacon
<b>Part</b>	<b>Fulfilled By</b>



13. Presentation of the Gifts

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14. Closing Prayer

Celebrant

15. Final Commendation and Farewell

Celebrant/Cantor (Song Leader)

16. Blessing

Celebrant

17. Closing Song

Cantor (Song Leader)

# Music Selections

(See Next Page Also)

(To be completed by family, with music ministers, and then reviewed with priest or parish personnel)

**Please Note**

For all funerals, please contact Ms. Beth Altazan at  
225-315-6377 (Cell)  
225-219-3958 (Work)

to arrange music. Even if you would like to ask someone else to sing and/or play music, you are asked to contact Ms. Altazan first.

# Musical Selections for the Funeral Mass

Song(s) Prior to the Mass: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gathering Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm Response: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of Gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Song(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Closing Song: \_\_\_\_\_

# SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE FUNERAL

Attached is a list of scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments and the Gospels. These are some of the most commonly used scriptures for funerals.

If there is another scripture that you all would like to use, that's fine. Just let us know and we will prepare the text for the funeral.

Reading I should be from the Old Testament, Reading II from the New Testament.

Once you have made your selections, please text or email me the following information:

## Reading I: Old Testament

Page # \_\_\_\_\_

Reading # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Someone to Read: \_\_\_\_\_

## Responsorial Psalm

(This is sung.)

## Reading II: New Testament

Page # \_\_\_\_\_

Reading # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Someone to Read: \_\_\_\_\_

## Gospel Reading

Page # \_\_\_\_\_

(Priest or Deacon will read this)

# OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

## 1     **Jb 19, 1. 23-27**

A reading from the book of Job

I know that my redeemer lives.  
Job answered 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.

## 2     **Wis 3, 1-9 or 3, 1-6. 9**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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

## **2.A (Short Form)**

But 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.  
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Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

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### 3 Wis 4, 7-14

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 our crown,  
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.  
He who pleased God was loved;  
he who lived among sinners was transported.  
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.

### 4 Is 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.

**5 Lam 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.

## 6. Dn 12, 1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

[I, Daniel, mourned and I 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.

## 7     2 Mc 12, 43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas [the ruler of Israel] then 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.

# NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

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**(Please Select 1)**

**1.           2 Tm 4, 6-8. 16-18**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,  
who will judge the living and the dead,  
and by his appearing and his kingly power:

proclaim the word;  
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;  
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

Be self-possessed in all circumstances;  
put up with hardship;  
perform the work of an evangelist;  
fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have competed well;  
I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.  
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day,  
and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

## **2. Acts 10, 34-43 or 10, 34-36. 42-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Long Form)

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. This is the message he has sent to the son of Israel, 'the good news of peace' proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all. I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him finally, 'hanging him on a tree,' only to have God raise him up on the third day and grant that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God -- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify, saying that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

OR

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The Word of the Lord.

### 3. Rom 5, 5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

### 4. Rom 5, 17-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one man, Jesus Christ.

To sum up, then: just as a single offense brought condemnation to all men, a single righteous act brought all men acquittal and life. Just as through one man's disobedience all became sinners, so through one man's obedience all shall become just.

The law came in order to increase offenses; but despite the increase of sin, grace has far surpassed it, so that, as sin reigned through death, grace may reign by way of justice leading to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

## **5. Rom 6, 3-9 or 6, 3-4. 8-9**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(Long Form)

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

OR

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The Word of the Lord.



## **6. Rom 8, 14-23**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which we cry out, "Abba!" (that is, "Father"). The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him.

I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us. Indeed, the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God. Creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but by him who once subjected it; yet not without hope, because the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. Yes, we know that all creation groans and is in agony even until now. Not only that, but we ourselves, although we have the Spirit as first fruits, groan inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies. The Word of the Lord.

## **7. Rom 8, 31-35. 37-39**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

## **8. Rom 14, 7-9. 10-12**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

pg. 25 **REMINDER:** the date and time of the funeral cannot be scheduled without first speaking with someone in our Parish Office. Please make sure that the funeral home calls us prior to finalizing the arrangements.

None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. We shall all have to appear before the judgment seat of God. It is written, "As surely 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.

## **9. 1 Cor 15, 20-24. 25-28**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Death came through a man; hence the resurrection of the dead comes through a man also. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming, all those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when, after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority, and power, he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads that God "has placed all things under his feet." But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will then subject himself to the One who made all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

## **10. 1 Cor 15, 51-57**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I am going to tell you a mystery. Not all of us shall fall asleep, but all of us are to be changed -- in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, this mortal body with immortality. When the corruptible frame takes on incorruptibility and the mortal immortality, then will the saying of Scripture be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

## **10. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

We know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed we have a dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but to last forever. Therefore we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat, we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please him whether we are with him or away from him. The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad, according to his life in the body.

The Word of the Lord.

## **11. Phil 3, 20-21**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

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We have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

## **12. 1 Thes 4, 13-18**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death, brothers; otherwise you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in him. We say to you, as if the Lord himself had said it, that we who live, who survive until his coming, will in no way have an advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, the Lord himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thenceforth we shall be with the Lord unceasingly. Console one another with this message.

The Word of the Lord.

### 13. 2 Tm 2, 8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, was raised from the dead. This is the gospel I preach; in preaching it I suffer as a criminal, even to the point of being thrown into chains -- but there is no chaining the word of God! Therefore I bear with all of this for the sake of those whom God has chosen, in order that they may obtain the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

You can depend on this:

If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;

If we hold out to the end  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he will still remain faithful; for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

### 14. 1 Jn 3, 1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
in letting us be called children of God!

Yet that in fact is what we are.

The reason the world does not recognize us  
is that it never recognized the Son.

Dearly beloved,  
we are God's children now;  
what we shall later be has not yet come to light.

We know that when it comes to light  
we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

## 15. 1 Jn 3, 14-16

A reading from the first letter of John

That we have passed from death to life we know  
because we love the brothers.

The man who does not love is among the living dead.

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer,  
and you know that eternal life  
abides in no murderer's heart.

The way we came to understand love  
was that he laid down his life for us;  
we too must lay down our lives for our brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

## 16. Revelation 14, 13

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me: "Write this down: Happy now are the  
dead who die in the Lord!" The Spirit added, "Yes, they shall find rest from their  
labors, for their good works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

## **17. Revelation 20, 11--21, 1**

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, saw a large white throne and the One who sat on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence until they could no longer be seen. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne. Lastly, among the scrolls, the book of the living was opened. The dead were judged according to their conduct as recorded on the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then death and the nether world gave up their dead. Each person was judged according to his conduct. Then death and the nether world were hurled into the pool of fire which is the second death; anyone whose name was not found inscribed in the book of the living was hurled into this pool of fire.

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there.

The Word of the Lord.

## **18. Revelation 21, 1-5. 6-7**

A reading from the book of Revelation

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

# GOSPEL READINGS

## (Please Select 1)



## 1. Matthew 5:1-12a

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

## 2. Matthew 11:25-30

*Come to me and I will give you rest.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### 3. Matthew 25:1-13

*Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins  
who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,  
brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,  
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

'Give us some of your oil,  
for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise ones replied,

'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came

and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'

But he said in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### 4. Matthew 25:31-46

*Come, you who are blessed by my Father.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the angels with him,  
he will sit upon his glorious throne,  
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,  
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,  
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me,  
naked and you clothed me,  
ill and you cared for me,  
in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,  
or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,  
or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left,

'Depart from me, you accursed,  
into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food,

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,  
naked and you gave me no clothing,  
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty

or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,  
and not minister to your needs?'  
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,  
what you did not do for one of these least ones,  
you did not do for me.'  
And these will go off to eternal punishment,  
but the righteous to eternal life."

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5. Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 (short form, 15:33-39)

*Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.*

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [ ] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
At noon darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon.  
And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"  
which is translated,  
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,  
"Look, he is calling Elijah."  
One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed,  
and gave it to him to drink, saying,  
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."  
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.  
The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.  
When the centurion who stood facing him  
saw how he breathed his last he said,  
"Truly this man was the Son of God!"  
[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, clothed 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."]

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## 6. Luke 7:11-17

*Young man, I tell you, arise!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,  
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.  
As he drew near to the gate of the city,  
a man who had died was being carried out,  
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.  
A large crowd from the city was with her.  
When the Lord saw her,  
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,  
"Do not weep."  
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;  
at this the bearers halted,  
and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!"  
The dead man sat up and began to speak,  
and Jesus gave him to his mother.  
Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,  
"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"  
and "God has visited his people."  
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea  
and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

7. Luke 12:35-40

*You also must be prepared.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps

and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants

whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,

have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch

and find them prepared in this way,

blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour

when the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,

the Son of Man will come."

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8. Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a (short form, 23:44-46, 50, 52-53)  
*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [ ] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon  
because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";  
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,  
though he was a member of the council,  
went to Pilate and asked for the Body of Jesus.

After he had taken the Body down,  
he wrapped it in a linen cloth  
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb  
in which no one had yet been buried.

[At daybreak on the first day of the week  
the women took the spices they had prepared  
and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb;  
but when they entered,  
they did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were puzzling over this, behold,  
two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.

They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them,  
"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?  
He is not here, but he has been raised."]

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9. Luke 24:13-35 (short form, 24:13-16, 28-35)

*Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?*

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [ ] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week,

two of the disciples of Jesus were going

to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem,

and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,

Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,

but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

[He asked them,

"What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem

who does not know of the things

that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him,

"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,

who was a prophet mighty in deed and word

before God and all the people,

how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over

to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;

and besides all this,

it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:

they were at the tomb early in the morning

and did not find his Body;

they came back and reported

that they had indeed seen a vision of angels

who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb

and found things just as the women had described,

but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are!

How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things  
and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him  
in all the Scriptures.]

As they approached the village to which they were going,  
Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther.

But they urged him, "Stay with us,  
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table,  
he took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,  
but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,

"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem  
where they found gathered together

the Eleven and those with them, who were saying,

"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted

what had taken place on the way

and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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10. John 6:37-40

*Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,  
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will  
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,  
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,  
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,  
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life,  
and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 11. John 6:51-58

*Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh  
for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,  
"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood,  
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
has eternal life,  
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food,  
and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father,  
so also the one who feeds on me  
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.  
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,  
whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

12. John 11:17-27 (short form, 11:21-27)

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [ ] for the short form of this reading.

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.

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary

to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,

she went to meet him;

but Mary sat at home.]

Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if you had been here,

my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,

God will give you."

Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him,

"I know he will rise,

in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her,

"I am the resurrection and the life;

whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,

the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

13.John 11:32-45

*Lazarus, come out!*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,  
she fell at his feet and said to him,  
"Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,  
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,  
"Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said,

"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man  
have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

"Lord, by now there will be a stench;  
he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you that if you believe  
you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

"Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this,  
that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this,

he cried out in a loud voice,

"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out,

tied hand and foot with burial bands,  
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to the 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

14. John 12:23-28 (short form, 12:23-26)

*If it dies, it produces much fruit.*

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [ ] for the short form of this reading.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 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."]

The Gospel of the Lord.



15.John 14:1-6

*In my Father's house there are many dwellings.*

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.

16. John 17:24-26

*I wish that where I am they also may be with me.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,

that they may see my glory that you gave me,

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,

but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known,

that the love with which you loved me

may be in them and I in them."

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17. John 19:17-18, 25-39

*And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,

he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,

in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others,

one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother

and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,

and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved,

he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."

Then he said to the disciple,

"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished,

in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,

Jesus said, "I thirst."  
There was a vessel filled with common wine.  
So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop  
and put it up to his mouth.  
When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,  
"It is finished."  
And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.  
Now since it was preparation day,  
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath,  
for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,  
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken  
and they be taken down.  
So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first  
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.  
But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,  
they did not break his legs,  
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,  
and immediately Blood and water flowed out.  
An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;  
he knows that he is speaking the truth,  
so that you also may come to believe.  
For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:  
*Not a bone of it will be broken.*  
And again another passage says:  
*They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea,  
secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,  
asked Pilate if he could remove the Body of Jesus.  
And Pilate permitted it.  
So he came and took his Body.  
Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night,  
also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes  
weighing about one hundred pounds.

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