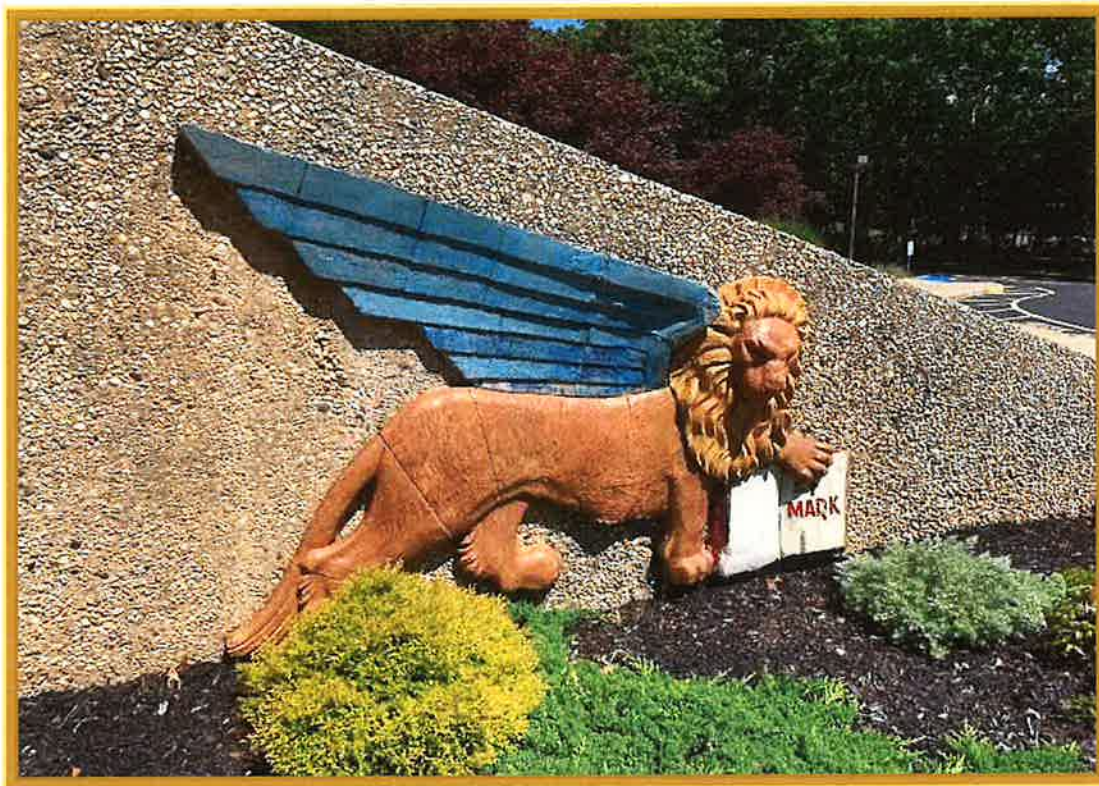




*Reading Selections
for the
Mass of Christian Burial*



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"I am the Resurrection and the Life"
says, the Lord:
"whoever believes in me,
though they should die,
will come to Life;
and whoever is alive
and believes in me
will never die."





To our Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Please accept our deepest condolences and sorrow at the death of your loved one. The parish of St. Mark, the members of our Ministry of Consolation along with the Pastoral Staff are there to help you in any way possible in the days ahead. Please know that we would look upon it as a great honor to be of service to you and your family.

We welcome your participation in the preparation and celebration of your loved one's funeral Mass. If you desire, you may select the readings, which can be found in this booklet, for the funeral Mass. Please choose one reading from the Old Testament (First Reading), the New Testament (Second Reading) and the Gospel selections. *If you wish not to be involved in the selection of readings, the Priest will select the readings to be proclaimed at Mass.* If you wish to have a family member(s) proclaim the Old Testament (First) reading and New Testament (Second) reading, let the Consolation Minister know their names. They will be called, by name, to the ambo at the appropriate time. (Note: the Deacon or Priest always proclaims the Gospel at the funeral Mass.) You will also find selections for the Prayer of the Faithful, which again may be delivered by a member of the family; please just give their name to the Consolation Minister.

Family members and friends are invited to bring up the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass. Church (Canon) law dictates that only the bread and the wine may be presented, however the procession may have two, four or six people in it.

At the beginning of the funeral liturgy a white garment called a pall will be placed on the coffin; a reminder of our Baptismal garment and a symbol of our inheritance in Christ. A family member(s) might wish to place a sign of the Christian life and devotion that the departed lived, for example: the placing of a Bible, a crucifix or a rosary.

Finally, if you wish to offer any pertinent information about the life, hobbies, etc. of the departed please do so and give it to the Consolation Minister or Funeral Director, who will pass it on to the priest celebrating the funeral Mass.

May you have the consolation of our Faith- the promise that, for those who believe, 'Life is changed not ended!'

✠ The Pastoral Staff & Members of St. Mark Parish Ministry of Consolation

St. Mark RC Church

Policy on Eulogies / "Words of Remembrance"

Occurring at Funeral Masses

While, the directives of Canon Law state that eulogies or "words of remembrance" are not and can not be forbidden to be offered at a funeral liturgy; it is the opinion of the Pastoral Staff of St. Mark Parish, that the funeral mass is not time for eulogies or "words of remembrance".

*Rather, they are more appropriate either at the Vigil (Wake Service)
or at the Rite of Committal at the cemetery.*

As Christians we find our meaning in life not simply as individuals, but as members of the Body of Christ. As believers, we live the mystery of Christ's dying and rising in union with our brothers and sisters who in union with Christ, share that most intimate of communions in the Spirit with each and all. We live our lives in the community of the Church.

Therefore, it should be remembered that the funeral Mass, indeed any Eucharistic celebration, is first and foremost the Church's celebration of the paschal mystery; the celebration of Jesus' dying and rising. The Eucharist is never any one individual's or group's Mass, but is always a communal celebration and so a healthy balance between the two poles of the larger sense of the universal church and the needs of any particular assembly must be maintained.

As such, a community marks the loss of one of its individual members, with his or her own personal history, but does so within the larger context of Christ's dying and rising. The funeral Mass always looks at the deceased person's life in light of the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection and how this person lived a Christian life.

Therefore, the funeral Mass is not the appropriate place for remarks by friends or family because they often are simply a recounting of personal stories and memories about incidents in the life of the deceased, which seem to serve the need of the one offering the remarks for closure to "unfinished business". While such recollection of these anecdotes, personal and family reminiscences and expressions of personal grieving is healthy and positive within the entire process of mourning, the proper time for them is at one of the moments of the Church's prayer other than the funeral Mass.

It is, therefore, the public policy of St. Mark' Parish, to encourage the offering of said eulogies or "words of remembrance at the Vigil (Wake Service) or at the Rite of Committal at the cemetery. If a family insists to offer a Eulogy or some "Words of Remembrance" at the funeral mass, their right under Canon Law, the following points must be adhered to:

- *there will be only **one** eulogy or remembrance offered*
- *it will be no longer than **three (3) minutes** in duration*
- *it must be **typed** out before hand & **copy given to the priest** celebrating the liturgy*
- *it must be **focused on the faith life of the deceased***
- *it will be offered at the very beginning of the liturgy.*

Families should also remember that eulogies are **NOT** required or even integral to the church's celebration of the funeral rites. It is entirely appropriate not to have a **Eulogy** at all, since in actuality the prayers and rites of the church give us the proper language and say all that needs to be said about the mystery of Christian death. In the same way, **Words of Remembrance** are not required or even integral to the church's celebration of the funeral rites.

These guidelines are necessary in order to maintain the integrity of the rite of the Funeral Mass, and we thank you for your cooperation with them.

✠ **The Pastoral Staff of St. Mark Parish**

I Remember, I Remember

By Joy Johnson, Centering Corporation

*In the Spring,
when the first crocus pokes its head out of the frozen ground
I think of you and I remember. . .
I remember. . .*

*In the Summer,
when the blazing heat wilts the rose petals
and paints unsightly cracks in the ground,
I think of you and I remember. . .
I remember. . .*

*In the Autumn,
when the trees are ablaze in the glory of Fall,
and my shoes make crackling sounds as I walk,
I think of you and I remember. . .
I remember. . .*

*And in the Winter,
when I stand at my window to watch a blizzard whirl snow around my grief and loneliness
then too, I think of you and I remember. . .
I remember. . .*



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We host within the parish a bereavement group. We invite you after a period of five months from the death of your loved one to consider attending. For more information, please call the Rectory and leave message for Catherine; extension 341.

OLD TESTAMENT

Reading Selections

FIRST READING

<i>ID</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Citation</i>	<i>Theme</i>
OT-1	2	2 Maccabees 12: 43-46	<i>It is good to think of the dead rising again</i>
OT-2	3	Job 19: 1, 23-27a	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>
OT-3	4	Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9	<i>He accepted them as a holocaust</i>
OT-4	5	Wisdom 4: 7-15	<i>A blameless life is a ripe old age</i>
OT-5	6	Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9	<i>The Lord God will destroy death forever</i>
OT-6	7	Lamentations 3: 17-26	<i>It is good to wait for the Lord God to save</i>
OT-7	8	Daniel 12: 1-3	<i>Of those who lie sleeping, many will awake</i>
OT-8	9	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11	<i>To everything there is a season</i>
OT-9	10	Song of Solomon 8: 6-7	<i>Love is as strong as death</i>
OT-10	10	Micah 6: 8	<i>This is what the Lord asks of you</i>
OT-11	11	Sirach 44: 1, 10-15	<i>Their name lives on, heir wisdom retold</i>
OT-12	12	Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10	<i>God himself will come and save us</i>
OT-13	13	Isaiah 61: 1-3	<i>God has sent me to comfort all who mourn</i>
OT-14	14	Isaiah 65: 17-19, 21, 23-24	<i>No longer weeping or mourning</i>
OT-15	15	Ezekiel 34: 11-16	<i>I will watch over my sheep</i>
OT-16	16	Zephaniah 3: 16-20	<i>I will gather you up and bring you home</i>
OT-17	17	Proverbs 31: 10-31	<i>Qualities of a faithful woman</i>
OT-18	18	Proverbs 31: 10-31	<i>Qualities of a faithful man</i>
OT-19	19	Isaiah 43: 1a-3a	<i>You have been called by name</i>

In Lent: The following is particularly appropriate:

OT-12 Pg 12 Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 *God himself will come and save us*

In the Easter Season: The following should be used for the First Reading:

NT-1 pg 20 Acts 10: 34-43 *Jesus appointed to judge the living & the dead*

NT-2 pg 21 Revelation 14: 13 *Happy are those who die in the Lord*

NT-3 pg 22 Revelation 20: 11-13 ... *The dead are judged according to their works*

NT-4 pg 23 Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7 *There will be no more death*

In the Easter Season: The following are particularly appropriate Gospels:

Gospel-17 pg 70 John 10: 11-18 *I am the good shepherd*

Gospel 18 pg 74 John 11: 17-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*

Gospel-19 pg 75 John 11: 32-45 *Lazarus, come out*

PSALMS

The Psalms, as by Liturgical rubrics, will always be sung and not recited.

NEW TESTAMENT

Reading Selections

SECOND READING

<i>ID</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Citation</i>	<i>Theme</i>
NT-1	21	Acts 10: 34-43	<i>God appointed Jesus to judge the living & the dead</i>
NT-2	22	Revelation 14: 13	<i>Happy are those who die in the Lord</i>
NT-3	23	Revelation 20: 11-13, 21:1 ...	<i>The dead are judged according to their works</i>
NT-4	24	Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b- 7	<i>There will be no more death</i>
NT-5	25	Romans 5: 5-11	<i>God has entrusted his love to us</i>
NT-6	26	Romans 5: 17-21	<i>Where sin increased, grace abounded the more</i>
NT-7	27	Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9 <i>Short</i>	<i>Let us walk in newness of life</i>
NT-8	28	Romans 6: 3-9 <i>Long</i>	<i>Let us walk in newness of life</i>
NT-9	29	Romans 8: 14-23	<i>We wait for our bodies to be set free</i>
NT-10	30	Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39	<i>Who can come between us and the love of Christ</i>
NT-11	31	Romans 14: 7-12	<i>Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord</i>
NT-12	32	1 Corinthians 15: 20-28	<i>All people will be brought to life in Christ</i>
NT-13	33	1 Corinthians 15: 51-57	<i>Death is swallowed up in victory</i>
NT-14	34	2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1 ..	<i>What is seen is temporary; unseen is eternal</i>
NT-15	35	2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10	<i>We have an everlasting home in heaven</i>
NT-16	36	Philippians 3: 20-21	<i>Jesus will transfigure our bodies to be like his</i>
NT-17	37	1 John 3: 1-2, 14-15 ...	<i>We have passed from death to life because we love</i>
NT-18	38	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	<i>We shall stay with the Lord for ever</i>
NT-19	39	1 John 3: 14-1	<i>We shall see God as he really is</i>
NT-20	40	2 Timothy 2: 8-13	<i>If we have died with him, we shall live with him</i>
NT-21	41	Ephesians 3: 14-21	<i>Experience a love beyond telling</i>
NT-22	42	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	<i>I fought the fight and finished the race</i>
NT-23	43	1 Peter 1: 3-9	<i>We are given new birth into everlasting life</i>
NT-24	44	Revelation 22: 1-7	<i>We shall see God face to face</i>
NT-25	45	Colossians 3: 12-17	<i>Put on the truth of Christ</i>
NT-26	46	Romans 12: 9-18	<i>Let your love be sincere</i>
NT-27	47	Philippians 4: 4-9	<i>Do what you have learned from me, heard from me and the God of Peace will be with you</i>
NT-27A	48	Philippians 4: 4-9	<i>Do what you have learned from me, heard from me and the God of Peace will be with you</i>

GOSPEL

Reading Selections

GOSPEL READING

<i>ID</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Citation</i>	<i>Theme</i>
Gospel-1	50	Matthew 5: 1-12a ...	<i>Rejoice, be glad, your reward will be great</i>
Gospel-2	51	Matthew 6: 19-23 ...	<i>Where your treasure is, there your heart is</i>
Gospel-3	52	Matthew 11: 25-30	<i>Come to me and I will give you rest</i>
Gospel-4	53	Matthew 25: 1-13 .	<i>The bridegroom comes. Go out to meet Him</i>
Gospel-5	54	Matthew 25: 31-46	<i>Come, you whom my Father has blessed</i>
Gospel-6	56	Mark 15: 33-39, 16: 1-6	<i>Jesus breathed his last</i>
Gospel-7	57	John 10: 27-30	<i>I give my sheep eternal life</i>
Gospel-8	58	Luke 7: 11-17	<i>Young man, I say to you, arise</i>
Gospel-9	59	Luke 12: 35-40	<i>Be prepared</i>
Gospel-10	60	Luke 23: 33, 39-43	<i>Today you will be with me in paradise</i>
Gospel-11	61	Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53 ...	<i>Father, I put my life in your hands</i>
Gospel-12	62	Luke 24: 13-35	<i>Christ must suffer and so enter His glory</i>
Gospel-13	65	John 6: 37-40	<i>All who believe in the Son will have life</i>
Gospel-14	66	John 3: 13-17	<i>All who believe will have eternal life</i>
Gospel-15	67	John 5: 24-29	<i>Whoever hears my word passes from death to life</i>
Gospel-16	68	John 6: 51-59	<i>All who eats this bread will live forever</i>
Gospel-17	69	John 10: 11-18	<i>I am the good shepherd</i>
Gospel-18	70	John 11: 17-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
Gospel-19	71	John 11: 32-45	<i>Lazarus, come out</i>
Gospel-20	73	John 12: 23-28	<i>A grain of wheat dies, it yields a rich harvest</i>
Gospel-21	74	John 14: 1-6	<i>There are many rooms in my Father's house</i>
Gospel-22	75	John 17: 24-26	<i>Where I am, there you will be with me</i>
Gospel-23	76	John 19: 17-18, 25-39	<i>It is finished; Jesus gave up his spirit</i>
Gospel-24	77	Matthew 25: 14-21	<i>Well done faithful servant, share your Master's joy</i>
Gospel-25	78	Mark 4: 35-41	<i>Why are you afraid?</i>
Gospel-26	79	John 16: 16-22 ...	<i>Your pain will pass like a woman in labor; I will see you again</i>



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OLD TESTAMENT SELECTIONS



Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord

Isaiah 40: 1

OT-1

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

2 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,
in as much 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.

OT-2

A reading from the Book of Job

Job 19: 1, 23-27a

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.

OT-3

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom 3: 1-6, 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 in the eyes of 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.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

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

The word of the Lord.

OT-4

A reading from the Book of Wisdom
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.

OT-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 25: 6a, 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 be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we look to save us!
This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

OT-6

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

Lamentation 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.

OT-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

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.

OT-8

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

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 for men to be busied about.
 He has made everything appropriate to its time,
 and has put the timeless into their hearts,
 without men's ever discovering,
 from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The word of the Lord.

OT-9

A reading from the Song of Solomon

Song of Songs 8: 6-7

Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm;

For stern as death is love,
relentless as the nether world is devotion;
its flames are a blazing fire.

Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor floods sweep it away.

Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love,
he would be roundly mocked.

The word of the Lord.

OT-10

A reading from the prophet Micah

Micah 6:8

This is what the Lord asks of you,
only this:
to act justly;
to love tenderly;
and to walk humbly with your God.

The word of the Lord.

OT-11

A reading from the book of Sirach

Sirach 44: 1, 10-15

Now will I praise those godly people,
our ancestors, each in his own time;

Those 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 progeny 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.

OT-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.

They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;

They will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;

With divine recompense
he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;

Then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the dumb will sing.

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;

They will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.

The word of the Lord.

OT-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 61: 1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;

***He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,***

To proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,

To announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;

To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,

***To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.***

The word of the Lord.

OT-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 65: 17-19, 21, 23-24

Lo, I am about to create new heavens
 and a new earth;

The things of the past shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.

Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness
 in what I create;

For I create Jerusalem to be a joy
 and its people to be a delight;

I will rejoice in Jerusalem
 and exult in my people.

No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there,
 or the sound of crying;

No longer shall there be in it an infant
 who lives but a few days,
 or an old man
 who does not round out his full lifetime;

He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years,
 and who fails a hundred
 shall be thought accursed.

They shall live in the houses they build,
 and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.

The word of the Lord.

OT-15

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel
Ezekiel 34: 11-16

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 from the foreign lands;
I will bring them back to their own country
and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel.

In good pastures will I pasture them,
and on the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their grazing ground.

There they shall lie down on good 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.

OT-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah
Zephaniah 3: 16-17, 19-20

Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior.

He will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love.

He will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

At that time, I will bring you home,
and at that time I will gather you.

For I will give you renown and praise,
among all the peoples of the earth,

When I bring about your restoration
before your very eyes, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

OT-17

A reading adapted from Proverbs 31: 10-31

When one finds a faithful (wife) woman
her value is far beyond pearls.

Her (husband) family, entrusting their heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.

She brings them good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She rises while it is still night and prepares food for her household.

She is clothed with strength, and sturdy are her arms.

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

She fears not the snow for her household;
all her family are warmly clothed.

She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom; and on her tongue is kindly instruction.

She watches the conduct of her family;
there is no bread of idleness for her.

Her children stand up and praise her
(her husband also extols her).

For many women have done admirable things,
but you have surpassed them all.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
but the woman who fears the Lord is the one to be praised.

Give her, O Lord, a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the heavenly gates.

The Word of the Lord.

OT-18

A reading adapted from Proverbs 31: 10-31

When one finds a faithful (husband) man
his value is far beyond anything.

His (wife) family, entrusting their heart to him,
has an unfailing prize.

He brings them good, and not evil, all the days of his life.

He rises while it is still night and prepares to labor for his household.

He is clothed with strength, and sturdy are his arms.

He reaches out his hands to the poor and opens his arms to the needy.

He fears not the snow for his household;
all his family are warmly clothed.

He laughs at the days to come, speaks with wisdom;
and on his tongue is patient instruction.

He watches the conduct of his family;
there is no bread of idleness for him.

His children stand up and praise him,
(his wife also extols him).

For many men have done admirable things,
but he has surpassed them all;
for the man who fears the Lord is the one to be praised.

Give him, O Lord, a reward of his labors,
and let his works praise him at the heavenly gates.

The Word of the Lord.

OT-19

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 43: 1a-3a

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through waters, I will be with you;
Through rivers, you shall not be swept away.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor will flames consume you.
For I, the Lord, am your God, the Holy One, your savior.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT SELECTIONS



In Life and Death, we are the Lord's

Romans 14: 8

NT-1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10: 34-36, 42-43

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all.

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.

NT-2

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 14: 13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” said the Spirit,

“let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them.”

The word of the Lord.

NT-3

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 20: 11, 21: 1

I, John, saw a large white throne
 with the one who was sitting upon it.
The earth and the sky fled from his presence
 and there was no place for them.
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly,
 standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.
The dead were judged according to their deeds,
 by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead:
 then Death and Hades gave up their dead.
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.
(This pool of fire is the second death.)
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life
 was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
 and the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord.

NT-4

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they shall be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”

I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts,
And I shall be his / her God
and he / she shall be my son / daughter.”

The word of the Lord.

NT-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 5: 5-11

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured 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 the courage to die.

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more than, 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.

NT-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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 righteous act,
acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one
the many will be made righteous.

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

The word of the Lord.

NT-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 6: 3-9 (Short version vs. 3-4, 8-9)

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.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

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

The word of the Lord.

NT-8

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Romans 6: 3-9 (Long version)

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 a union with him
through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

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

The word of the Lord.

NT-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 8: 14-23

Brother and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are (children) 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 expectations
the revelation of the children of God;
for creation was made subject to futility,
not of its own accord
but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself
would be set free from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains
even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

NT-10

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Romans 8: 31b-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 the 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 creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

NT-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Romans 14: 7-9, 10c-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 sister)?
Or you, why do you look down on your brother (or sister)?

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

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

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

The word of the Lord.

NT-12

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.

For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the first fruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.

For he must reign
until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for *he subjected everything under his feet.*

But when it says that everything has been subjected,
it is clear that it excludes the one
who subjected everything to him.

When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

NT-13

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.

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

And when this which is corruptible-
clothes itself with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?*

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

The word of the Lord.

NT-14

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
2 Corinthians 4: 14- 5: 1

Brothers and sisters:

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.

NT-15

A reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.

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 may receive recompense,
according to what (we) did in the body,
whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

NT-16

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians
Philippians 3: 20-21

Brothers and sisters:

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.

NT-17

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

1 John 3: 1-2, 14-15

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
That we may be called children of God.
Yet so we are.

The reason that the world doesn't 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.

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 (or sister) is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer
has eternal life remaining in (them).

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

The word of the Lord.

NT-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians
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.

NT-19

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

1 John 3: 1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed,

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

NT-20

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy
2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Beloved:

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.

NT-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 3: 14-21

That is why I kneel before the Father
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth takes its name;
and I pray that he will bestow on you
gifts in keeping with the riches of his glory.

May he strengthen you inwardly
through the workings of his Spirit.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith
and may charity be the root and foundation of your life.

Thus, you will be able to grasp fully, with all the holy ones,
the breath and length
and height and depth of Christ's love,
and experience this love
which surpasses all knowledge,
so that you may attain to the fullness of God himself.

To him whose power now at work in us
can do immeasurably more
than we ask or imagine-
to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus through all generations,
world without end. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

NT-22

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

I am already being poured out like a libation.

The time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight,

I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

From now on 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.

But the Lord stood by my side and gave me strength,

so that through me

the preaching task might be completed

and all the nations might hear the gospel.

That is how I was saved from the lion's jaws.

The Lord will continue to rescue me

from all attempts to do me harm

and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

NT-23

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,
who are being protected by the power of God
through faith for a salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice,
even if now for a little while
you have had to suffer various trials,
so that the genuineness of your faith-
being more precious than gold that,
though perishable, is tested by the fire-
may be found to result in praise and glory and honor
when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him;
and even though you do not see him now,
you believe in him
and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
for you are receiving the outcome of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

NT-24

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 22: 1-7

The angel then showed me, John,
the river of life-giving water, clear as crystal,
which issued from the throne of God and of the Lamb
and flowed down the middle of the streets.

On either side of the river grew the trees of life
which produce fruit twelve times a year, once each month;
their leaves serve as medicine for the nations.

Nothing deserving a curse shall be found there.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and his servants shall serve him faithfully.

They shall see him face to face
and bear his name on their foreheads.

The night shall be no more.

They will need no light from lamps or the sun,
for the Lord God shall give them light,
and they shall reign forever.

The angel said to me:

“These words are trustworthy and true;
the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits,
has sent his angel to show his servants
what must happen very soon.

“Remember, I am coming soon!
Happy the man (person)
who heeds the prophetic message of this book!”

The word of the Lord.

NT-25

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians
Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.
And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body;
and be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
The word of the Lord.

NT-26

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 12: 9-18

Let love be sincere;

hate what is evil, hold on to what is good;

love one another with mutual affection;

anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.

Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Have the same regard for one another;

do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;

do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil;

be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.

If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

The word of the Lord.

NT-27

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4: 4-9

Brothers and sisters:

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.

NT-27 A

A reading adapted from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: 4- 4-9

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord.

There is no need to worry;

But if there is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God with gratefulness, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can understand,
will fill your hearts and your thoughts.

And, finally, fill your lives with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure,
and everything that we loved and honor.

Keep doing all the things that you learned from me
and have heard or seen me do.

Then you will know that the God of peace is always with you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL SELECTIONS



I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord
John 11: 25

GOSPEL-1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 5: 1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he 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 those 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 shall 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-2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 6: 19-23

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and decay destroy,
and thieves break in and steal.

But store up treasures in heaven,
which neither moth nor decay destroy,
nor thieves break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

The lamp of the body is the eye.
If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light;
but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness.
And if the light in you is darkness,
how great will the darkness be!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-3

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
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 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-4

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 25: 1-13

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.

GOSPEL-5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit on his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on the 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?’

GOSPEL-5

Matthew 25: 31-46 (Continued)

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 did 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mark 15: 33-39; 16: 1-6

At noon darkness came over the whole land;
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, (*others were*) 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
 brought 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 10: 27-30

Jesus said to his disciples:

“My sheep hear my voice.

I know them,
and they follow me.

I give them eternal life,
and they shall never perish.
No one shall snatch them out of my hand.

My Father is greater than all, in what he has given me.
And there is no snatching out of his hand.

The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Luke 7: 11-17

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.

As he drew near 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 back 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 the whole of Judea
and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Luke 12: 35-40

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return
from the wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant upon his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at the 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 to be broken into.

You also must be prepared,
for at an hour that you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 23: 33, 39-43

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

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,
“Are You not the Christ?
Save yourself and us.”

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
“Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?

And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal.”

Then he was said,
“Jesus, remember me when You come into your kingdom.”

He replied to him,
“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53

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

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

Jesus, cried out in a loud voice,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit;”,
and when he 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 woman 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 has been raised.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Luke 24: 13-35

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.

GOSPEL-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 24: 13-35 (Continued)

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 had 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.

GOSPEL-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 24: 13-35 (Continued)

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 saying,

“The Lord has truly been raised
and has appeared to Simon!”

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 6: 37-40

Jesus said to the crowds:

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 3: 13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“No one has gone up to heaven
except the One who came down from there-
the Son of Man.

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that all who believe may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not die,
but, may have eternal life.

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 5: 24-29

Jesus answered the Jews: and said to them:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word,
and believes in the one who sent me,
has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,
but has passed from death into life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,
so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself.
And he gave him power to exercise judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this,
because the hour is coming
in which all who are in the tombs
will hear his voice and will come out,
those who have done good deeds
to a resurrection of life,
but those who have done wicked deeds
to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 6: 51-59

Jesus said to the crowds:

“I am the living bread that came 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 (them) 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 them.
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.”

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.”

GOSPEL-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 10: 11-18

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the good shepherd;
the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand who is no shepherd,
nor owner of the sheep,
catches sight of the wolf coming
and runs away,
leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.

That is because he works for pay;
he has no concern for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd.

I know my sheep and my sheep know me
in the same way that the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
for these sheep I will give my life.

I have other sheep
that do not belong to this fold.

I must lead them, too,
and they shall hear my voice.

There shall be one flock then, one shepherd.

The Father loves me for this:

that I lay down my life to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down freely.

I have power to lay it down,
and I have power to take it up again.

This command I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 11: 17-27

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,

“I know 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.

GOSPEL-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 11: 32-45

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

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

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept.

So, the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

But some of them said,
“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something
so that this man would not have died?”

So, Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.
Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him,
“Lord, by now there will be a stench;
for he has been dead for four days.”

GOSPEL-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 11: 32-45 (Continued)

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.

GOSPEL-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 12: 23-28

Jesus told his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
 unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
 it remains just a grain of wheat;
 but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,
 and whoever hates his life in this world
 will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me
 and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
 Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven,
“I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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.

GOSPEL-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 17: 24-26

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-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 19: 17-18, 25-39

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

Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother."

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

After this, aware that everything was now finished,
in order that the scripture might be fulfilled,
Jesus said, "I thirst."

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop
and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,
"It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 25: 14-21

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

(To what shall we compare the Kingdom of heaven?) “It will be- as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.

After a long time, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more. His Master said to him: Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, and share your master’s joy.

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mark 4: 35-41

That evening Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So, they left the crowd, and his disciples started across the lake with him in the boat.

Suddenly a windstorm struck the lake. Waves started splashing into the boat, and it was about to sink. Jesus was in the back of the boat with his head on a pillow, and he was asleep.

His disciples woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?" Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm. Jesus asked his disciple. "Why were you afraid? Don't you have any faith?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 16: 16-22

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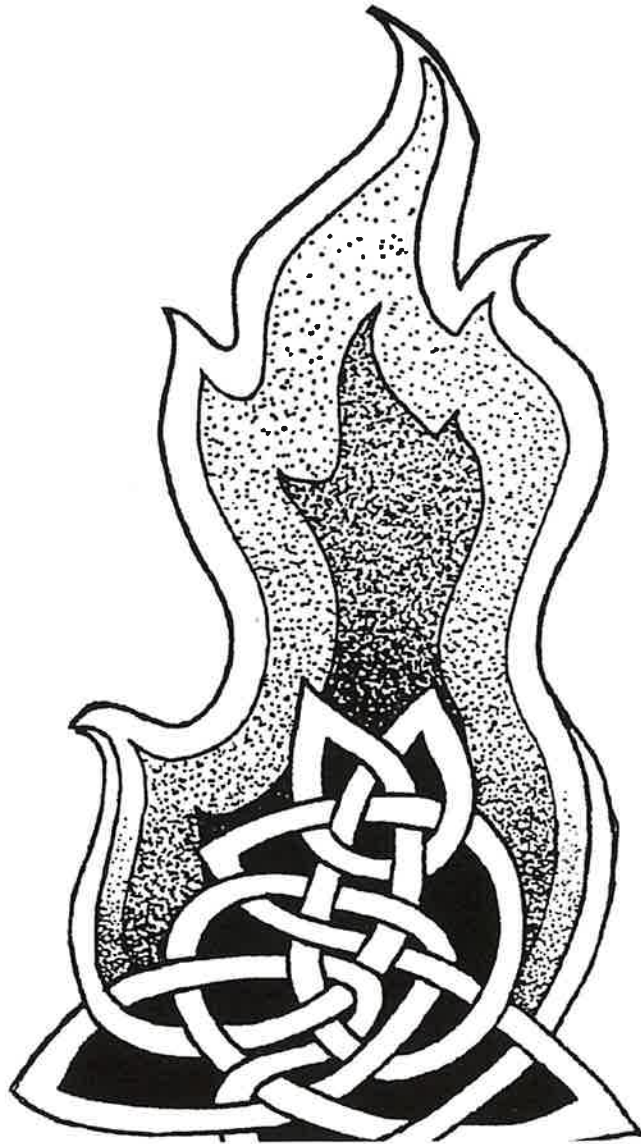
¹⁶ “A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me.” ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, “What does this mean that he is saying to us, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ So they said, “What is this ‘little while’ [of which he speaks]? We do not know what he means.”

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing with one another what I said, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” ²⁰ Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.

²¹ When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. ²² So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. ²³ On that day you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

The gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Our prayers rise like incense before the Lord
Psalm 141: 2

P-1

General Intercessions

Following the homily go up to the Ambo the Priest will begin the prayer

Reader:

*Our response is: **Receive our prayer.***

In baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy: *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

Our brother/sister _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy: *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord, in your mercy: *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord, in your mercy: *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

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

Lord, in your mercy: *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

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

Lord, in your mercy: *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

P-2

General Intercessions

Following the homily go up to the Ambo the Priest will begin the prayer

Reader:

*Our response is: **Receive our prayer.***

For _____ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

For our brother/sister _____ who ate the body of Christ the bread of life that he/she may be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

For the family and friends of our brother/sister _____ that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

For our deceased relatives and friends, especially _____ and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again that they may see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

For all of us assembled here in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

P-3

General Intercessions

Following the homily go up to the Ambo the Priest will begin the prayer

Reader:

*Our response is: **Receive our prayer.***

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of _____.

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

That God will lead _____ from death to life.

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

That all of us, who are _____ family and friends, may be comforted in our time of grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

That God will grant release to those who suffer.

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for victory over death.

Let us pray to the Lord. *Response: **Receive our prayer.***

P-4

General Intercessions

Following the homily go up to the Ambo the Priest will begin the prayer

Reader:

*Our response is: **Lord have mercy.***

Risen Lord, pattern of our life for ever:

Lord, have mercy.

*Response: **Lord have mercy.***

Promise and image of what we shall be:

Lord, have mercy:

*Response: **Lord have mercy.***

Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:

Lord, have mercy.

*Response: **Lord have mercy.***

Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:

Lord, have mercy.

*Response: **Lord have mercy.***

Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd, who brings rest to our souls, give peace to
_____ for ever.

Lord, have mercy.

*Response: **Lord have mercy.***

Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless the family
and friends of _____ who gather around him/her today.

Lord, have mercy.

*Response: **Lord have mercy.***

P-5

General Intercessions

Following the homily go up to the Ambo the Priest will begin the prayer

Reader:

*Our response is: **Lord, receive our prayer.***

We give thanks for the love that _____ showed during his/her (short but beautiful) life may he/she know the fulfillment of that love in heaven along with all the Angels and Saints.

We pray *Response: **Lord, receive our prayer.***

We fondly remember today with a special love and devotion, family members who have touched our lives and are no longer with us, especially: _____.

We pray *Response: **Lord, receive our prayer.***

We pray for _____. May God receive him/her kindly and with generosity. May he/she continue to inspire us and intercede for us until we meet again in the Kingdom of our Father.

We pray *Response: **Lord, receive our prayer.***

For all those who have gathered here today to mourn with us; that they will received strength to assist them in their sadness and grief.

We pray *Response: **Lord, receive our prayer.***

Memorials For Your Departed

*We are often asked how a family can
memorialize a loved one ...*

ST. MARK'S LITURGICAL FUND

*This is a general fund for items to be
purchased for the future needs of the
Altar and Sacramental celebrations here
at St. Mark.*

*If a needed item exceeds your financial
limits, your donation can be applied to
the Liturgical Fund and what is to be
purchased will list the multiple
Memorials / Benefactors.*

*The Parish Office
has all the pertinent information on
each of these items. Stop in or call
during regular operating hours,
Monday through Thursday.*

ST. MARK'S 'Great Lawn' FUND

*This is a general fund for items to be
purchased for the future needs of the
Parish campus.*

*The planting of trees and shrubbery to
enhance and increase our 'green
footprint.'*

*If a desired/needed item exceeds your
financial limits, your donation can be
generally applied to the **Great Lawn
Fund** and what will be purchased,
would list the multiple names for and
of the Memorials & Benefactors that
permitted the renovation or planting of
a specified area.*

ST. MARK'S BERM MEMORIAL FUND

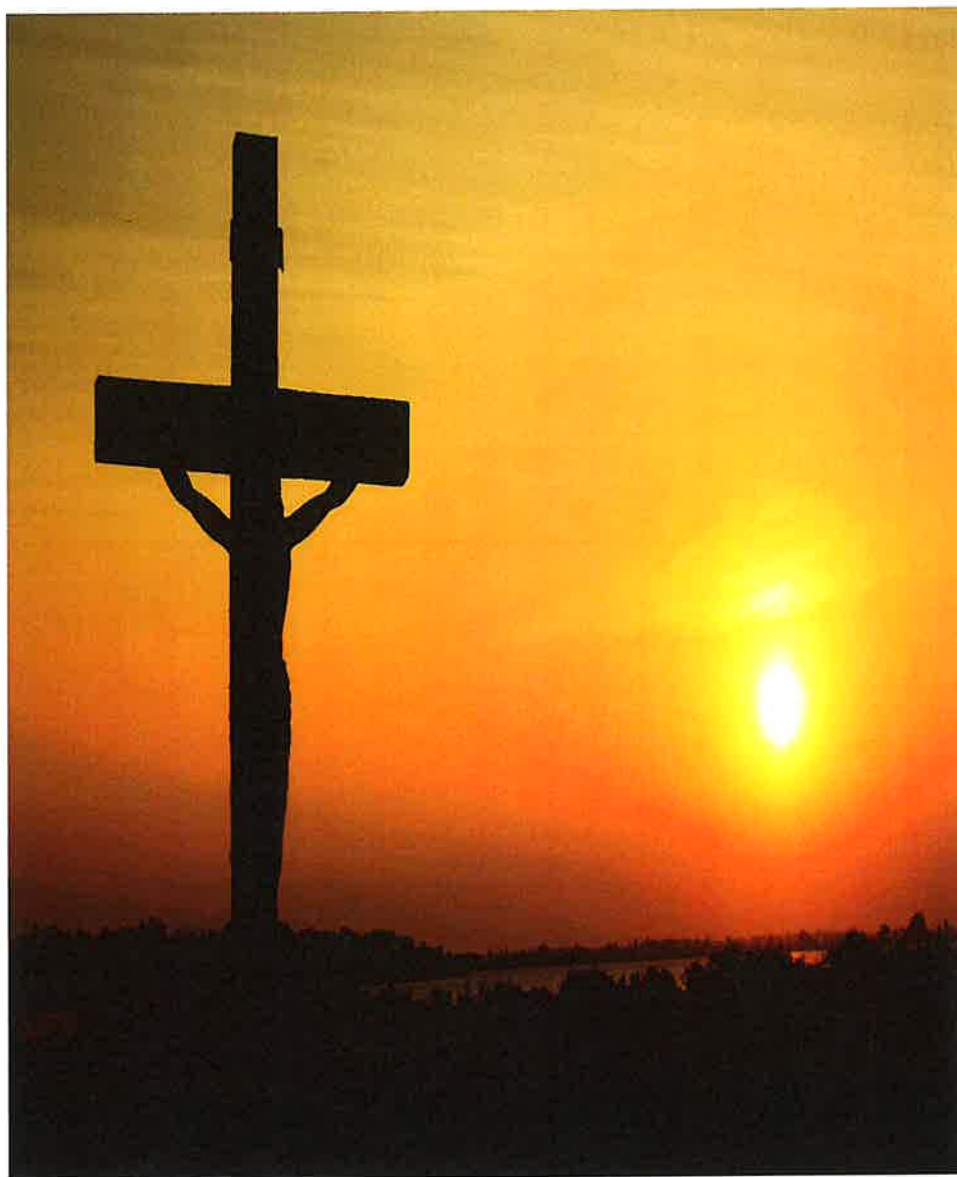
*A general fund for items to be
purchased for the future needs of the
Parish campus.*

*It consists of the engraving of names
on the stones of the berm by St. Mark's
statue in memory of the living and
deceased.*

A single line is \$400

A double line is \$550

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has all the pertinent information on
each of these items. Stop in or call
during regular operating hours,
Monday through Thursday.*



For those that believe ...

*Life is changed,
not ended!*