

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



St. Joseph Parish
North Sydney
Nova Scotia

We are here for you!

**Everything we do for you and you loved
one is free, for God's Grace is free.**

**The Church is here to Minister to you
during this sensitive time.**

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Use the following guide to help in making your selection:

- ✓ The First and Second readings would normally be read by family members or friends of the deceased.
- ✓ The First Reading usually comes from the list of Old Testament readings. Choose one.
- ✓ The Psalm is usually sung by the choir with a response from the congregation between each verse.
- ✓ The Second Reading is usually selected from the list of New Testament readings, other than the Gospel. Choose one.
- ✓ The Gospel is read by the Priest or Deacon and he chooses the Gospel.
- ✓ Universal Prayers or Prayers of the Faithful are read by the family.

Notes for Readers

- ✓ Practice the readings several times before hand, so that you are comfortable with the text.
- ✓ Don't rush. Walk forward slowly. If crossing by the altar, bow your head to the altar.
- ✓ Speak slowly and clearly. The microphone is strong enough that you can speak in a normal voice.
- ✓ Please use ONLY those Prayers of the Faithful provided by the Parish.

Old Testament Readings

Choose One

OT-1

A Reading from the Book of Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-2

A Reading From the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

For everything there is a season, and a time
for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is
planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to
gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain has the worker from his toil? I
have seen the business that God has given to
the children of man to be busy with. He has
made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he
has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that
he cannot find out what God has done from
the beginning to the end.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-3

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-4

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 17:22

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest.

And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-6

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 1-28

In the beginning when god created the heavens and earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness forced the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light" And there was light. And God saw that light was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation...and God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: Cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind...

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created human beings in his image, in the image of God he created them; Male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it."

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-7

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-8

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 65:17-21

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;

And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing
And her people *for* gladness.

“I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people and there will no longer be heard in her the voice of weeping and the sound of crying.

“No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives but a few* days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred; and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be *thought* accursed.

“They will build houses and inhabit *them*;
They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 41: 8-10, 13

But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
The offspring of Abraham, my friend;
You whom I took from the ends of the earth,
And called from its farthest corners,
Saying to you, “You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off”;
Do not fear, for I am with you,
Do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you; I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right
hand.
For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand;
It is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help
you”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-10

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

Because the LORD has anointed me:

To bring good news to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners;

To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD

And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,

To grant those who mourn *in* Zion,

Giving them a garland instead of
ashes, the oil of gladness instead of
mourning. The mantle of praise
instead of a spirit of fainting. So, they
will be called oaks of righteousness,

The planting of the LORD, that He may be
glorified.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-11

A Reading from the Book of The Prophet Isaiah 57:15-19

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-12

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-10

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-13

A Reading from the Book of Job 19:23-27

“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the
earth; and after my skin has been thus
destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes
shall behold, and not another. My heart faints
within me!

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-14

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

My soul is deprived of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so, I say, “Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the LORD.”

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-15

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations 3:22-26

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness.

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

Now the word of the LORD came to me,
saying, “Before I formed you in the womb, I
knew you, and before you were born, I
consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to
the nations.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-16

A Reading from the Book of Maccabees

Judas Maccabeus took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection.

For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore, he made atonement for the dead, so that they might be delivered from their sin.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-17

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of
rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-18

A Reading from the Book of Sirach 44: 1 10-15

Let us now sing the praises of famous men,
our ancestors in their generations.

But these also were godly men,
whose righteous deeds have not been
forgotten; their wealth will remain with their
descendants, and their inheritance with their
children's children.

Their descendants stand by the covenants;
their children also, for their sake.

Their offspring will continue forever,
and their glory will never be blotted out.

Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives on generation after
generation.

The assembly declares their wisdom,
and the congregation proclaims their praise.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-19

Reading from the Book of Sirach 3:3-14

I am your father and the Lord has given fathers

Authority over their children and has given children the obligation to obey.

If you respect your father, one day your own children will make you happy' the Lord will hear your prayers.

If you obey the Lord by honouring your father, you will live a long life.

Honour your father in everything you do and say, so that you may receive his blessing. When parents give their blessing, they give strength to their children's homes.

Never seek honour for yourself at your father's expense; it is not to your credit if he is dishonored. Your own honour comes from the respect that you show your father.

Take care of your father as he grows old; give him no cause to worry as long as he lives. The Lord will not forget the kindness you show to your father.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-20

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death,
jealousy is fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
the very flame of the LORD.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If a man offered for love
all the wealth of his house,
he would be utterly scorned

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-21

Song of Solomon 2:10-14

My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away,
for behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away.

O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the crannies of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-22

A Reading from the Song of Solomon 2:8-14

The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes, leaping over the
mountains, bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag. Behold, there he stands
behind our wall, gazing through the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away, for behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear
on the earth, the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land. The fig tree ripens its
figs, and the vines are in blossom;
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the rock, in the crannies of the cliff, let me see
your face, let me hear your voice, for your
voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-23

Proverbs 31 10-31

An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be
praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-24

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

Like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-25

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

But the righteous man, though he die early, will be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, nor measured by number of years; but understanding is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There was one who pleased God and was loved by him, and while living among sinners he was taken up. He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or guile deceive his soul.

For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took him quickly from the midst of wickedness.

Yet the peoples saw and did not understand, nor take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are with his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OT-26

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah 3:16-20

In that day it will be said to Jerusalem:
“Do not be afraid, O Zion;
Do not let your hands fall limp.

“The LORD your God is in your midst,
A victorious warrior.
He will exult over you with joy,

He will be quiet in His love,
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

“I will gather those who grieve about the
appointed feasts—
They came from you, *O Zion*;
The reproach of exile is a burden on them.

“At that time, I will bring you in,
Even at the time when I gather you together;
Indeed, I will give you renown and praise
Among all the peoples of the earth,
When I restore your fortunes before your
eyes,”
Says the LORD.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the
house of the LORD forever.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

New Testament Readings

Choose One

NT-1

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:22-24,32-33,36

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear.

Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-2

A Reading from Acts of the Apostles 4:1-4, 32-33

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So, they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-3

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34-43

Peter began to speak: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-4

Second Reading – Hebrews 12:1

As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-5

**A Reading from the First Letter of John
3:1-2**

Beloved, see what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what 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 will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-6

**A Reading from the First Letter of John
3:14-16**

Beloved, we know that we have passed
from death to life because we love one
another.

Whoever does not love abides in death.
All who hate a brother or sister are murderers,
and you know that murderers
do not have eternal life abiding in them.

We know love by this,
that he laid down his life for us—
and we ought to lay down our lives for one
another.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-7

**A Reading from the First Letter of John
4:7-10**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-8

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:12-13

Strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of Angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:15-20, 24, 26-28

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 has also come
through a man; for as all die in Adam,
so all will be made alive in Christ.

But each in his own 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 God the
Father. For he must reign until he has put all
his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to
be destroyed is death.

For “God has put all things in subjection
under his feet” But when it says, “All things
are put in subjection,” it is plain that this does
not include the one who put all things in
subjection under him.

When all things are subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected to
the one who put all things in subjection under
him, so that God may be all in all.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1: 15, 51-57

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

We will not all die,
but we will all be changed,
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the
last trumpet.

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

For this perishable body must put on
imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.
When this perishable body puts on
imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
'Death has been 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-11

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2:4-14

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So, we do not lose heart. Even though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-12

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

So, we are always confident; even though 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. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-13

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-14

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Philippians 3:20-21**

Our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a
Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation
so that it may be conformed to the body of his
glory,
by the power that also enables him
to make all things subject to himself.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-15

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 5:17-21

If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-16

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 5:5-11

And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-17

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 6:3-9

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-18

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:14-23

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption to sonship. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-19

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

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us, will he not with
him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's
elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died,
yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand
of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor
life,
nor Angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor
things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-20

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Romans 14:7-12**

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-21

**A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to
the Thessalonians**

We do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have died.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-22

A Reading from Second Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-23

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy

Timothy, my son, these are the instructions that I am giving you, in accordance with the words once spoken over you by the prophets, so that in their light you may fight like a good soldier – with faith and good conscience as your weapons.

Train yourself for religion. Physical exercise is useful enough, but the usefulness of religion is unlimited, since it holds out promise both for life here and now and for the life to come; that is saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt it. I mean that the point of all out toiling and battling is that we have put our trust in the living God and he is the Saviour of the whole human race it particularly of all believers.

Let no one disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all believers in the way you speak and behave.

My dear Timothy, take great care of all that has been entrusted to you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-24

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul
to Timothy 2:8, 17-18**

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.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me
strength, so that through me the proclamation
might be completed and all the Gentiles might
hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every
evil threat and will bring me safe to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever
and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-25

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul
to Timothy 2:8-13**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; If we endure, we will also reign with him' If we deny him, he will also deny us; If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

NT-26

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter
1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us 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, reserved in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith—more precious than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an inexpressible and glorious joy, now that you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Universal
Prayers/Prayers of the
Faithful**

Pick Option A, B, or C

A

Prayers of the Faithful Funeral Celebration

1. For, _____ child of God and heir to the kingdom, held secure in the divine embrace of the holy and loving Trinity. *We pray to the Lord.*
2. May _____'s family and friends experience the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. *We pray to the Lord*
3. For all who cared for _____ during his/her illness, may they continue to provide comfort to all in need. *We pray to the Lord*
4. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, seeking our reunion with God and our loved ones. *We pray to the Lord*

B

Prayers of the Faithful Funeral Celebration

For, _____ who was united with Christ in baptism and now shares in Christ's victory over death. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all who mourn _____'s death, as they receive comfort and strength from our loving God. *We pray to the Lord.*

May all who cared for _____ during his/her illness, continue to provide comfort to all in need. *We pray to the Lord.*

For our relatives and friends for all who have gone to their rest in hope of rising again. *We pray to the Lord.*

May all of us gathered today be conscious of our dignity as god's beloved children. *We pray to the Lord.*

C

Prayers of the Faithful Funeral Celebration

In baptism, _____ received for the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the water of death. *We pray to the Lord.*

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

Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom. *We Pray to the Lord.*

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

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

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