

*Rite of Christian Burial  
St. Matthew Church  
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The rituals and prayers surrounding death are a witness to the faith of the one who has died. They give comfort to the family and friends of the deceased person and these rituals affirm and express solidarity between the living and the dead in the communion of saints.

The funeral liturgy is the central moment in the procession from death to burial. The information in this planning booklet is intended to assist you in planning a funeral. The planning sheet provided by the parish (and located on pages 2, 3 and 4 of this document) should help with making the funeral personal for you and your loved one. The texts included in this booklet are appropriate for use at the Rite of Christian Burial.

A parish priest will help you in finalizing the funeral plan. Please call the parish office (614-471-0212) to talk with a priest and schedule a meeting.

You can be assured of our prayers during this time of grief.

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## PLANNING SHEET FOR A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Funeral: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of kin: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Presider: \_\_\_\_\_

Servers: \_\_\_ We will provide our own \_\_\_ Please have the parish provide them

Placing of the Pall by the family: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

### Readings:

There are usually three readings from sacred Scripture for the Funeral Mass. To assist you with selecting readings appropriate for a Funeral Mass, please refer to the resource, "Texts of Sacred Scripture for the Rite of Christian Burial", following this planning sheet.

### First Reading from the Old Testament

Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Verses: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm Response: \_\_\_\_\_ (sung by the choir)

## Second Reading from the New Testament

Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Verses: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Gospel

Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Verses: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer of the Faithful/General Intercessions:

Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Offertory Gifts of bread and wine:

To be brought forward by family members?     Yes     No

\*Normally 2 gifts are brought forward: wine and bread. Please discuss any exceptions with the Presider.

**Please note:** The Order of Christian Funerals does not allow for a eulogy to take place within the celebration of the Mass. It is recommended that any eulogy or remarks on behalf of the deceased's family be shared at the Christian Wake Service prior to the Funeral Mass or at the luncheon afterwards.

## Funeral Luncheon:

If you choose, our parish Bereavement Committee will provide a luncheon for you and your family and friends in the St. Anthony in the Church following the graveside service. Should you desire the luncheon, please let us know as soon as possible. We ask that you estimate the number of persons likely to attend (usually family members and out-of-town guests).

Yes, we would appreciate a luncheon

Number of guests

# MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

\_\_\_ *The following music has been selected* **OR**

\_\_\_ *The music selection is left to the discretion of the Music Director*

## **ENTRANCE**

- \_\_\_ I Heard the Voice of Jesus
- \_\_\_ The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- \_\_\_ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- \_\_\_ Holy, Holy, Holy
- \_\_\_ Be Not Afraid
- \_\_\_ Sing with All the Saints in Glory

## **PSALM RESPONSE**

- \_\_\_ Ps. 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd
- \_\_\_ Ps. 25: To You O Lord, I Lift My Soul
- \_\_\_ Ps. 27: The Lord is My Light and My Salvation
- \_\_\_ Ps. 42: Like a Deer that Longs for Running Stream, My Soul Longs for You, My God.
- \_\_\_ Ps. 63: My Soul is Thirsting for You, O Lord.
- \_\_\_ Ps. 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful
- \_\_\_ Ps. 121: Our Help is from the Lord, Who Made Heaven and Earth

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

- \_\_\_ Here I Am, Lord
- \_\_\_ What Wondrous Love is This
- \_\_\_ Lord of All Hopefulness
- \_\_\_ Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
- \_\_\_ I Have Loved You
- \_\_\_ I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
- \_\_\_ You Are Near

## **COMMUNION**

- \_\_\_ Like A Shepherd
- \_\_\_ You Are Mine
- \_\_\_ Eye Has Not Seen
- \_\_\_ Blessed Are They
- \_\_\_ We Remember
- \_\_\_ Gift of Finest Wheat
- \_\_\_ Shepherd Me, O God
- \_\_\_ We Have Been Told
- \_\_\_ One Bread, One Body

## **CLOSING**

- \_\_\_ I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- \_\_\_ How Firm a Foundation
- \_\_\_ On Eagles' Wings
- \_\_\_ To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
- \_\_\_ O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- \_\_\_ The Strife is O'er
- \_\_\_ For All the Saints
- \_\_\_ Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- \_\_\_ Lift High the Cross

\_\_\_ Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Job 19:1, 23-27*

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
that with 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.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them and found them  
worthy of himself.

As gold in 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 one,  
and his care with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.  
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of  
time, nor can it be measured in terms of years.

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

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,  
the web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces;  
the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

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

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

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

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

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

## **OTHER OLD TESTAMENT SELECTIONS**

Lamentations 3:17-26

Daniel 12:1-3

## SECOND READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

*2 Cor. 5: 1, 6-10*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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

So we are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith,  
not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather  
leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each one may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body,  
whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

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

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

A reading from the first letter of John

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

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

## **OTHER NEW TESTAMENT SELECTIONS**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

Romans 5:17-21

Romans 8:14-23

Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28

Corinthians 15:51-57

Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Revelation 20:11-21:1

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

Romans 5:5-11

Romans 6:3-9

Philippians 3:20-21

Timothy 2:8-13

1 John 3:14-16

Revelation 14:13

## GOSPEL READINGS

*Mt 5: 1-12a*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.  
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely  
because of me.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and 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.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

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

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not, would I have told you that

I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **OTHER GOSPEL SELECTIONS**

Matthew 25: 1-13

Mark 15: 33-39

Luke 23: 33, 39-43

Luke 24: 13-35

John 6: 51-58

John 11: 32-45

John 17: 24-26

Matthew 25: 31-46

Luke 7: 11-17

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

John 5: 24-29

John 11: 17-27

John 12: 23-28

John 19: 17-18, 25-30

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

### **SELECTION A**

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

**Reader:**

In baptism *N* received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord hear 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. We pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord hear our prayer.

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

℟: Lord hear 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. We pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord hear our prayer.

The family and friends of *N* seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness of doubt that comes with grief. We pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord hear our prayer.

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

℟: Lord hear our prayer.

**Priest:** Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SELECTION B**

### **Priest:**

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

### **Reader:**

For **N** 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.

**R:** Lord hear 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.

**R:** Lord hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

**R:** Lord hear 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.

**R:** Lord hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister **N** 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.

**R:** Lord hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

**R:** Lord hear our prayer.

### **Priest:**

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.