



MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Funeral Liturgy Worksheet

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Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Viewing: _____ Mass / Service: _____ Celebrant(s): _____

Funeral Director: _____ Interment: _____

Family Contact: _____

1st Reading - Please choose a First Reading and a person to read it.
(These readings can be found below – numbers 1 through 7.)

• Reading Chosen: _____

• Name of Reader: _____

2nd Reading – Please choose a Second Reading and a person to read it.
(These readings can be found below – letters A through O)

• Reading Chosen: _____

• Name of Reader: _____

Prayer of the Faithful/General Intercessions – Please pick a member of the family or a friend to read the Prayer of the Faithful. (Five options are provided in this packet.)

• Reading Chosen: _____

• Name of Reader: _____

Gift Procession to the Altar - Please pick 2 to 4 family members or friends to bring the gifts to the altar. This is optional; the altar servers can bring the gifts to the altar if that is your reference.

• Names: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Music – Please choose a hymn from provide list at the end of packet.

Entrance: _____

Offertory: _____

Communion: _____

Meditation (Optional): _____

Recessional: _____

Notes for Celebrant:

*Please complete this form and submit it to the Parish Office
at least one day before the Funeral Mass.*

First Reading

FIRST READING #1

Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING #2

Job 19:1, 23-27

A reading from the book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite 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

FIRST READING #3

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and His care is with His elect.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING #4

Wisdom 4:7-15

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.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING #5

Isaiah 25: 6. 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING #6

Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING #7

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

The Word of the Lord

Second Reading

SECOND READING - A

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life? Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING - B

Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

For if, by the transgression of one person, 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 person 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 one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of 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, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING - C

Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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 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

SECOND READING - D

Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers 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 expectation 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

SECOND READING - E

Romans 8:31-35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

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

SECOND READING - F

Romans 14:7-9. 10-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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. 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

SECOND READING - G

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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 human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. 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

SECOND READING - H

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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

SECOND READING - I

2 Corinthians 4:14 -5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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

SECOND READING - J

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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. 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.

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

SECOND READING - **K**

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

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

SECOND READING - **L**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, 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

SECOND READING - **M**

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

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 persevere
 we shall also reign with him.
But if we deny him
 he will deny us.
If we are unfaithful
 he remains faithful,
 for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING - N

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

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

SECOND READING - O

1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. 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.

The Word of the Lord

General Intercessions

Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1

Reader: Our response to the petitions is: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

1. That the Church may be a comforting witness to Christ, our resurrection and our life, we pray to the Lord.
 2. That those who are burdened by their loss may be blessed with courage, strength, and patience, we pray to the Lord.
 3. That those who mourn the loss of *N.* may be embraced by consolation and peace, we pray to the Lord.
 4. That *N.* and all who have died may know mercy on the last day, and may all of us, the living and the dead, rise in glory and grace on that great day, we pray to the Lord.
 5. For the prayers we hold in our hearts, united in the Holy Spirit with those of Mary our Mother, and all the saints in light, we pray to the Lord.
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Prayers of the Faithful

Option 2

Reader: Our response to the petitions is: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

1. That the firm hope of resurrection fill the heart of every member of the Church, we pray to the Lord.
2. That all people who mourn find consolation and peace in God through those around them, we pray to the Lord.
3. That *N.* and all who have died may enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven, we pray to the Lord.
4. That all family members and friends of *N.* may experience the strength of our faith in the resurrection of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
5. That all who gather today to remember our brother/sister *N.* support one another in prayer and concern, we pray to the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

Option 3

Reader: Our response to the petitions is: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

1. In baptism *N.* received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.
 2. Our brother/sister *N.* was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.
 3. 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.
 4. 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.
 5. The family and friends of *N.* seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.
 6. 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.
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Prayers of the Faithful

Option 4

Reader: Our response to the petitions is: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

Prayers of the Faithful
Mass of Christian Burial

Option 5

1. That we may all face death with faith and the conviction that we will see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.
2. That we who await Jesus' coming in glory may one day be reunited with our loved ones. We pray to the Lord.
3. That God may welcome *N.* into heavenly peace and rest. We pray to the Lord.
4. That we may live our lives in Christian service so as to warrant God's reward to the just. We pray to the Lord.
5. For all the faithful departed that they may enjoy the blessedness of eternal life and the brightness of eternal light. We pray to the Lord.
6. We may pause now to add our own intentions in silence. We pray to the Lord.

MUSIC GUIDELINES FOR CATHOLIC FUNERALS

Music is an important part of the Catholic funeral rite. Music allows convictions and feelings to be expressed that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to strengthen the faith and hope of those present. The hymns chosen should express the mystery of our salvation in Christ, namely, the saving power of the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.

Funeral music should support, console, and uplift those present and help create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and our share in that victory. Secular songs (popular/non-religious songs), even though they may have been meaningful to the deceased or the family, do not capture the Gospel message of hope nor the sacred quality of Christian worship, and so secular songs are not appropriate for funeral services. They can be more appropriate for a funeral reception. Below are some hymn titles offered for your consideration.

Gathering Hymn:

Alleluia Sing to Jesus
Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
City of God
Come to the Water
For All the Saints
Here I Am, Lord
Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy God We Praise Thy Name
I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling
Morning Has Broken
On Eagle's Wings
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Sing A New Song
Sing with All the Saints in Glory
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
We Walk By Faith
We Will Rise Again
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Preparation of the Gifts:

Amazing Grace
Be Still, My Soul
Be With Me Lord
Be Thou My Vision
Because the Lord is My
Shepherd
Center of My Life
Christ, Be Our Light
Come to Me

Eye Has Not Seen
Here I Am, Lord
Hosea (*Come Back to Me*)
I, the Lord
Lord of All Hopefulness
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of
God
On Eagle's Wings
Only A Shadow

Lord, You Have Come
Prayer of St. Francis (*Make Me a
Channel of Your Peace*)
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is
Calling
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
There Is A Longing
We Will Rise Again
What Wondrous Love is This

Communion:

Center of My Life
Christ, Be Our Light
Eat This Bread
Eye Has Not Seen

Gift of Finest Wheat
I Am the Bread of Life
One Bread, One Body
Taste and See

There Is A Longing
Unless A Grain of Wheat
Whatsoever You Do
You Are Near

Recessional Hymn:

Be Not Afraid
Christ, Be Our Light
City of God
For All the Saints
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
How Can I Keep from Singing

How Great Thou Art
Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Lead Me Lord
Let There Be Peace on Earth
Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Sing with All the Saints in Glory
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The Strife is O'er
We Walk By Faith
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Prelude/Reflection/Communion Meditation:

Ave Maria
Panis Angelicus