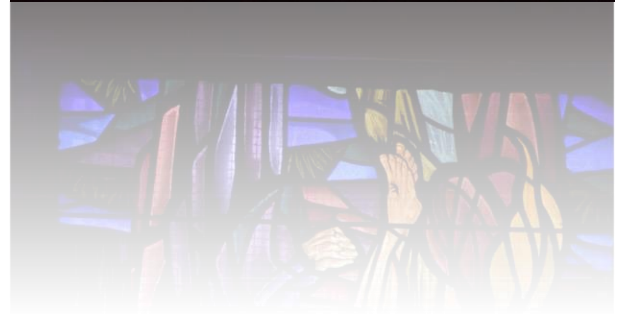
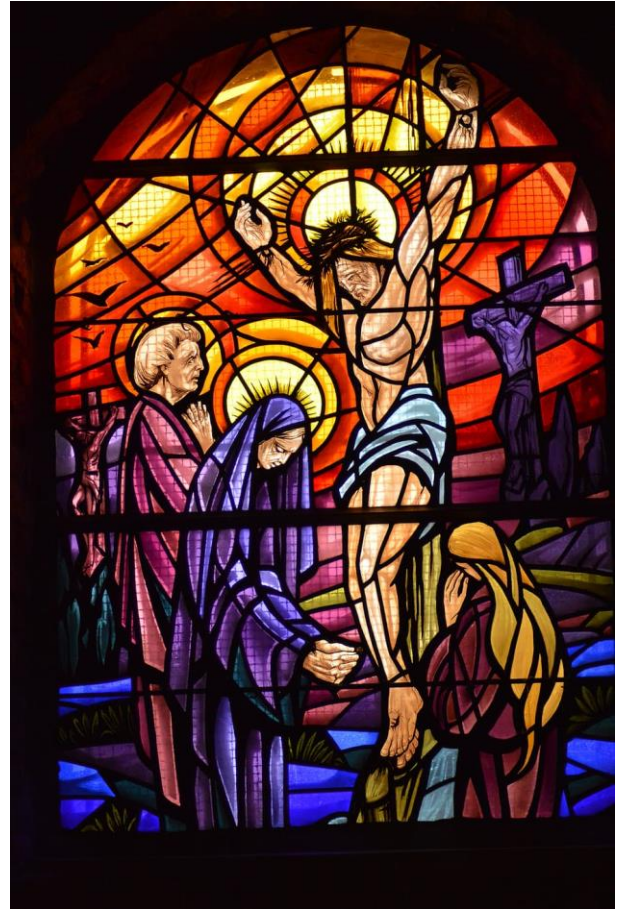


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Ministry and Participation

Since all the baptized share in Christ's ministry of love and service, all members of the Christian community are called to share in the ministry of consolation. For "If one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all the members suffer with that member" (Corinthians 12: 26). For this reason, those who are baptized into Christ and nourished at the same table of the Lord are responsible for one another. When Christians are sick, their brothers and sisters share a ministry of mutual charity and "do all that they can to help the sick return to health, by showing love for the sick and by celebrating the sacraments with them." So too when a member of Christ's Body dies, the faithful are called to a ministry of consolation to those who have suffered the loss of one whom they love. Christian consolation is rooted in that hope that comes from faith in the saving Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christian hope faces the reality of death and the anguish of grief but trusts confidently that the power of sin and death has been vanquished by the risen Lord. The Church calls each member of Christ's body – Priest, Deacon, layperson – to participate in the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead to comfort those who mourn" (#8 Order of Christian Funerals).

The Funeral Rites

When a member of the faithful has died, the Catholic Church celebrates the Order of Christian Funerals. The celebration of the Christian Funeral should be seen as one ritual consisting of three distinct parts: The Vigil (wake); the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), and finally, the Committal (place of internment, burial and mourning). The normal context for the Rite of Christian Burial or *Funeral Liturgy* is within a Mass. Every Catholic has a right to the Funeral Liturgy by the fact that they are baptized. The Funeral Liturgy is the prayer of the Church, the people of God, for the person who has died. The proper place for this to take place is in the church building where the community gathers for prayer. If for good reason, families feel that the Funeral Mass is not appropriate, arrangements may be made for the Funeral Liturgy without a Mass to be celebrated in the Church. During Holy Days of Obligation and the Easter Triduum, only the Liturgy of the Word is celebrated. A regular Mass is not permitted.

Family members are encouraged to play an active role in the Funeral Liturgy. This includes choosing the Scripture readings and music, placing the pall on the casket, bringing forward the Gifts of Bread and Wine.¹

¹ <https://stsmaryjoseph.org/funeral>

The Funeral Mass Outline

The funeral Mass is the celebration of the Christian community on behalf of the deceased. In this liturgy, “the community gathers with family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God’s tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the paschal mystery.”²

Elements of the Funeral Liturgy

Reception of the Body and Introductory Rites:

The Rite of Reception of the body ordinarily takes place at the entrance of the church. Holy water is used at the reception of the body as a reminder of the Baptism of the deceased. After sprinkling of holy water, the casket will be covered with a funeral pall in remembrance of the white baptismal garment.

Liturgy of the Word:

I. Scripture Readings:

The proclamation of the Word of God is an encounter with God speaking through the Scriptures. For this reason, non-Biblical readings are not appropriate. Families have the option of selecting one or two scripture readings for the Funeral Mass from the selections offered in this book. If one scripture reading is chosen, the reading may be selected from either the Old or New Testament. If families select to have two readings, one is from the Old Testament and one is from the New Testament (except during the Easter season when both the first and second readings are from the New Testament). The Priest celebrating the funeral will choose the Gospel Reading. Family members and friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings. However, if no one from the family is available to proclaim the reading(s), the parish will provide a Lector.

II. Universal Prayer

The petitions of the Universal Prayer may be recited by one family member or friend of the deceased. Please see the example provided in this book. Examples are provided on our parish website as well: www.st-raphael-parish.org.

² OCF, 129.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

III. Presentation of the Gifts

During the Preparation of the Gifts, family members and friends are invited to present the bread and wine.

IV. Eulogy (Words of Remembrance)

The guidelines for a Eulogy (Words of Remembrance) are set by the Diocese of Manchester: "The Eulogy is to be given by one person. In preparing the Eulogy, the speaker/writer should know that the remarks be no more than five (5) minutes in length. Remarks should be typed out and focus on the faith and virtue of the deceased and how these affect the family and the community. Individual, personal stories about the deceased person are best shared during the Wake Service, at the burial place, or afterwards such as at a meal or reception. A Eulogy is not required, nor is it expected that a family member or a family friend speak at the Funeral Liturgy. The Eulogy is an option.

At St. Raphael Parish, if a Eulogy is offered and allowed at the Pastor's discretion, it will follow the Prayer after Communion.

Final Commendation and Farewell

V. Final Commendation

At the final commendation, the members of the community entrust their loved one to the merciful embrace of God.³ During this rite, the body is incensed at this time as a sign of respect. The Song of Farewell is sung at this time.

Selecting Music

Music in worship is an integral part of the Funeral Liturgy. It allows the community to express beliefs and feelings that words alone often cannot. Therefore, the texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death and triumph over death.⁴ It is important that the music for the Funeral Liturgy be sacred and taken from the standard repertoire of the Church. Popular non-religious songs are not appropriate for a Funeral Mass. The best time to use secular music is at the Funeral Home during the wake service or at the burial. Please choose music which reflects our faith and hope in the resurrection of Jesus

³ OCF, 146.

⁴ OCF 40

Christ, Our Lord. While some secular songs are beautiful and may remind us of our loved one, they do not fit into the Funeral Mass. If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of a song, please feel free to speak with our Choir Director.

Outside musicians are welcome to assist in the liturgy; however, the resident music ministry will lead all aspects of the Funeral Liturgy. The outside musician needs to rehearse with the Parish Keyboardist.

Families may select hymns from our parish repertoire (found at the back of this book) for each of the following parts of the Mass: *Entrance Procession, Responsorial Psalm, Offertory, Communion Hymn, Meditation Hymn (Optional), Commendation Hymn, Recessional Hymn*. If your family does not have preference for any hymn, selections will be left for the musician's choice.

Flowers

Flowers are coordinated by the family and typically through the funeral home. Please be aware that during the season of Lent, flowers are not used in the church.

Cremation

It has long been the tradition of the Church to pray the Funeral Liturgy in the presence of the body and to bury the body in a cemetery to await the day of resurrection. The body, regarded as the temple of the Holy Spirit and the vessel through which God gives us life, is to be afforded respect even in death.

It is possible to bring the cremated remains into the Church for the Funeral Liturgy. While cremation is permitted for various reasons, it is preferable to wait until after the Funeral Liturgy to have the body cremated. For more information about cremation in the Catholic Church, consider reading the short document *Reflections on the Body, Cremation and Catholic Funeral Rites* published in 1997 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Mass Card/Month's Mind Mass

Mass Cards are available from our parish office. Cards may be given to the family for Masses to be celebrated in memory of the deceased person. We kindly ask for a donation of no less than \$10.00. A Month's Mind Mass is a scheduled Mass at the parish by the family, a month after the funeral Mass. Please contact our parish office at (603) 623-2604 to schedule your loved one's anniversary mass. We kindly ask for a donation of no less than \$10.00.

First Reading from the Old Testament

1. ***He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.***
2 Maccabees 12: 43 – 46

A reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

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, 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.

2. ***I know that my vindicator lives.***
Job 19: 1, 23-27a

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.

3. *As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

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 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 offering 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 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.

4. *An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*

Wisdom 4: 7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he may 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 of 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.

5. *He will destroy death forever.*

Isaiah 25: 6a, 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 will be removed 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.

6. *It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.*

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 from the New Testament

During the Easter Season

1. He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

Acts of the Apostles 10: 24 – 43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with Him after he rose from the dead. 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.

2. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Revelation 14: 13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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 words accompany them."

The word of the Lord.

3. *The dead were judged according to their deeds.*

Revelation 20: 11 – 21: 1

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there 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.

4. *There shall be no more death.*

Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b – 7

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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 will 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 God, and he will be my son."

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading from the New Testament

1. ***Since we are now justified by His Blood, we will be saved through Him from the wrath.***
Romans 5: 5-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God 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 courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were 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.

2. ***Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.***
Romans 5: 17-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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 man the many will be made righteous. The law entered in 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.

3. *We too might live in newness of life.*

Romans 6: 3-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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 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.

4. *We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.*

Romans 8: 14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons 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.

5. *What will separate us from the love of Christ?*

Romans 8: 31b – 35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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 one's? 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 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.

6. *Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

Romans 14: 7-9, 10c – 12

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? 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.

7. *So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.*

1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

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

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through 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 firstfruits; 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.

8. *Death is swallowed up in victory.*

1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

A reading from the First Letter of Saint 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.

9. *What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.*
2 Corinthians 4: 14-15:1

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

Brothers and sisters: Knowing 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.

10. *We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.*
2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint 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. 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 he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

11. *He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory*
Philippians 3: 20-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

12. *Thus we shall always be with the Lord.*
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

A reading from the First Letter of Saint 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 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 these words.

The word of the Lord.

13. *If we have died with him we shall also live with him.*

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint 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.

14. *We shall see him as he is.*

1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the First Letter of Saint 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.

15. *We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.*

1 John 3: 14-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. 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

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

Reader: Please respond, "Lord, hear our prayer," to the following petitions:

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:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our sister/brother who ate the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life, that she/he 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 _____, 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.

(The Reader is reminded to stand still at the ambo while the priest reads the closing 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.

R. Amen.

Music Selections

Gathering Hymns

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Here I am Lord

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Praise to the Lord

Prayer of Saint Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)

Psalms

(Psalm 19) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life

(Psalm 23) Shepherd Me, O God

(Psalm 23) The Lord is my Shepherd

(Psalm 27) The Lord is my light and my salvation

(Psalm 34) Taste and See

(Psalm 103) The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Offertory/Preparation of the Gifts

Eye Has Not Seen

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hosea

I Have Loved You

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

You Are Near

Peace I Leave With You (Barbara Bridge)

Communion

Behold the Lamb of God (Dufford)

I am the Bread of Life (Toolan)

One Bread One Body

One Love Released

Our Blessing Cup

Panis Angelicus

Spirit and Grace

Supper of the Lord

Taste and See (Kendzia)

Unless a Grain of Wheat

Reflection Hymns

Ave Maria

Panis Angelicus

Peace I Leave With You (Barbara Bridge)

Song of Farewell

Song of Farewell (Sands)

Song of Farewell (Joncas)

Songs of the Angels (Dufford)

Recessional

Be Not Afraid

Blest are They

Christ Be Our Light

City of God

Glory and Praise to Our God

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

How Great Thou Art

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Joyful, Joyful

Let there Be Peace on Earth

On Eagles Wings

Prayer of St. Francis

To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

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