

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL GUIDELINES



**ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
GREENDALE, WISCONSIN**



Dear Parishioner:

When a loved one dies, we are faced with the need to deal with the emotions of loss and a practical need to make plans and decisions concerning the funeral.

Planning the Funeral Liturgy is one of the most important and immediate decisions that have to be made. It presents an opportunity to express our faith in a tangible and healing manner.

The following pages offer options and choices, which makes it possible to put a personal dimension into the Church's public prayer for one whom has died.

At St. Alphonsus, we have implemented the most recent directives issued by the Catholic Bishops of Wisconsin regarding planning funerals.

Concerning the need to coordinate liturgy times, we have to ask your understanding. Generally, funeral Masses are celebrated in the morning. Morning times are more often available than evenings. Evening funerals are often not possible. Funerals are not celebrated on Sundays or holidays. If there is to be visitation in the church, it should be scheduled before the funeral Mass. Visitation and the Funeral Mass cannot be scheduled over a 2-day period.

We will make every practical effort to be of assistance, and we truly hope that the Mass of Christian Burial will be a source of comfort and deepening faith in God's mercy and eternal life. Please call the Parish Office, 421-2442, to discuss your plans.

Blessings and peace to your family in this time of sorrow.

St. Alphonsus Clergy and Staff

FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDELINES

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Concluding Rite

Because of the number of funerals we do, the priests of St. Alphonsus are not able to go to the cemetery for burial. There are several options regarding the funeral service of committal.

Prayers at the cemetery may be led by the funeral director or, if available, the cemetery Chaplain. One of the parish deacons may also be available to do the committal service

Post Funeral Gathering

We recommend that you use a restaurant or catering hall for the funeral luncheon. However, should you be interested in using the Community Room, please inquire with the Parish office. Families may use it for light refreshments provided it doesn't conflict with other scheduled parish events.

Planning the Liturgy (Funeral Mass)

These are the options to select.

The White Pall

This white cloth reminds us that the deceased "*put on Christ*" at Baptism. Up to six family members may assist with placing this on the casket.

The Readings

You may choose a reading from either the Old Testament or the New Testament, or one of each. (See #5,6,7)

Those who read should be comfortable in doing so in this time of emotions and do so in a clear manner.

The Deacon or Priest always proclaims the Gospel.

The General Intercessions

These may be personalized to reflect the deceased's life, but should follow the model provided. (See #8)

The Presentation of Gifts

Family members or friends are encouraged to bring these to the altar. Up to three people may participate.

Eulogies

Eulogies or “*reflections*” are not a part of the Catholic Funeral Mass and, therefore, are not permitted during Mass.

A family that wishes to have a eulogy would find that this is best done at the funeral home visitation or at the social gathering following Mass. These times are most appropriate for sharing of memories, whereas, at the Mass, we focus on Christ and salvation.

These guidelines follow the recommendations of the Bishops of the State of Wisconsin

As a last resort, if the above is not possible, a brief reflection may be allowed prior to the start of Mass. Please talk to the priest regarding specifics.

Music

St. Alphonsus is blessed with a dedicated group of parishioners who assist us in singing at every Funeral Mass. You may suggest hymns, which have special meaning to you as long as they are sacred and liturgically appropriate. Solo pieces are limited to a meditation after Communion. Choices are also limited to the choir’s knowledge of songs and should be coordinated with the parish Music Director, at least one day prior to the funeral. (Please see music list attached). Guest musicians and/or vocalists must be active music ministers in their church.

Miscellaneous

Fees: Please consult with your funeral director for current information regarding fees for the church.

If clergy other than those at St. Alphonsus preside, their compensation should be considered in addition to the usual fees.

Family friends or relatives who are Catholic clergy are welcome to concelebrate or to preside, with advance notice and proper documentation. Please consult with the parish priest in advance.

Liturgical Choices

I. Placement of White Pall
(Up to six people may assist)

Names

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

II. Selection of Readings

Old Testament _____

Read by _____

New Testament _____

Read by _____

Gospel _____

Read by Priest or Deacon

III. General Intercessions (Prayers of Faithful)

Read by _____

IV. Gifts of Bread and Wine – Offertory Procession
(Up to three people)

Names

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SAMPLE

Music For A Funeral Liturgy
St. Alphonsus Church
Greendale, WI 53129
Order of Liturgy

Gathering Hymn: _____

Psalm Response: _____

Presentation of Gifts: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Soloist – Choir: _____

Communion Reflection _____

Song of Farewell: Song Of Farewell – In Breaking Bread Book

Sending Forth: _____

Psalms: Psalm of the Good Shepherd – Psalm 23
Shepherd Me O God – Psalm 23
The Lord Is My Light – Psalm 27 (Walker)
The Lord Is Kind And Merciful – Psalm 103
To You O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul – Psalm 25

Hymns:

Alleluia #1	Alleluia Alleluia (Melody to – Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee)
Amazing Grace	Be Not Afraid
Blest Are They	City Of God
Eye Has Not Seen	Going Home
Here I Am Lord	How Great Thou Art
Hosea	I Am The Bread Of Life
I Have Loved You	Now We Remain
On Eagles Wings	One Bread One Body
Only This I Want	Prayer Of St. Francis
Precious Lord Take My Hand	Sing A New Song
Taste And See	We Have Been Told
We Will Rise Again	You Are Mine
You Are Near	

Solo Song - Ave Maria (If parish musician is available or Guest)
Serdeczna Matko (Polish hymn to the Blessed Mother)
Take Me Home
When All Is Said And Done
No More Tears

Note: The St. Alphonsus Funeral choir is at all parish funerals. A cantor is provided by the parish unless one has been requested by the family. Guest soloists (or) guest cantors should meet with musician one hour prior to a funeral Mass.

SAMPLE

**OLD
TESTAMENT
READINGS**

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season,

and time for every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to tear down, and time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;

a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;

a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees.

Judas (the ruler of Israel) then took up a collection among 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

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 Redeemer 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 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.

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The just, though they die early,
 shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not
 with the passage 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, let wickedness pervert his mind
 or deceit beguile his soul;

For 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts

will provide for all peoples

a feast of rich food and choice wines,

juicy, rich food and pure choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy

the veil that veils all people,

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

OLD TESTAMENT

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

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel,
heard this word from 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 this earth shall awake;
some shall sleep 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

**NEW
TESTAMENT
READINGS**

A Reading from the Letter of St. 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,

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

A Reading from the letter of St. 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 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 one man
the many were made sinners,
so, through the obedience of the one
the many will be made righteous.

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

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized in 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 has no power over him.

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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 receive a Spirit of adoption,

through whom we cry, "Abba, Father."

The Spirit himself 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 firstfruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves

as we await for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Letter of St. 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,

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 St. Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

Why then do you judge your brother or sister?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother or sister?

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

for it is written:

As I live says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me.

On 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 St. 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 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 has 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 and in all.

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The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the First Letter of St. 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 a 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 in corruptibility,

and that 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

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. 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,

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

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

We know that if our earthy 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 judgement 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

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 3:20-21

A Reading from the Letter of St. 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

A Reading from the First Letter of St. 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 Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendent 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 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

NEW TESTAMENT

I John 3:1-2

A Reading from the First Letter of St. 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

NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 3:14-16

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers and sisters.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in 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 and sisters.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered
in the house of Cornelius, 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 Israelites
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 of what 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 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 to 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.

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The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a great white throne and the one who was sitting on it.
The earth and the sky fled from his presence,
and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,
and scrolls were opened.

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

The sea gave up its dead;

Then Death and Hades 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

A Reading from the book of Revelation

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

The former heaven and the former earth has 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 sway."

The one who sat on the throne said,
"Behold I will make all thing 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 their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord

**FUNERAL
READINGS
GOSPELS**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he 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

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and learned
You have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

“Come to me, all 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 Matthew

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,
brought no oil with them,
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long-delayed,
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight there was a cry,
"Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,
"Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out."

But the wise replied,
"No, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves."

While they went off to buy it,
the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

The door was locked.

Afterward, the other virgins came and said,
"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!"

But he said in reply,
"Amen I say to you, I do not know you."

Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?”

And the king will say to them in reply,

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Then he will say to those on his left,

“Depart from me, you accursed;
into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food,

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison,
and you did not care for me.”

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Then they will answer and say,

“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?”

He will answer them, “Amen, I say to you,

whatever you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.”

And these will go off to eternal punishment,

but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

At noon, darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.
And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"
which is translated,
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Some bystanders who heard it said,
"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."
One of them ran, soaked a sponge with sour wine,
put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying,
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two, from top to bottom.
When the centurion who stood facing him
saw how he breathed his last, he said,
"Truly this man was the Son of God!"
When the sabbath was over,
Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome
brought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
Very early on the first day of the week,
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.
They had been saying to one another,
"Who will roll back the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?"
When they looked up,
they saw that the stone, which was very large,
had already been rolled back.
As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,
sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe,
and they were utterly amazed.
He said to them, "Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Behold the place where they laid him."

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The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

As he drew near the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.

A large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
"Do not weep."

He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted,
and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!"

The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,
"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"
and "God has visited his people."

This report about him spread throughout Judea
and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Gird your loins and light your lamps

and be like the 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 the 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 must also 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 Luke

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

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

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit,”
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,
though he was a member of the council,
had not consented to their plan of action.

He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

After he had taken the body down,

he wrapped it in a linen cloth
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.

At daybreak on the first day of the week

the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus
took the spices they had prepared
and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

but when they entered,
they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were puzzling over this, behold,

two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.

They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them,

“Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, but he has been raised.”

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53 (Short)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week,
two of Jesus' disciples were going
to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus,
and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

As it happened that while they were conversing and debating,
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

He asked them,

What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem
who does not know of the things
that have taken place there in these days?"

He replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him,

"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,
how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over
to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;
and besides all this,
it is not the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:
they were at the tomb early in the morning
and did not find his Body;
they came back and reported
that they had seen a vision of angels
who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb
and found things just as the women had described,
but him they did not see.

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And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are!
How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things
and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him
in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going,
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.
But they urged him, "Stay with us,
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at the table,
He took bread, said the blessing,
broke it and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,
"Were not hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem,
where they found gathered together
the eleven and those with them who were saying,
"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon."

Then the two recounted
what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

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The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats of this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, Amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food
and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood,
remains in me, and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me,
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

When Jesus arrived, he found Lazarus
had already been in the tomb four days.
Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.
And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to console them about their brother.

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

Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you."

Jesus said to her,
"Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him,
"I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her,
"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
the one coming into the world."

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The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said
"Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said,

"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, "Take the stone away."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

"Lord by now there will be a stench;
He has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

"Father, I thank you for hearing me;
I know that you always hear me;
but because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this,

He cried out in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out,

tied hand and foot with burial bands
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

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So Jesus said to them,

“Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

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

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

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

"Father, save me from this hour?"

But it is for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

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The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

When the soldiers came to the place call the skull,
they crucified Jesus and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.

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

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

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

Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

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

The Gospel of the Lord

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

A Reading from the Holy gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me.
I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,
He went out to what is called The Place of the Skull,
in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others,
one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother,
and his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdala.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son."

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

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

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

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

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

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

And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the
Sabbath,
for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken
and that they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.

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But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,
they did not break his legs
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,
and immediately blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;
he knows that he is speaking the truth,
so that you also may come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled:

Not a bone of it will be broken

And again another passage says:

They will look upon him whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea,
secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,
asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus.

And Pilate permitted it.

So he came and took his body.

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night,
also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes
weighing about one hundred pounds.

The Gospel of the Lord

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**(PRAYERS OF
THE FAITHFUL)**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

H-1/H-5

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

Reader: In baptism, (Name) received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy:

Response: Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy:

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

Lord, in your mercy:

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.

Lord, in your mercy:

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

Lord, in your mercy:

The family and friends of (Name) seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness of doubt that comes from grief.

Lord, in your mercy:

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

Lord, in your mercy:

Presider: 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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

H-2

Presider: 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: Our Response will be, "Lord, hear our prayer."

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

We pray to the Lord.

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.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us that they may be rewarded for their goodness.

We pray to the Lord.

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.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister (Name), 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.

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

We pray to the Lord.

Presider: 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.

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

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

We pray to the Lord.

For (Name) 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.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister (Name), that they may be consoled in their grief.

We pray to the Lord.

For our deceased friends and relatives and for all who have helped us, that they may be rewarded for their goodness.

We pray to the Lord.

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.

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

We pray to the Lord.

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.

Presider: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister (Name), but also for the Church, for peace in the world and for ourselves.

Reader: Our response will be: "Lord, hear our prayer."

That the bishops and priests of the Church and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim.

We pray to the Lord.

That those in public office may promote justice and peace.

We pray to the Lord.

That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.

We pray to the Lord.

That God may deliver the soul of his servant (Name) from punishment and the power of darkness.

We pray to the Lord.

That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offenses.

We pray to the Lord.

That God may establish him/her in light and peace.

We pray to the Lord.

That God may call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints.

We pray to the Lord.

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life.

We pray to the Lord.

That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed.

We pray to the Lord.

Presider: O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the soul of your departed servants release from their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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Presider: Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and Resurrection. Our Response is: "Lord, have mercy."

Reader: Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever:
Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Promise and image of what we shall be:
Lord, have mercy

Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:
Lord, have mercy

Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:
Lord, have mercy.

Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to (Name) forever:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless (Name's) family and friends who gather around him/her today.
Lord, have mercy.

