

*Through Death to Life:  
Preparing Funerals  
at  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church*



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We at Holy Trinity want to express our sympathy at the loss of your loved one. Our faith reminds us that God comforts us in all our afflictions. May our compassionate Lord be with you in a special way during this time of grief.

Through its funeral rites, the Church celebrates the good works of God shown through the life of the deceased, and commends her/him to God's merciful love. Especially at the celebration of the Eucharist, the Christian community expresses the union of the earthly Church on earth with the heavenly Church in the communion of saints. While witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection of Jesus, the funeral rites also affirm God's consolation to all who take part in them.

### ***Who Can Be Offered a Funeral Mass***

Holy Trinity parish celebrates funeral services for current or former parishioners and their relatives. The pastor will make a determination about other requests having no parish connection.

Catholic burial, including the funeral Mass, is permitted for a baptized non-Catholic who might reasonably be presumed to desire or prefer Catholic burial services. Such a decision would be appropriate where the non-Catholic party worshiped regularly at the Catholic Church or identified with the Catholic Church more than any other. It would not be appropriate if the deceased were an active member of a non-Catholic Christian Church, except in cases where the minister of the deceased was unavailable. (Canon 1183.3)

### ***Funeral Times***

**Funeral arrangements begin with a meeting with the funeral director. Next the parish is contacted, (usually by the funeral home) where a priest/deacon will confirm the date and time for the funeral Mass. The parish staff will contact the family to arrange a meeting to discuss the music and liturgy details of the funeral rites.**

*The Mass of Christian Burial* is the primary service, customarily celebrated in the morning, reflecting the theme of resurrection. At Holy Trinity, morning funeral masses are scheduled at **10:30am**; visitation can be scheduled at 9:30am if not held the preceding evening. Procession to the cemetery and burial usually follow the Mass. An evening *Mass of Christian Burial* is an acceptable option, if more convenient for the family and mourners. In this case, the interment services would be held the following day.

### ***The Order of Christian Funerals***

*The Order of Christian Funerals* is divided into three groups of rites:

***Vigil*** (wake service), ***Funeral Liturgy***, and ***Rite of Committal***.

***I. The Vigil.*** The vigil for the deceased is the principal rite celebrated by the Christian community after a death and before the funeral liturgy, or if there is no funeral liturgy, before the Rite of Committal. A vigil service at the wake is optional, but is strongly encouraged. The vigil may be celebrated in the funeral home, in the home of the deceased, or in the church. (At times near the major liturgical seasons of Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter, the church may not be available.)

The vigil is normally celebrated the evening before the *Funeral Liturgy*, and is a time for prayer and remembrances by family and friends. The vigil has four parts: 1) Opening prayers, 2) Liturgy of the Word, 3) Intercessions and the Lord's Prayer, 4) Blessing. Eulogies and stories of the deceased may be shared most fittingly just before the Blessing, (*Order of Christian Funerals [hereafter "OCF"] #96*) or, if a number of people wish to speak, after the vigil liturgy has ended.

Praying the rosary is another Catholic custom connected with funerals. It is a separate devotional prayer, and not part of the vigil rite. If you wish the rosary to be prayed in connection with the funeral rites, please discuss with the priest/deacon the most fitting time to include it.

### ***Viewing the Body***

This practice is highly encouraged, because it helps remove doubts that the loved one has truly died. The body may be viewed during visitation at the funeral home, or at the church immediately before the *Funeral Liturgy*. During the *Funeral Liturgy* the casket is closed.

### ***Cremation and Cremation-Only Providers***

It is the Catholic Church's preference that the funeral Mass be celebrated with the body of the deceased present. The body may either be buried or cremated after the funeral Mass. In the event that cremation occurs first, the cremains may be brought to the church for the funeral Mass. Church law requires that cremains be laid to rest in consecrated ground, either buried or kept in a columbarium/mausoleum. If neither the body nor the cremains are present, a memorial Mass may be celebrated.

**Unlike full-service funeral homes, cremation-only providers may or may not offer the following items/services, which also are not provided by Holy Trinity Church:**

Guest Book, Pens

Memorial Contribution Envelopes

Acknowledgment Cards and Envelopes

Prayer Cards

Memorial Folders

Crucifix

Display Easels (for photo boards)

Obituary posting

Honoraria (see page 6; typically included in a funeral home's itemized statement)

***II. The Funeral Liturgy.*** The *Funeral Liturgy* is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. Most often, a *Mass of Christian Burial* is celebrated in the church or the stone chapel. A *Funeral Liturgy outside Mass* may be celebrated for liturgical (on days when funeral Masses are not permitted) or pastoral (e.g., if a priest is not available) reasons. Ordinarily it is celebrated in the parish church, but may also be celebrated in the home of the deceased, a funeral home, parlor, chapel of rest, or cemetery chapel.

#### ***Pall, Holy Water, Candle, Incense***

The casket itself, although a center of reverence, is not the focus of attention at the *Funeral Liturgy*. Rather, the focus is our hope of sharing eternal life and resurrection, promised at Baptism and shown by using **liturgical symbols**. During the introductory blessing, the casket is covered with a white cloth, a **pall**, and sprinkled with **holy water**. (A pall is not used with a cremation urn. [OCF #434]) The **Easter Candle** stands inside the church at the foot of the altar, before the casket. During the final commendation toward the end of the liturgy, **incense** is used as a sign of honoring the body of the deceased, and of our prayers rising to heaven before God. Usually, immediate family members place the pall on the casket. The American flag, a symbol of military service, is removed from the casket before the Mass, and may be replaced after the casket leaves the sanctuary.

#### ***Entrance Procession***

The order of entrance is as follows: servers, priest celebrant/deacon, casket, casket bearers, family members (if not already seated). The same order is used as we leave the church.

#### ***Scripture Readings***

A list of recommended readings may be found toward the end of this pamphlet. Outside the fifty days of the Easter season, one reading should be selected from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. It is ancient custom in the worldwide Church not to read from the Old Testament during the fifty days of the Easter Season. Between Easter and Pentecost, both the first and second readings should be selected from the New Testament. The priest/deacon selects the Gospel reading. Non-scriptural readings are not permitted at Mass. Family members are encouraged to proclaim the readings at the funeral Mass, but if the family requests, the parish will provide a reader/lector for the funeral.

#### ***Homily***

The homily is given by the priest or deacon after the Gospel. It is meant to be a reflection on Christian life, death, and resurrection. Only an ordained Catholic priest or deacon is allowed to preach the homily at the funeral liturgy.

A eulogy is *not* to be given in place of the homily (*OCF #27, #141*). If family and friends wish to share remembrances of the deceased, the Vigil is the most fitting time. (See “The Vigil”, paragraph 2, above.) Other remembrances may be shared during the funeral luncheon. If necessity warrants (e.g., delayed travel arrangements from out of town), *one person* may share a brief family remembrance just before the *Mass of Christian Burial* begins. Remarks given should be simple, brief (under five minutes) and prepared, *with the tone being one of faith and hope*.

***The Universal Prayer***  
***(“Petitions” or “Prayer of the Faithful”)***

The Universal Prayer, or petitions, are given after the homily. Sets of sample prayers may be found toward the end of this pamphlet. Again, a family member or friend may read the Universal Prayer, or upon request, the parish will provide someone.

***Presentation of Gifts***

Members of the immediate family are encouraged to bring the gifts (hosts and cruet of wine) forward as a symbolic way of offering their loved one to God. Please alert the priest/deacon if low-gluten hosts are needed.

***Reception of Communion***

We encourage Catholics to receive communion under both species of bread and wine. If you have family members who are commissioned Eucharistic Ministers (even from another parish), they are permitted to assist. Otherwise, the parish will provide Eucharistic Ministers if needed.

Catholics believe that the Eucharist is a sign of oneness in faith, life, and worship, therefore members of churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Fellow Christians who desire a spiritual communion may come forward in the communion procession with arms folded across the chest, and bow before the Eucharist.

***Music***

Because the Mass is a public act of worship of the church, the parish is ultimately responsible for the music in the liturgy, which expresses faith in Jesus’ victory over death and our personal share in his resurrection. Careful music choices acknowledge our grief within the hopeful context of Christ’s Easter promise. Nonreligious songs that may be personal favorites, but that do not meet these liturgical norms, are most fittingly shared during the funeral home visitation or at the funeral luncheon, rather than in church on the day of the funeral liturgy. A list of suggested hymns follows the lists of possible petitions (Prayer of the Faithful) at the end of this pamphlet.

At Holy Trinity, we require an organist/pianist and cantor for all funerals. These musicians are needed to support and lead the music for the parts of the Catholic liturgy that have priority for congregational singing. The Holy Trinity music director is the designated organist/pianist who plays for all Holy Trinity funerals; s/he will also recruit, schedule, and rehearse with a Holy Trinity cantor. Outside musicians requested by the family may participate, e.g. with prelude or offertory music, provided they demonstrate vocal or instrumental competency and/or cantor experience, but we ask that they not replace the music director.

The music director will provide a worship aid containing all music (provided the church has the proper copyright licenses) for the Mass. S/he will also choose all Mass parts and the musical setting for the (requested responsorial) psalm. All music can be decided by the music director if the family requests it. The use of recorded music in the liturgy is not permitted.

**III. The Rite of Committal.** The Rite of Committal is normally conducted at the cemetery immediately following the funeral liturgy. The rite consists of: The Prayer over the Place of Committal, Committal, Lord’s Prayer and Prayer for the People, and usually takes about fifteen minutes.

### ***Other Considerations***

***Flowers.*** Flowers are permitted. The parish staff will direct the placement of the flowers. Please be sure to remove, after Mass, only the flowers family and friends provided and not those that belong to the Church. The parish does welcome donations of flower arrangements should the family wish it.

***Photographs and Memorabilia.*** Memorial displays are encouraged at the wake at the funeral home. If some images are to be used at the church, the display is to be kept simple and placed outside the sanctuary area. **We regret that we are not able to accommodate requests for DVD presentations.**

***Funeral Luncheon.*** The parish offers the hospitality of a light lunch following the funeral hosted by parish volunteers, consisting of sliced ham and sliced turkey, sliced cheese, bread, and condiments. A minimal cost of **\$3.00 per person, based upon the family's best estimate**, is payable to Holy Trinity Church on the day of the funeral, or may be mailed in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided at the church consultation. The Luncheon Committee will supply salads, vegetables, desserts and beverages. The family is always welcome to bring in their own caterer, at their own expense.

***Other Church Fees and Honoraria.*** Most funeral directors itemize all costs within their billings to include other church fees and honoraria, customarily paid on the day of the funeral. Please note that the musicians for funeral liturgies do not receive payment from the church. The only remuneration they receive for their services comes from the family.

The current Holy Trinity funeral fee and honoraria schedule is:

Organist: \$150, payable by check made out to the organist/pianist (not to Holy Trinity)

Cantor: \$125, payable by check made out to the cantor (not to Holy Trinity)

Servers: \$10 per server (usually 3 servers), payable separately in cash

The parish also accepts memorial gifts in memory of the deceased. If desired, the donor may specify the purpose for the gift. A gift may also be given to the priest.

Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office.

**Funeral directors should contact the parish office with any questions about the fee schedule: 913-888-2770.**

We hope this pamphlet is of assistance during your time of grief.

*Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever, bring us safely home.*

The pastor and parish staff of Holy Trinity  
April, 2016

To assist in the funeral liturgy planning we are including:

List of Old and New Testament readings

List of Options for the Prayer of the Faithful

List of Music Recommendations

Planning Worksheets for Funeral Liturgy and Participation of Family/Friends

# *Old Testament ("First") Readings (outside Easter Season)*

## *CHOOSE ONE*

### **OT ONE ~ 2 Maccabees 12:43-46**

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.

### **OT TWO ~ Job 19:1, 23-27**

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.

### **OT THREE ~ Wisdom 3:1-9**

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.

### **OT FOUR ~ Wisdom 4:7-15**

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported. Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account. Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones and his care is with his elect.

### **OT FIVE ~ Isaiah 25:6, 7-9**

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!"

## **OT SIX ~ Lamentations 3:17-26**

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.

## **OT SEVEN ~ Daniel 12:1-3**

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and 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.



*New Testament Readings – "FIRST" Reading during the Easter Season Only*  
*MAYBE USED as the "SECOND" Reading outside Easter Season*  
**CHOOSE ONE**

**Easter NT ONE ~ Acts 10:34-43**

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 of 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."

**Easter NT TWO ~ Revelation 14:13**

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 works accompany them."

**Easter NT THREE ~ Revelation 20:11 – 21:1**

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 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 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.

**Easter NT FOUR ~ Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

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."

## *New Testament (“Second”) Readings-CHOOSE ONE*

### **NT ONE ~ Romans 5:5-11**

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who 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.

### **NT TWO ~ Romans 5:17-21**

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 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 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.

### **NT THREE ~ Romans 6:3-9**

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.

### **NT FOUR ~ Romans 8:14-23**

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.

## **NT FIVE ~ Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

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, 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.

## **NT SIX ~ Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12**

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

## **NT SEVEN ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

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 man, the resurrection of the dead came also through a 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 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. 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.

## **NT EIGHT ~ 1 Corinthians 15:51-5**

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 that 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.

## **NT NINE ~ 2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1**

Brothers and sisters: 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.

## **NT TEN ~ 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

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.

## **NT ELEVEN ~ Philippians 3:20-21**

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.

## **NT TWELVE ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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.

## **NT THIRTEEN ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-13**

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 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.

## **NT FOURTEEN ~ 1 John 3:1-2**

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.

## **NT FIFTEEN ~ 1 John 3:14-16**

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.

Scripture readings are taken from: *The New American Bible with Revised New Testament.*  
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# The Universal Prayer

## **OPTION 1 (OCF 401-1)**

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

For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life:  
may s/he now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life:  
may s/he be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the family and friends of our brother/sister N.:  
may they be consoled in their grief by the Lord Jesus, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our deceased relatives and friends, and for all who have helped us:  
may they have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again:  
may they see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith:  
may we be gathered together again in your kingdom.

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

## **OPTION 2 (OCF 401-2)**

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

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May those in public office promote justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body never feel forsaken by You or by us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You deliver the soul of Your servant N. from punishment and from the powers of darkness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You in Your mercy blot out all his/her offenses.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You establish him/her in light and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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## *The Universal Prayer (continued)*

May You welcome into Your glory those of our families and friends who have departed this life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May You give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** *O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all 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.*

### **OPTION 3 (OCF 401-3)**

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

In baptism N. received the light of Christ.

Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Savior.

Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom.

Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day.

Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.

Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation.

Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N.

Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

### **OPTION 4 (OCF 401-6 For a baptized child; this set may be sung)**

**Priest:** *The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our only sure hope. Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this dark hour.* *continued on next page*

## *The Universal Prayer (continued)*

You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life: to you we pray,

**Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience through suffering: to you we pray,

**Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom: to you we pray,

**Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

You comforted those who mourned the loss of children and friends: to you we pray,

**Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all: to you we pray,

**Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

You promised to raise up those who believe in you just as you were raised up in glory by the Father:  
to you we pray,

**Bless us and keep us, O Lord.**

**Priest:** *Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care and now you embrace him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **OPTION 5 (OCF 401-7, For a deceased child)**

**Priest:** *Let us pray for N., his/her family and friends, and for all God's people.*

For N., child of God [and heir to the kingdom]:

may s/he be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For N.'s family, especially his/her mother and father, [his/her brother(s) and sister(s)]:

may they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For N.'s friends, those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her:

may they be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another, we pray to the

Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all parents who grieve over the death of their children:

may they be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For children who have died of hunger and disease:

may these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the whole Church: may we prepare worthily for the hour of our death,

when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** *Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care, and now you embrace him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping, together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



# *Funeral Music Recommendations*

**Holy Trinity Music Director: Dr. Chloë Stodt @ 913-895-0682/ cstodt@htlenexa.org.**

## **Entrance**

GC 442 - Sing With All the Saints in Glory (vv. 1, 2, 4)/ HYMN TO JOY  
GC 494 - How Great Thou Art (vv. 1, 4)/ O STORE GUT  
GC 612 - Amazing Grace/ NEW BRITAIN  
GC 638 – Eye Has Not Seen  
GC 646 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, “Come unto Me and Rest”/ KINGSFOLD  
GC 674 – Keep in Mind  
GC 793 - For All the Saints (vv. 1, 2, 4)/ SINE NOMINE  
GC 614 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past/ ST. ANNE  
GC 661 – The Church’s One Foundation (vv. 1, 2, 4)/ AURELIA  
GC 694 – Now We Remain

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 16 – GC 598 – Center of My Life  
Ps 23 - GC 30 - My Shepherd Is the Lord  
Ps 23 - GC 31 - Shepherd Me, O God  
Ps 23 - GC 635 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is (metrical)  
Ps 27 – GC 38 – In the Land of the Living  
Ps 27 - GC 39 – The Lord Is My Light  
Ps 27 – GC 881 – Remember Your Love  
Ps 42 - OCP 620 – O God, for You I Long  
Ps 42 - W3 – My Soul Is Thirsting for the Lord  
Ps 63 – GC 60, 61 – My Soul Is Thirsting  
Ps 63 – GC 62 – Your Love Is Finer than Life  
Ps 63 – GC 63 – I Long for You  
Ps 90 – GC 614 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past (metrical)  
Ps 91 - GC 611 - On Eagle’s Wings  
Ps 103 – GC 99 – The Lord Is Kind and Merciful  
Ps 116 – GC 110 – In the Land of the Living (Refrain 3)  
Ps 121 – GC 119 – Our Help Comes from the Lord  
Ps 122 – GC 120 – Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord  
Ps 122 – GC 121 – I Was Glad When They Said to Me  
Ps 126 – OCP 678 – The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us  
Ps 130 – GC 127 – With the Lord There Is Mercy  
Ps 130 – GC 128 – I Place All My Trust in You  
Ps 130 – GC 877 – Out of the Depths (Repeat last line of each verse w/assembly)

## **Presentation and Preparation of Gifts**

GC 386 - Hosea  
GC 507 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light/ HOUSTON  
GC 578 – Lord of All Hopefulness (vv. 1, 3, 4)/ SLANE  
GC 590 – We Walk by Faith/ SHANTI OR W3 572 – We Walk by Faith/ DUNDEE  
GC 600 – Faith of Our Fathers/ ST. CATHERINE  
GC 601 – All That We Have  
GC 603 – How Can I Keep from Singing  
GC 608 – Be Not Afraid  
GC 659 – Blest Are They  
GC 773 – Steal Away to Jesus  
GC 785 - Ave Maria (Kantor)

### **Presentation and Preparation of Gifts (continued)**

GC 612 - Amazing Grace/ NEW BRITAIN  
GC 621 - Only in God  
GC 626 - There's a Witness in God's Mercy/ IN BABILONE  
GC 877 - God Weeps with Us/ KINGSFOLD  
GC 881 - Remember Your Love  
GC2 570 - O God, Why Are You Silent?/ PASSION CHORALE  
GC 627 - What Wondrous Love Is This/ WONDROUS LOVE  
GC 635 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is/ ST. COLUMBA  
GC 636 - Shelter Me, O God  
GC 638 - Eye Has Not Seen  
GC 649 - You Are Mine  
GC3 979, W4 992 - There Is a Place (child)  
W&R 451 - Be Still, My Soul/FINLANDIA  
W&R 515 - In the Bulb There Is a Flower  
W&R 683 - Little One, Born to Bring (child)

### **Communion**

GC 386 - Hosea  
GC 408 - Live in Charity (interreligious)  
GC 611 - On Eagle's Wings  
GC 638 - Eye Has Not Seen  
GC 694 - Now We Remain  
GC 814 - Taste and See  
GC 815 - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart/ BICENTENNIAL  
GC 828 - I Am the Bread of Life/ BREAD OF LIFE  
GC 830 - One Bread, One Body  
GC 838 - Eat This Bread  
GC 839 - Here in This Place  
G3, W4 - Draw Near

### **Final Commendation: Song of Farewell**

OCP 219 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper)  
OCF 403-5 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives (metrical)/-O WALY WALY)  
OCP 706 - Song of Farewell, Smolarski (OLD HUNDREDTH)  
GC 857-I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Hughes)  
Saints of God (Haas)

### **Procession to the Place of Committal: Closing**

#### *Preferred:*

G3-979 - May Holy Angels Lead You (In Paradisum, para. Ronald F. Krisman/LONDONDERRY AIR)  
May Saints and Angels Lead You On (In Paradisum, OCF 396-E/ O WALY WALY)  
May Saints and Angels Lead You On (In Paradisum, OCF 396-E/ OLD HUNDREDTH)  
GC 858 - May the Angels Lead You into Paradise (In Paradisum/ Hughes) with congregational refrain  
OCP 707 - In Paradisum (Latin or English), arr. DeBruyn

#### *Other Options:*

CLB - God of the Living/ MELITA [Navy Hymn])  
GC 404 - Jesus, Remember Me  
GC 442 - Sing With All the Saints in Glory (vv. 1, 4)/ HYMN TO JOY  
GC 578 - Lord of All Hopefulness (vv. 1, 3, 4)/ SLANE  
GC 590 - We Walk by Faith/ SHANTI OR W3 572 - We Walk by Faith/ DUNDEE  
GC 793 - For all the Saints (vv. 5, [6], 7, 8)/ SINE NOMINE  
GC2 868 - Go, Silent Friend/ LONDONDERRY AIR  
OCF 396C - Blest Be the Everlasting God/ KINGSFOLD)  
SNC 284 - Go, My Children, with My Blessing (vv. selected)/ AR HYD Y NOS

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL – SCRIPTURES, MUSIC, PETITIONS**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Priest Celebrant: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Worship Aids to Print \_\_\_\_\_

Family Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Call to Worship (prelude/music rehearsal) \_\_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing of Pall

Entrance Song \_\_\_\_\_

Placing of Christian Symbols

Opening Prayer

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm Psalm # \_\_\_\_\_ Setting \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Gospel Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Homily/Preaching \_\_\_\_\_

The Universal Prayer (Petitions) \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation/Preparation of Altar and Gifts \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Memorial Acclamation *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Great Amen *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Communion Processional \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm/Hymn of Praise/Instrumental/Silence \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer after Communion

**FINAL COMMENDATION**

Invitation to Prayer

Sign of Farewell (incensing) \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to Place of Committal \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATION of FAMILY/ FRIENDS**

Placing of the Pall  
(casket only) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Placing of Christian Symbols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Casket/Urn Bearer/s \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lector/s \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Universal Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gift Bearer/s \_\_\_\_\_  
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Extraordinary Minister/s of Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_  
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Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
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