

C-1

Outside of Easter Time: Old Testament

FIRST READING

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel, took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, in as much 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. **Thanks be to God.**

C-2

FIRST READING

Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 judgment they shall shine and 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 the elect.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

C-3 (Short)

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported-Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people 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 to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

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 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:

“Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us!

This is the Lord to whom we looked;

Let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

C-6

FIRST READING

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. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

During Easter Time: New Testament

Long Version: Acts of the Apostles: 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses 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.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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C-9

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 20:11-21:1

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

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

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING: Ecc: 3:1-8

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season,

A time for every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time for harvest

A time to break down and a time to heal;

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 embracing.

A time to seek and a time to loose;

A time to keep and a time to cast away.

A time to tear and a time to sew;

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to forgive and a time to love.

The Word of God

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, 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 keep silence, 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. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

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 a 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 be far 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.

What advantage has the worker from toil?

I have considered the task which God has appointed for us to be busied about.

He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into our hearts, without our ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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I recognize that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life. For every man, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all his labor is a gift of God. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-12

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Sometime after these events, God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Ready!" he replied. Then God said, "take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him

his son Isaac, and two of his servants as well, and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar. Then he said to his servants: “Both of you stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go over yonder. We will worship then come back to you. Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust and laid it on his son Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?” “Son,” Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust,” Then the two continued going forward.

When they came to the place of which god had told them, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord’s messenger called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Yes, Lord!” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-3a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

But now thus says the LORD,

who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

in the rivers you shall not drown.

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned;

the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST READING

Micah 6:6-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

With what shall I come before the Lord,

And bow before God most high?

Shall I come before him with holocausts,

With calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with myriad of streams of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my crime,

The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

You have been told, O man, what is good,
and what the Lord requires of you:

Only to do right and to love goodness,

And to walk humbly with your God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Who can find a woman of worth?
Far beyond jewels is her value.
Her husband trusts her judgement;
He does not lack income.
She brings him profit, not loss,
All the days of her life.
She seeks out wool and flax
and weaves with skillful hands.
Like a merchant fleet,
She secures her provisions from afar.
She rises while it is still night,
And distributes food to her household,
A portion to her maidservants.
She picks out a field and acquires it;
from her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength;
She exerts her arms with vigor;
She enjoys the profit from her dealings;
Her lamp is never extinguished at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
And her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.

She is not concerned for her household when it snows-
all her charges are doubly clothed.

She makes her own coverlets;
fine linen and purple are her clothing.

Her husband is prominent at the city gates
as he sits with the elders of the land.

She makes garments and sells them,
and stocks the merchants with belts.

She is clothed with strength and dignity,
And laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom;
kindly instructions is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs in her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband, too, praises her:

“Many are the women of proven worth,
But you have excelled them all.”

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Acclaim her for the work of her hands,
And let her deed praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

PSALM

D-1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-6

R. Though I walk in the Valley of Darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

in verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths

for his name sake.

R. Though I walk in the Valley of Darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil;

for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R. Though I walk in the Valley of Darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

R. Though I walk in the Valley of Darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

D-2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25:6, 7b, 17-18, 20-21

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your kindness are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Relieve the troubles of my heart; And bring me out of my distress. Put an end to my affliction and my suffering; and take away all my sins.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Preserve my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, because I wait for you, O LORD

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7 & 8b & 9a, 13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life. That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation

D-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.

When shall I go and behold the face of God?

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

I went with the throng and led them in procession
to the house of God.

Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Send forth your light and your fidelity;

they shall lead me on

And bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling-place.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Then will I go in to the altar of God,
the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,
O God, my God!

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why do you sigh within me?

Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,
in the presence of my savior and my God.

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

D-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103:8 & 10, 13-14,15-16, 17-18

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms; The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity, to eternity toward those who fear him, And his justice toward children's children among those who keep his covenant and remember to fulfill his precepts.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116: 5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; I said in my alarm, "No man is dependable."

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant, you have loosed my bonds.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, “We will go up to the house of the LORD.” And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Because of my relatives and friends I will say “Peace be within you!” Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good.

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 5c-7, 8

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. My soul waits for the LORD more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD, For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

D-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 143:1-2, 5-6, 7ab and 8ab, 10

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O LORD, hear my prayer; hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness; in your justice answer me. And enter not into judgment with your servant, for before you no living man is just.

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your doings; the works of your hands I ponder. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like parched land.

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Hasten to answer me, O LORD; for my spirit fails me. At dawn let me hear of your mercy, for in you I trust.

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your good spirit guide me on level ground.

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In Verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

with your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

PSALM 73:21-26

- 21 Since my heart was embittered and my soul deeply wounded,
22 I was stupid and could not understand; I was like a brute beast in your presence.
- 23 Yet I am always with you; you take hold of my right hand.
24 With your counsel you guide me, and at the end receive me with honor.
- 25 Whom else have I in the heavens? None besides you delights me on earth.
- 26 Though my flesh and my heart fail, God is the rock of my heart, my portion forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 121:1-8

R. My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

From where will my help come?

R. My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

God will not allow your foot to slip;

your guardian does not sleep.

Truly, the guardian of Israel

never slumbers nor sleeps.

R. My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord is your guardian;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

By day the sun cannot harm you,

nor the moon at night.

R. My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will guard you from all evil,

will always guard your life.

The Lord will guard your coming and going

both now and forever.

R. My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 23

Reader: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. (*Response.*)

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—the comfort me. (*Response.*)

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint me head with oil;

my cup overflows. (*Response.*)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long. (*Response.*)

SECOND READING

E-1

Second Reading

Romans 5:5-11

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

E-2

Second Reading

Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many 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 might also reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-3

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-3 (short)

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-4

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. New Testament Reading #8 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 wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son But handed him over for us all, Will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen 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

Thanks be to God.

E-6

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

As I live, says the Lord, every knee

shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.

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

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-7 (short)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 20-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-7

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.” But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-8

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

*"Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

We do speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written:

“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,”

This God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-9

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

Knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

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

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-9 (short)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-9 (Longer Version)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we too believed and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

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

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-10

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-11

Second Reading

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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

Thanks be to God.

E-12

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that 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

Thanks be to God.

E-13

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him

we shall also live with him;

if we persevere

we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful

he remains faithful,

for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-14

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

E-15

2nd Reading

1 John 3:14-15

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. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13

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

Suppose I speak in the languages of human beings and of angels. If I don't have love, I am only a loud gong or a noisy cymbal. Suppose I have the gift of prophecy. Suppose I can understand all the secret things of God and know everything about him. And suppose I have enough faith to move mountains. If I don't have love, I am nothing at all. Suppose I give everything I have to poor people. And suppose I give my body to be burned. If I don't have love, I get nothing at all.

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs.

Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

Love never fails. But prophecy will pass away. Speaking in languages that had not been known before will end. And knowledge will pass away.

What we know now is not complete. What we prophesy now is not perfect. But when what is perfect comes, the things that are not perfect will pass away.

When I was a child, I talked like a child. I thought like a child. I had the understanding of a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

Now we see only a dim likeness of things. It is as if we were seeing them in a mirror. But someday we will see clearly. We will see face to face. What I know now is not complete. But someday I will know completely, just as God knows me completely.

The three most important things to have are faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-7

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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. 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." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." He said to me, "They are accomplished. I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4

A reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy:

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:1-8

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but following their won desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

F-1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:25

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the childlike of the mysteries of the Kingdom.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 25:34

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:39

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:40

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

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

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:51

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 11:25a, 26

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 3:20

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

Our true home is in heaven, and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for, will come from heaven to save us.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Timothy 2:11-12a

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

If we die with Christ, we shall live with him, and if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 1:5a, 6b

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead; glory and power be his forever and ever. Amen.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 14:13

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

F-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest,”
says the Lord.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

G-1

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12a

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-2

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:25-30

A 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 the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-4 (Short Version)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on 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, ill and you cared for 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 a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the kind 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-4

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on 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, ill and you cared for 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 a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the kind 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 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 what you did not do for own 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-5

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6

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 of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with 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 bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were 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 had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

G-7

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-9

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53, 24:1-6a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It was about noon and darkness came over the whole land until 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, 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 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 one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-11

GOSPEL READING

John 5:24-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them: "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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-12

GOSPEL READING

John 6:37-40

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-13

GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-59

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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-14

GOSPEL READING

John 11:17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet 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 Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-14 (Short)

GOSPEL READING

John 11:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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 Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-15

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-45

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 away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." G15 (cont.) 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. So Jesus said to the crowd, "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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-16

GOSPEL READING

John 12:23-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: "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 will lose 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 was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-17

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

G-18

GOSPEL READING

John 17:24-26

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12: 28-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, “Which is the first of all the commandments?”

Jesus replied, “The first is this: ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Gospel of John

So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat’. Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Lord give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

H-1

General Intercessions

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 ____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the water of death. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Our brother/sister ____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

H-1 (Continued)

The family and friends of ____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

Lord God,

giver of peace and healer of the 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

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 _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister _____, that they may be consoled in their grief by the lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

H-2 (Continued)

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.

H-4 (H-3 New)

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may deliver the soul of his servant _____ from punishment and from the powers of darkness. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offenses. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may establish him/her in light of peace. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

H-4 (Continued)

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

H-4 (new)

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection.

Risen Lord, pattern of our life for ever:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have Mercy.

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

R. Lord, have Mercy.

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

R. Lord, have Mercy.

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

R. Lord, have Mercy.

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

R. Lord, have Mercy.

Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to _____ for ever: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have Mercy.

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

R. Lord, have Mercy.

O God,

Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful,

H-4 (Continued)

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.

Priest:

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

Reader:

For who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Hazardous. We pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hop of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

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

R. Amen

H-4

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Priest:

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

Reader:

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.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may deliver the soul of his servant Michael from punishment and from the powers of darkness. We pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God will help all those who are seeking employments in this tough economic time. We pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

H-4 (Continued)

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**LET US NOW PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND ITS LEADERS,
FOR THIS PARISH, AND FOR THE NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE:**

**FOR BENEDICT, OUR POPE, FOR JAMIE, OUR BISHOP, AND
ALL THE BISHOPS OF THE CHURCH, THAT THEY MAY LEAD
US TO A MORE FAITHFUL LIVING OF THE GOSPEL, WE
PRAY TO THE LORD.**

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**FOR FR. DAN, OUR NEW PASTOR, THAT HE MAY ALWAYS
SHOW US LOVE AND COMPASSION, WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**

**FOR ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME AND TALENT TO
THIS PARISH, THAT THEIR SERVICE TO THE CHURCH MAY
HELP US TO KNOW THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST, WE PRAY TO
THE LORD.**

**FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD AND FOR THE
CONVERSION OF THOSE WHO HAVE HARDENED THEIR
HEARTS TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**

**FOR THE POOR OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD, THAT WE MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR
NEEDS AND SHARE WITH THEM FROM OUR BOUNTY, WE
PRAY TO THE LORD.**

**FOR OURSELVES, THAT WE WHO FORM HOLY SPIRIT
PARISH MAY WORK TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD
NEWS OF CHRIST'S LOVE, WE PRAY TO THE LORD.**

**ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, IN CHRIST YOUR SON YOU
HAVE SHOWN YOUR GLORY TO THE WORLD. GUIDE THE**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (Continued)

WORK OF YOUR CHURCH: HELP IT TO PROCLAIM YOUR NAME, TO PRESERVE IN FAITH AND TO BRING YOUR SALVATION TO PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.

H-5 (new)

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Priest: Jesus is the Son of God and the pattern for our own creation. His promise is that one day we shall truly be like him. With our hope founded on that promise, we pray:

Reader: That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of N.. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God will bring completion N.'s baptism into Christ. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God will lead N. from death to life. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That all of us, N.'s family and friends, may be comforted in our grief. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God will grant relief to those who suffer. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for the victory over death. We pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

Lord God, you entrusted **N.** to our care and now you embrace him 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.

GENERAL INTERCESSION – PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:

Let us pray for David, his family and friends, and for all God's people. For David child of God [and heir to the kingdom], that he be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity, we pray to the lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For David's family, especially his mother and father and his sisters, that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For David's friends, those who played with him and those who cared for him, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For children who have died of hunger and disease, that these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the whole Church, that 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,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

H7 (Continued)

Priest:

Lord God, you entrusted David to our care and now you embrace him in your love. Take David 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.

N-2 (New)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your servant N., who (today) has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

O-6 (New)

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother/sister. May our farewell express our affection for him/her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him/her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God, come to his/her aid!

Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!

R. Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself: May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

R. Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O'Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

R. Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

Q-1

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
We commend our brother/sister____
In the sure and certain hope that,
Together will all who have died in Christ,
he/she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon____in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord,
turn toward us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradises to your servant
and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and with our brother/sister forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 may also 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

Prayers of the faithful – Read by Marie Aubin

In baptism our dad receive the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our dad, who nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our dad that has joined our siblings Cathy, Gerard, and Barbara, that their reunion will be joyful and wonderful. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The family and friends of our dad seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the lord,

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Presentation of the Gifts

Brought forward by: MaryAnne Aubin & Lyla, Margie Aubin

Remarks of Remembrance

Person 1 - Mike Aubin

Person 2 – Frank Vanacor