



## *Funeral Planning Guide*

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LET *Faith* BE OUR *Consolation*  
& eternal life BE OUR *hope.*



Dear Friend,

As your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we offer you our prayers and sympathy on the loss of your loved one.

At this time of sorrow, the gift of faith not only consoles but also brings hope. The Funeral Mass is that life giving opportunity to pray for those who have died and to renew our faith in the life and Resurrection that Jesus Christ came to bring us.

We provide this booklet to inform you of the possible options you have in planning your loved one's Funeral Mass. At this time of grief, we understand that you, your family and friends may not be able to participate in these various opportunities. So if you wish, you may leave the planning to the Priest and Director of Music.

May the celebration of the Holy Eucharist for your loved one fill you with the peace of Our Risen Savior.

Yours in Christ,  
The Family of Saint Philip the Apostle Parish

### *The Unique Character of Catholic Funeral Rites*

We realize that you may have previously attended different funeral ceremonies in a variety of religious or secular communities. The nature and order of those various ceremonies are expressions of the thoughts and beliefs of those organizations. As such Catholic Funeral Rites have a distinctive form and character that is derived from the cherished teachings of our faith.

The central element of the Catholic Faith is known as the Paschal (Passover) Mystery, namely that Jesus Christ, the Son of God who became human, was put to death for our sins, and then rose from the dead, passing from death to eternal life. In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.

Therefore Catholic Funerals are not memorial services that remember a life that was once lived and is now lost and gone. At the death of a Christian the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. Catholics celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just.

The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Catholic funeral. In these sacred rites the community affirms and expresses the union of the deceased Christian with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven. In the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion), those who are Catholic may receive the body and blood of Christ acknowledging that their lives are forever united to God: through their sharing in the Paschal mystery they are united with the death and resurrection of Jesus. By these bonds we believe that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heaven and a new earth.

## CREMATION

As part of its faith in the Paschal Mystery, the Catholic Church proclaims its belief in the Resurrection of the whole person, body and soul. As such, the body of the deceased is to be treated with respect for it is destined for the resurrection of new life. The Catholic Church permits the cremation of the deceased as long as the faith in the resurrection of the body is upheld and the cremated remains are respectfully buried in the ground or placed in a columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

When the choice has been made to cremate a body, it is recommended that the cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy. However, if the cremation has already taken place, the remains may be brought into the church for the funeral as long as they are treated respectfully, using a worthy vessel to contain and transport them.

## MEMORIAL MASSES

When the body of the deceased has already been buried or is not available, a Mass on behalf of the deceased may be celebrated in lieu of the Funeral Rites. Those particular prayers that are normally recited in the presence of the body are omitted, but the full Catholic Mass is offered.

## PROTOCOLS

**There will be copies of the readings, Prayers of the Faithful (Intentions, Intercessions), and eulogy (if provided) on the Altar for you so you will not need to bring a copy with you.**

- \* Eulogies are allowed but are limited to 5 minutes and a copy should be sent for review by the Parish at the same time as the reading and music choices to ensure it is appropriate.**
- \* If the family wishes to participate in the Presentation of the Gifts, please inform the Rectory when you submit your choices. There will be two gifts (bread and wine) to be presented.**

There are dedicated Funeral Servers that also act as our Eucharistic Minister for your Mass, therefore you will not need Altar Servers or Ministers of your own.

- \* Charges for a Mass are: \$150 for St. Philip the Apostle Church, \$175 for the Celebrant, and \$150 for the Organist. Please verify with the Funeral Home or Church for names.**
- \* The Mass is available for Live Stream on our website and a copy may be purchased by contacting our Rectory for a \$25 donation.**



This section is designed to help you plan a moving and meaningful celebration of the life of your loved one. Although other songs from Breaking Bread may be used, these are from among the most appropriate. If you are unfamiliar with any of the songs, there are links to YouTube videos of these on our Funeral Planning page (where you found this booklet).

Please circle a selection from each category that seems most fitting for your loved one and family. **Then, record it on the separate planning page.**

It is perfectly all right if you cannot decide or have no preference - the Organist can fill in any blanks you leave. If you arrange for a guest soloist, or have any questions or other requests, please call the Rectory.

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# Scripture Readings

This is designed to help you plan a moving and meaningful celebration of the life of your loved one. Although other readings may be used, these are from among the most appropriate.

Please circle ONE selection from each category that seems most fitting for your loved one and family.  
Then, record the book, chapter, and verse (ie: Daniel 12:1-3) and the reading identifier (OT 7) on the separate planning page.

It is perfectly all right if you cannot decide or have no preference -  
the Priest can fill in any blanks you leave.  
If you have any questions or other requests, please call the Rectory.

## Old Testament Readings

*Please select one reading*

OT 1	Wisdom 3:1-9	As sacrificial offerings, he took them to himself
OT 2	Wisdom 4:7-15	An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
OT 3	Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9	He will destroy death forever
OT 4	Job 19:1,23-27	I know that my Redeemer lives
OT 5	Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31	The value of a worthy wife
OT 6	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	There is a time for everything
OT 7	Daniel 12:1-3	The wise shall shine brightly
OT 8	Lamentations 3:22-26	The favors of the Lord are not exhausted.

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

But 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 the elect.

### **OT 2 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 the elect.

### **OT 3 Isaiah 25:6a, 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 4 Job 19:1. 23-27**

Then Job answered and said:  
Oh, would that my words were written down!  
Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!  
But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

### **OT 5 Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31**

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.  
She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come.  
She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel.  
She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness.  
Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols 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.  
Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

### **OT 6 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11**

There is an appointed time for everything,  
    and a time for everything 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.  
God has made everything beautiful in its time.

### **OT 7 Daniel 12:1-3**

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."

### **OT 8 Lamentations 3:227-26**

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.

*Suggested Readings from*  
*the New Testament*

*Please select one reading*

NT 1	Acts 10:34-43	Everyone who believes will receive forgiveness.
NT 2	Romans 5:5-11	Hope does not disappoint.
NT 3	Romans 6:3-4, 8-9	Let us walk in newness of life.
NT 4	Romans 8:14-23	I consider the sufferings of the present as nothing.
NT 5	Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39	What can come between us and the love of Christ?
NT 6	Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12	Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
NT 7	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	Death is swallowed up in victory.
NT 8	2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1	What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.
NT 9	2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-9	We have an everlasting home in heaven.
NT 10	Philippians 3:20-21	Our citizenship is in heaven.
NT 11	2 Timothy 4:6-8	I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
NT 12	1 Thess. 4:13-18	We shall stay with the Lord.
NT 13	2 Timothy 2:8-12	If we have died with him, we shall live with him.
NT 14	1 John 3:1-2	We shall see God as he really is.
NT 15	Revelation 14:13	Happy are those who die in the Lord.
NT 16	Revelation 7: 9-10, 15-17	The Lamb will shepherd them.
NT 17	Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7	I saw a new heaven.

## **NT 1 Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,

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

We are witnesses of 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.”

## **NT 2 Romans 5:5-11**

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

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 4 Romans 8:14-23**

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

## **NT 5 Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **NT 6 Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12**

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why 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 account of himself to God.

## **NT 7 1Cor. 15:51-57**

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.

## **NT 8 2Cor. 4:14-5:1**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all  
comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory,  
but what is unseen is eternal.

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

### **NT 9 2Cor. 5:1,6-10**

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.

### **NT10 Phil. 3:20-21**

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 11 2Timothy 4: 6-8**

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.

### **NT 12 1Thes. 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.  
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.  
For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.  
Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

### **NT 13 2Timothy 2:8-12**

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.

### **NT 14 1 John 3:1-2**

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.

### **NT15 Revelation 14:13**

I 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.”

### **NT 16 Revelation 7: 9-10, 15-17**

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people and tongue.

They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.”

Then one of the elders said,

“For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him night and day in his temple

They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them.

For the Lamb who is the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them  
to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

### **NT 17 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

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. 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.”

*Suggested Gospel Readings*  
*Please choose one Gospel Reading*

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| G 1  | Matthew 5:1-12a      | Your reward will be great in heaven.                             |
| G 2  | Matthew 11:25-30     | Come to me and I will give you rest.                             |
| G 3  | Matthew 25:1-13      | Look the bridegroom comes!                                       |
| G 4  | Matthew 25: 31-40    | Come you who are blessed by my Father.                           |
| G 5  | Luke 12:35-40        | The Son of Man will come.  |
| G 6  | Luke 24:13-16;28-35  | They came to know him in the breaking of the bread.              |
| G 7  | John 6:37-40         | Everything the Father gives me will come to me.                  |
| G 8  | John 6:51-58         | Whoever eats this bread will live forever.                       |
| G 9  | John 11:21-27        | I am the resurrection and the life.                              |
| G 10 | John 11:32-45        | Lazarus, come out!   |
| G 11 | John 12:23-26        | Whoever loves their live will lose it.                           |
| G 12 | John 14:1-6          | Do not let your hearts be troubled.                              |
| G 13 | John 17:24-26        | Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am. |
| G 14 | John 19:17-18; 25-30 | Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.                     |

## **G 1 Matthew 5: 1-12**

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.”

## **G 2 Matthew 11: 25-30**

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.

## **G3 Matthew 25: 1-13**

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

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

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

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

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

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

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

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

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

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

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

#### **G4 Matthew 25: 31-40**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, 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 king will say to them in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me.’

#### **G 5 Luke 12: 35-40**

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.”

#### **G 6 Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35**

Two of the disciples of Jesus on that same day (the first day of the week) were making their way to a village named Emmaus seven miles distant from Jerusalem, discussing as they went all that had happened. In the course of their lively exchange, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them. However, they were restrained from recognizing him.

By now they were near the village to which they were going, and he acted as if he were going farther. But they pressed him: “Stay with us. It is nearly evening – the day is practically over.” So he went to stay with them.

When he had seated himself with them to eat, he took bread, pronounced the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him; whereupon he vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”

They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled.

They were greeted with, “The Lord has been raised! It is true! He has appeared to Simon.”

Then they recounted what had happened on the road and how they had come to know him in the breaking of bread.

## **G 7 John 6: 37-40**

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.”

## **G 8 John 6: 51-58**

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.”

## **G 9 John 11: 21-27**

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

## **G10 John 11: 32-45**

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."

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.

## **G11 John 12: 23-26**

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."

## **G12 John 14: 1-6**

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."

### **G13 John 17: 24-26**

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.”

### **G14 John 19:17-18, 25-30**

Jesus, carrying the cross himself went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,  
in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.  
Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary of Magdala.

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

Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.”

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

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

There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of  
hyssop and put it up to his mouth.

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

And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.



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**Our response is: Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_ who was given the pledge of eternal life in Baptism,  
that he/she be admitted into the company of saints, we pray to the Lord...

For \_\_\_\_\_, who was nourished by the Body of Christ in Holy Communion,  
that he/she might enjoy the banquet of eternal life, we pray to the Lord...

For all who bear the cross of pain in mind or body, that they may never feel forsaken by God,  
we pray to the Lord...

For the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_, that they may know the comfort and  
consolation of God, we pray to the Lord...

For everyone gathered here in faith, that we may one day be reunited with all the faithful  
departed in the kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord...



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