

SELECTION
OF
SACRED SCRIPTURES
AND MUSIC



FOR THE
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OF
CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Dear friends of St. Catherine of Bologna Church:

Please accept our sincere condolences on the recent loss of your loved one. May the Lord Jesus give you His peace and comfort during this difficult time in your life.

As soon as the church is notified, one of us will contact you to offer our personal condolences as well as go over several things that need to be discussed in order to properly celebrate the Wake Service and Mass of Christian Burial for your loved one.

In this booklet are selections of readings from Holy Scripture. It is customary during a Catholic Mass of Christian Burial that there be one reading from the **Old Testament** (*the First Reading pp.5-11*), a Responsorial Psalm (*which is usually sung*) an additional reading from the **New Testament** (*the Second Reading: pp.12-22*) and a selection from one of the **Gospels**

(*pp. 23-34; which is proclaimed by the celebrant or deacon*). You may choose one of the following readings that are listed in this booklet or any other selection from a Catholic Bible as long as it is discussed with the priest prior to the day of the funeral.

If there is a member of your family that would like to participate in the Funeral Mass as a Reader (*someone who is familiar with public reading or is a Reader at their home parish is preferable*) they are encouraged to participate in the liturgy as well. You may also have another person read the "Prayers of Intercession" (*p. 35*).

If you would rather not choose the particular readings for the Mass, you may leave those choices up to the priest.

Other things to consider are: who will place the pall (*that is the large white cloth which is placed on your loved one's casket*) at the beginning of the Mass and any individual(s) who would like to bring up the gifts of bread and the wine during the preparation of the altar.

Next is your choice of **music**. At the end of this booklet (*pp. 36-37*) are a list of liturgically appropriate hymns that should be used as a guide to your selections. We would kindly recommend that any particular music which may have been special to your loved one (*which is not sacred but secular*) be played at the funeral home or at the cemetery.

Finally, is the issue of a eulogy or reflection on the personal life of your beloved deceased. The most appropriate time for such a reflection is at the funeral home during visiting hours or at the cemetery. The church is the proper place where your loved one's faith life is recognized by the priest during his homily. Therefore, no eulogies will be allowed in church.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Center to discuss these or any other matters that may be of concern to you or any member of your family.

Be assured that we are here to pray with you and for you as you mourn the loss of your loved one and it is our privilege and obligation to celebrate their passing from this life into the next with great dignity, solemnity and deep respect.

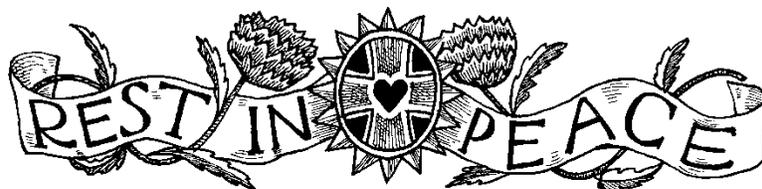
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SELECTIONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

(Choose One)

(1) A Reading from the Book of Job (19:1, 23-27)

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(2) A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before people, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(3) A Reading from the Book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(4) A Reading from the Book of the prophet 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!"

The Word of the Lord.

5) A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (3:17-26)

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The

favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

(6) A Reading from the Book of the prophet 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(7) A Reading from the second Book of Maccabees *(12:43-46)*

Judas [the ruler of Israel] then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

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The Word of the Lord.

SELECTIONS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT
(Choose One)

(1) A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *(10:34-43)*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

(2) A Reading from the letter of Paul to the 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(3) A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans *(5:17-21)*

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(4) A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans *(6:3-4, 8-9)*

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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(5) A Reading from the letter of Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(6) A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(7) A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(8) A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-23)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(9) A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (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, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(10) A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

(11) A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (5:1,5:6-10)

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. 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.

(12) A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:20-21)

But 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.

(13) A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

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

The Word of the Lord.

(14) A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (2:8-13)

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.

(15) A Reading from the First Letter of Saint 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.

The Word of the Lord.

(16) A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John (3:14-16)

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 [and sisters]

The Word of the Lord.

(17) A Reading from the Book of 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."

The Word of the Lord.

(18) A Reading from the Book of Revelation (20:11-21:1)

I 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.

(19) A Reading from the Book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Common Courtesy is given to the priest presider. Thank you!

EULOGIES Again, unfortunately, we do not allow eulogies in the church.

The appropriate time to share personal reflections, stories and anecdotes would be at the Funeral Home, at the cemetery or even at the repast (if you are having one).

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

CHOOSING MUSIC

When choosing music for the Mass of your loved one, we request that you select from sacred music only. While there are many great secular pieces of music, the appropriate time to play them would be at the Funeral Home during the visitation hours.

We also kindly suggest that no CD's or tapes be played during the Mass. Finally, you may also choose any other appropriate church hymn (that has not been listed) as long as it is approved by the Director of Music.

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

- All Creatures of our God and King *(not during Lent)*
- Be Not Afraid
- You Are Near
- Here I Am, Lord
- We Walk By Faith
- Keep in Mind
- You Are Mine

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

- Be with Me, Lord
- The Lord is my Light
- Shelter Me, O God
- The Cry of the Poor
- The Lord is King and Merciful
- To You, O Lord

OFFERTORY HYMNS /Communion Hymns

- Ave Maria
- Shelter Me, O God
- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
- Blest Are They
- Unless a Grain of Wheat
- I Am the Bread of Life
- Lord, When You Came to the Seashore
- I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- Eye Has Not Seen
- You are Mine
- Gift of Finest Wheat
- You Are Near
- Deep Within
- Make me a Channel of Your Peace
- We Remember
- Hosea
- There is a Balm In Gilead
- All I Ask of You

VISITING SOLOISTS/ORGANISTS

Any visiting soloists and/or organists must be pre-approved by our Director of Music as soon as possible.