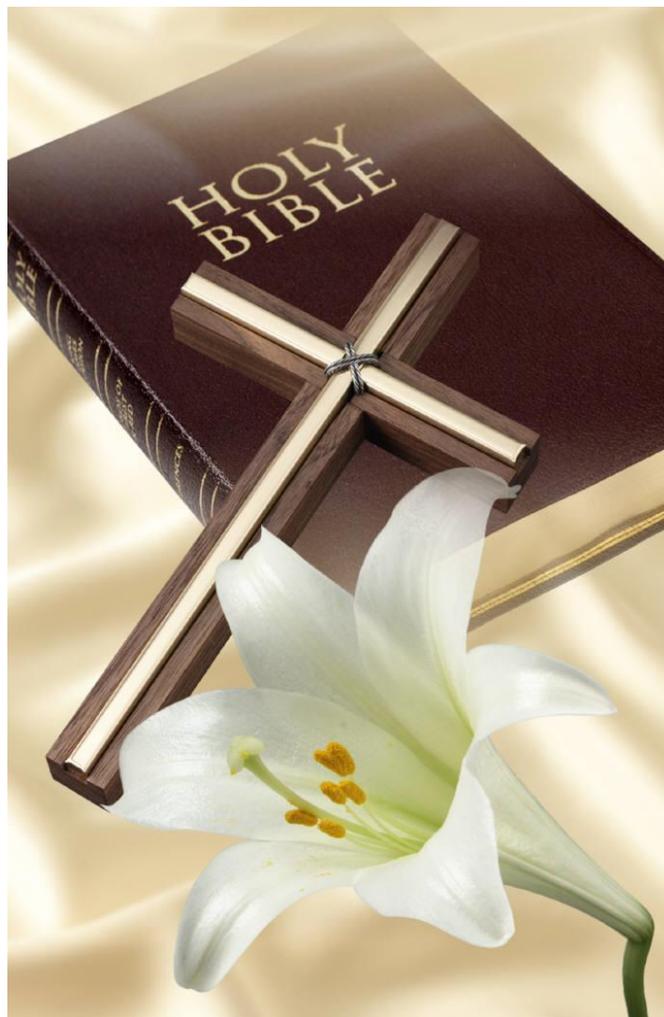


MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL TEXTS OF SACRED SCRIPTURE



For Reading I – choose one reading from Selections 1 through 7
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Reading I from the Old Testament (Selections 1 through 8)

1 A Reading from the Book of Proverbs 31:10-12, 20-21, 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, not evil,
all the days of her life.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
She fears not the snow for her household;
all her charges are doubly clothed.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
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.

The Word of the Lord

Reading I from the Old Testament (Selections 1 through 8)

2 A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14

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 of love, and a time to hate;
a time of war and a time of peace.
I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever;
There is no adding to it or taking from it.
Thus had God done that he may be revered.

The Word of the Lord

Reading I from the Old Testament (Selections 1 through 8)

3 A Reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction,
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord

Reading I from the Old Testament (Selections 1 through 8)

4 A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 4:7-10, 13-15

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--
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

Reading I from the Old Testament (Selections 1 through 8)

5 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

Reading I from the Old Testament (Selections 1 through 8)

6 A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

Rise up in splendor! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
But upon you the Lord shines,
and over you appears His glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
No longer shall the sun be your light by day,
Nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night;
The Lord shall be your light forever,
your God shall be your glory.
No longer shall your sun go down,
or your moon withdraw,
For the Lord will be your light forever,
and the days of your mourning shall be at an end.

The Word of the Lord

Reading I from the Old Testament (Selections 1 through 8)

7 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

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

A A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:5-11

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the holy Spirit 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.

The Word of the Lord

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

B A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6:3-9

Brothers and sisters

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

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

For if we have grown into union with him
through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

C A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:14-23

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.

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

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

D A Reading from the Letter of St. 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

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

E A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, 10-12

Brothers and sisters:

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

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or 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 account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

F Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:51-57

Brothers and Sisters::

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

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

G A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Brothers and sisters:

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

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

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

For this momentary 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

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

H A Reading from the First Letter of St. 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 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

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

I Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

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

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

J Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved:

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.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf,
but everyone deserted me.

May it not be held against them!

But the Lord stood by me
and gave me strength,

so that through me the proclamation might be completed
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Reading II from the New Testament (Selections A through K)

K Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter 1:3-9

Beloved:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who in his great mercy
gave us a new birth to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you
who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice,
although now for a little while
you may have to suffer through various trials,
so that the genuineness of your faith,
more precious than gold that is perishable
even though tested by fire,
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him;
even though you do not see him now
yet believe in him,
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
as you attain the goal of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord