

Funeral Planning Book



Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Macedonia, Ohio



Our prayers are with you and your family at the death of your Beloved One. The Parish Staff and Family of Our Lady of Guadalupe stand with you at this significant moment and we will do all we can to offer you comfort as we provide a ministry of hope. Death brings so many changes and can lead us into darkness. So, our prayer is that through the Church, we will see the light of Christ leading us into the Father.

This booklet provides a guide for you in preparation for the Funeral Rites of the Church, which include the 1. **Vigil (Wake)**, 2. **Funeral Liturgy (Mass)**, and 3. **Committal (Cemetery)**. These Rites of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy express the fullness of what it means “*Life is changed; not ended*”, for they celebrate the life, passion, death and resurrection of the Lord and our lives in him. In all this we deepen our faith in Christ as we will gather to pray your Beloved One onto eternal life.

As Pastor, one of my primary responsibilities and ministry is to preside at the Rites of Christian Burial. To that end, I promise you our presence, our support and the best care and love of our parish. We will remember your loved one in the prayers of the Church at the weekend Masses and please take a moment to schedule a Mass for your loved one thirty (30) days after their death and burial and on every anniversary of death. You can also choose any other significant dates for them and your family. Mass and the Eucharist are our consolation and our hope.

Let this booklet be a source of prayer as you read through the Scriptures, and may the Lord speak to your heart, giving you consolation and peace. May God bless you during this time of death and loss as we pray together for the eternal life of your loved one with the joy of begin together at the eternal banquet of life.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Kevin Shemuga

The Rites of The Church

The Baptized are provide by the Church the full Rite of Christian Burial. You and your family will experience the Rite of Christian Burial in three distinct and significant moments:

1. The Vigil

This will take place during the visiting hours at the Funeral Home. A member of the Parish Staff will lead this service of prayer and Scripture. At this time someone from the family, or a friend, may wish to remember the deceased by Words of Remembrance.

2. The Funeral Liturgy

This is the most important part of a Catholic Christian Burial. This is almost always celebrated within a Mass. The bodily remains are honored by being brought to the Church. We celebrate the life of the deceased through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

3. The Committal

Almost always, a member of the Parish Staff will accompany the deceased and the family to the cemetery; the Rite of Christian Burial will conclude with the prayers of Committal and Final Commendation. Should one wish to share Words of Remembrance, the Funeral Rite allows for such to take place just prior to the Prayer of Commendation that will be prayed at the cemetery.

Additional Information

4. Cremation

In recent years the Church allows the practice of cremation. However, with cremation, the Church has certain restrictions. If cremation is to take place, it is preferred that it be done **AFTER** the Funeral Liturgy.

5. Planning the Funeral Liturgy

The Funeral Liturgy is one of the most beautiful and meaningful celebrations of the Church. Your family has the option of choosing the Scripture readings and requesting specific hymns.

THE PLANNING SHOULD BE DONE WITH THE PASTOR OR PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR.

When choosing Scriptures, there should be one reading from the Old Testament, a Responsorial Psalm (which is SUNG), and a New Testament Reading. Although you can choose from the whole Bible, the texts contained within this booklet are especially appropriate.

6. Music at the Funeral Liturgy

The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe will provide an Organist and a Cantor for the Funeral Liturgy at the Church. Family members are welcome to request specific Sacred Hymns or Sacred Music. **Secular music may not be played at the Funeral Liturgy nor is it a concert or a recital.** Please consult the Music Page in this booklet for a list of “often requested” hymns and songs.

Because Liturgy is the “*live praise of God*”, recordings are never appropriate within the Mass/prayer. However, recordings can be played at the Wake, the cemetery, or the Social afterwards.

7. Worship Aids

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church does not have hymnals. The parish will print a Worship Aid to be passed out to those who attend the Funeral Mass. It contains the selected Scripture readings, Prayers of The Faithful, and music. A picture of your loved one is certainly welcome to be included on the cover.

8. Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

A Eulogy, or Words of Remembrance, are not a part of the Roman Catholic Funeral Liturgy. A more appropriate time for this to be done would be at the Wake, the Cemetery, or the Social afterwards. In the event this is done at the Church, the brief eulogy or words of remembrance will be given in the Narthex when everyone gathers prior to the start of the Funeral Mass. Through experience, we have found that doing it this way sets a holy and sacred tone for the Funeral Liturgy about to take place.

9. Luncheon

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church does offer the opportunity for a luncheon after the Funeral Mass or Cemetery **depending on availability and previously scheduled events within the Parish**. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church **does not** provide catering. Names of qualified caterers who are familiar with our set-up are available upon request. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Seating capacity is limited to 126 people.

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Please take a few moments to review this planning booklet and complete this form.
This form should be returned (in person or by email) to Donald Grabowy as soon as possible.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact him at (330) 468-2194; ext. 129 or don@olg.cc

Funeral Liturgy Planning Form

Name: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

The Placing of the Pall

(The Funeral Pall symbolizes the Baptismal Garment with which the deceased was clothed at Baptism.
It is appropriate for family members or close friends,
who witnessed the presence of Christ in the life of the deceased, to place the Pall on the casket.)

No _____ Yes ____

The Old Testament Reading - 1st Reading (pages 7-9): **OT-** _____

Read by: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

- OR - Please have OLG provide a Reader for us _____

The Responsorial Psalm (pages 10-12): **RP-** _____ (This will be **SUNG** by the Cantor)

The New Testament - 2nd Reading (pages 13-17): **NT-** _____

Read by: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

- OR - Please have OLG provide a Reader for us _____

The Prayers of The Faithful (pages 18-20): **PF-** _____

Read by: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

- OR - Please have OLG provide a Reader for us _____

Offertory Gift Bearers:

1. _____ 2. _____

Hymn Selections (page 20):

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

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Section OT - Old Testament Readings

OT 1 – Job 19: 1, 23-26

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! As for me, I know that my vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust. This will happen when my skin has been stripped off, and from my flesh I will see God: I will see for myself, my own eyes, not another's, will behold him: my inmost being is consumed with longing.

OT 2 – Wisdom 3: 1-9

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.

OT 3 – Wisdom 4: 7-15

But the righteous one, 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 passes for gray hair, and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age. The one who pleased God was loved, living 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 that consideration into account. Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

OT 4 – 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: "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!"

OT 5 – Jeremiah 29: 10-14

For thus says the LORD: Only after seventy years have elapsed for Babylon will I deal with you and fulfill for you my promise to bring you back to this place. For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me and I will change your lot; I will gather you together from all the nations and all the places to which I have banished you and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you.

OT 6 – Lamentations 3: 17-26

My life is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; My enduring hope, I said, has perished before the LORD. The thought of my wretched homelessness is wormwood and poison; Remembering it over and over, my soul is downcast. But this I will call to mind; therefore I will hope: The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness! The LORD is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the LORD's deliverance.

OT 7 – Daniel 12: 1-3

I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the LORD: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since the nation 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 to everlasting life, others to reproach and everlasting disgrace. But those with insight 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 – 2 Maccabees 12: 43-46

Judas (the ruler of Israel) then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. 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 absolved from their sin.

OT 9 - Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority over her sons. Those who honor their father atone for sins; they store up riches who respect their mother. Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they are heard. Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother. My son, be steadfast in honoring your father; do not grieve him as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; do not revile him because you are in your prime. Kindness to a father will not be forgotten; it will serve as a sin offering—it will take lasting root.

OT 10 - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, 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 profit have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this 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: God retrieves what has gone by.

OT 11 - Proverbs 31: 10-12, 20, 25-31

Who can find a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value. Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack income. She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of 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 deeds praise her at the city gates.



Section RP - Responsorial Psalms (SUNG)

RP 1 – Ps. 23 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

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

1. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.
2. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the dark shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

RP 2 – Psalm 25: 6, 7b, 17-18, 20-21

Response: ***To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

1. Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.
In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.
2. Relieve the anguish of my heart, and set me free from my distress.
See my lowliness and suffering, and take away all my sins.
3. Preserve my life and rescue me.
Let me not be put to shame, for in you I take refuge.
May integrity and virtue protect me, for I have hoped in you, O LORD.

RP 3 – Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7, 8b-9a, 13-14

Response: ***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, to inquire at his temple.
3. O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me.
It is your face, O LORD, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
4. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong; be stouthearted and wait for the LORD!

RP 4 – Psalm 42: 2, 3; Psalm 43: 3, 4, 5

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

1. Like the deer that longs for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.
2. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God;
when can I enter and appear before the face of God?
3. O send forth your light and your truth; they will guide me on.
They will bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.
4. And I will come to the altar of God, to God, my joy and gladness.
To you will I give thanks on the harp, O God, my God.
5. Why are you cast down, my soul; why groan within me?
Hope in God; I praise him yet again, my saving presence and my God.

RP 5 – Psalm 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Response: ***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.***

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining, like a dry, weary land without water.
2. I have come before you in the sanctuary, to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life; my lips will speak your praise.
3. I will bless you all my life; in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.
4. For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

RP 6 – Psalm 103: 8, 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

Response: ***The Lord is kind and merciful.***

1. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults.
2. As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD's compassion is on those who fear him.
For he knows of what we are made; he remembers that we are dust.
3. Man, his days are like grass; he flowers like the flower of the field.
The wind blows, and it is no more, and its place never sees it again.
4. But the mercy of the LORD is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear,
upon children's children his justice,
for those who keep his covenant, and remember to fulfill his commands.

RP 7 – Psalm 116: 5-6, 7-8, 15-16

Response: ***I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

1. How gracious is the LORD, and just; our God has compassion.
The LORD protects the simple; I was brought low, and he saved me.
2. Turn back, my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has been good to you;
he has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
3. How precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, LORD, your servant am I, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosened my bonds.

RP 8 – Psalm 138: 1-2b, 2c-3, 7c-8

Response: ***In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.***

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down toward your holy temple.
I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
2. For you have exalted over all your name and your promise.
On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul.
3. With your right hand you save me; the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.



Section NT - New Testament Readings

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 5: 17-21

For 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.

NT 4 – 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 5 – 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 firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

NT 6 – 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 7 – Romans 14: 7-12

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 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.

NT 8 – 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

But now 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 firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.” But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

NT 9 – 1 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. 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 10 – 2 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.

NT 11 – 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 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.

NT 12 – 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.

NT 13 – 1 Thessalonians 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 14 – 2 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.*

NT 15 – 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

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. 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.

NT 16 – 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.

NT 17 – 1 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.

NT 18 – 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 19 – Revelation 20:11 – 21:1

Next 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.

NT 20 – Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

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." 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.



Section PF - Prayers of The Faithful

PF 1

1. In baptism, our brother/sister **N.** received the light of Christ.
Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.
Lord in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
2. Our brother/sister **N.** was nourished at the table of the Savior.
Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
Lord in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and
await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.
Lord in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
4. Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day.
Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love,
and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.
Lord in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
5. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.
Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.
Lord in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
6. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister **N.**
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.
Lord in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

PF 2

1. For **N.**, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
may he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints.
Lord, in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
2. For **N.**, who ate the body of Christ, the Bread of Life,
may he/she be raised up on the last day.
Lord, in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us,
may they receive the reward of their goodness.
Lord, in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
may they see God face to face.
Lord, in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
5. For the family and friends of **N.**, may they be consoled in their grief by the Lord,
who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.
Lord, in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
may we be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy: **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

PF 3

1. For **N.** and all the recently departed, may they find in their Savior a place of refreshment and everlasting peace prepared for them:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

2. For those who mourn for **N.**, may they have the confidence of knowing the love God has for them during this difficult time:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

3. For those who participate in the ministry of comforting the dying and consoling those who mourn, may they be blessed with grace:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

4. For all of us gathered here today, may we rejoice knowing we are in the presence of the resurrected Christ:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

5. For all of our loved ones who have died, may they be with the angels and the saints in paradise:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

PF 4

1. That God may lead the Church in becoming more potent witnesses to Christ's love and resurrection:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

2. That God may grace the whole world with the blessings of true peace, the peace Christ himself gives us:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

3. That God may establish **N.** in light and peace:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

4. That God may call **N.** to happiness in the company of all the saints:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

5. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed from this life:
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

6. That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed,
we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

PF 5 (For a deceased child)

1. For **N.**, child of God, that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity, we pray:
ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
2. For **N.'s** family, especially his/her mother and father, his/her brother(s) and sister(s), that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief, we pray:
ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
3. For **N.'s** friends, those who played with him/her, and those who cared for him/her, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another, we pray: **ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**
4. For all 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:
ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
5. 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:
ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
6. 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:
ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Section M - Music

All Creatures of Our God and King	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee on Earth
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise	Let There Be Peace on Earth
Alleluia! Sing To Jesus	Lord of All Hopefulness
Amazing Grace	Lord of The Dance
Ave Maria	O God, Beyond all Praising
Be Not Afraid	On Eagle's Wings
Celtic Song of Farewell (<i>Tune: Londonderry Air</i>)	Prayer of St. Francis (<i>Make me a channel of your peace...</i>)
Communion Antiphon: Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Entrance Antiphon: Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them	Serdeczna Matko (<i>Polish Hymn to Mary</i>)
For All The Saints	Shall We Gather at The River
Gift of Finest Wheat	Shepherd Me, O God
Go In Peace (<i>Sarah Hart</i>)	Sing A New Song
Hail Mary; Gentle Woman	Sing To The Mountains
Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above	Sing With All The Saints in Glory
Here I Am, Lord	Song of Farewell (<i>Ernest Sands</i>)
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	Songs of The Angels (<i>Robert J. Dufford, SJ</i>)
How Great Thou Art	The Hand of God Shall Hold You (<i>Marty Haugen</i>)
I Am The Bread of Life (<i>Suzanne Toolan, RSM</i>)	The King of Love, My Shepherd Is
I Have Loved You	There Is A Place (<i>Liam Lawton</i>)
I Heard The Voice of Jesus	Unless A Grain of Wheat
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (<i>Scott Soper</i>)	We Remember
	We Shall Rise Again (<i>Jeremy Young</i>)
	You Are Near

