



*Planning Booklet  
for a Mass of  
Christian Burial*

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## *The Rites of the Church*

All the Baptized are entitled to the full Rite of Christian Burial. You and your family will experience the Rite of Christian Burial in three distinct and important parts:

### THE WAKE SERVICE:

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 sharing personal memories, as in a eulogy.

### THE FUNERAL LITURGY

This is the most important part of the celebration of 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 in the whole context of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

### THE COMMITTAL

Almost always, a member of the Parish Staff will accompany the remains and the family to the cemetery, where the Rite of Christian Burial will conclude with the prayers of Committal and Final Commendation. **Should one wish to speak in memory of the deceased, as in a eulogy**, the Funeral Rite allows for such to take place just prior to the Prayer of Commendation that will be prayed at the cemetery.

## *Time & place of the Funeral*

A funeral may be celebrated on any day of the week except Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. There are also some restrictions concerning funerals during Holy Week, Easter Week or on non-obligatory Holy Days. The priest will discuss these restrictions as they apply.

The funeral liturgy is ordinarily celebrated in the parish church.

## *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 personalizing the Mass by choosing the Scripture readings and by requesting specific faith-based hymns.

When choosing scriptures, there should be one reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, a Responsorial Psalm, and a passage from the Christian Scriptures. Although you can choose from the whole Bible, the texts contained within this booklet are especially appropriate.

## *Music at the Funeral*

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will provide an organist for the funeral liturgy at the Church. Family members are welcome to request specific Sacred Hymns or Music. Secular music may not be played at a Funeral Liturgy. Please consult the last page of this booklet for a list of "often requested" funeral hymns.

Because liturgy is the *live praise of God*, **recordings** are never appropriate within Mass/prayer. Recordings may be played at the funeral home or at the cemetery.

# *The Hebrew Scriptures*

## *Old Testament*

### **B-1**

Job 19:1,23-27

A reading from the book of Job:

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

The Word of the Lord

### **B-2**

Wisdom 3:1-6,9 {3:1-9}

A reading from the book of Wisdom:

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 his elect.

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### **B-3**

Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the book of Wisdom:

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown of 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 of 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.

### **B-4**

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: *Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!*

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## B-5

Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations:

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

## B-6

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel:

{I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:}

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

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## B-7

Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second book of Maccabees:

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.

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# The Responsorial Psalm

## C-1

Psalm 23

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

- ❖ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.®
- ❖ He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. ®
- ❖ You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.®
- ❖ Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. ®

## C-2

Psalm 25

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

- ❖ Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your kindness are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. ®
- ❖ Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Put an end to my affliction and my suffering, and take away all my sins. ®
- ❖ Preserve my life, and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, because I wait for you, O Lord. ®

## C-3

Psalm 27

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- ❖ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? ®
- ❖ One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple. ®
- ❖ Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Your presence, O Lord, I seek. Hide not your face from me. ®
- ❖ I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. ®

## C-4

Psalm 42 and 43

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

- ❖ As the hind longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for you, O God. ®
- ❖ Athirst is my soul for God, the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God? ®
- ❖ Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on and bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place. ®

- ❖ Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy; then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God! ®
- ❖ Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Why do you sigh within me? Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him, in the presence of my savior and my God. ®

## C-5

Psalm 63

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

- ❖ O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. ®
- ❖ Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory. For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.®
- ❖ Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. ®
- ❖ You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

## C-6

Psalm 103

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

- ❖ Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. ®
- ❖ As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him, for he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust. ®
- ❖ Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms; The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more. ®
- ❖ But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him, And his justice toward children's children among those who keep his covenant and remember to fulfill his precepts. ®

### C-7

Psalm 116

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

- ❖ Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful. The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me. ®
- ❖ I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; I said in my alarm, "No man is dependable." ®
- ❖ Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; you have loosed my bonds. ®

### C-8

Psalm 122

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- ❖ I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. ®
- ❖ Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. ®
- ❖ According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. ®
- ❖ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.®
- ❖ Because of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will pray for your good. ®

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

- ❖ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. ®
- ❖ If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. ®
- ❖ I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word. My soul waits for the Lord more than sentinels wait for the dawn. ®
- ❖ For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.®

### C-10

Psalm 143

Response: O Lord, hear my prayer.

- ❖ O Lord, hear my prayer; hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness; in your justice answer me. And enter not into judgment with your servant, for before you no living man is just. ®
- ❖ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your doings, the works of your hands I ponder. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like parched land. ®
- ❖ Hasten to answer me, O Lord, for my spirit fails me. At dawn let me hear of your kindness, for in you I trust. ®
- ❖ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your good spirit guide me on level ground. ®



# *The Christian Scriptures*

## *New Testament*

### **D-1**

Acts 10:34-36, 42-43 {10:34-43}

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

*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 witness 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.

### **D-2**

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

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 the 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.

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### **D-3**

Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

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 come 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.

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### **D-4**

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 {6:3-9}

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

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 his 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 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.

## D-5

Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

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.

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## D-6

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

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.

## D-7

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

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.

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## D-8

I Corinthians 15:20-23 {15:20-23, 24b-28}

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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

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## D-9

I Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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 that which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that 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.

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## D-10

II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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.

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## D-11

II Corinthians 5:1,6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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.

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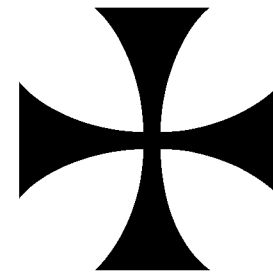
## D-12

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

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.

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## D-13

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

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

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## D-14

II Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy:

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.*

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## D-15

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John:

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.

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## D-16

1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of John:

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers {and sisters}. 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}.

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## D-17

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation:

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.*

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## D-18

Revelation 20:11-21:1

A reading from the book of Revelation:

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.

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## D-19

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

A reading from the book of Revelation:

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, the 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.*

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# Prayers of Petition

## General Intercessions

### J-1

Reader: Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. In baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray...
2. Our brother/sister was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray...
3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray...
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. We pray...
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. We pray...
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. We pray...

### J-2

Reader: Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

### J-3

Reader: Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray...
2. That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray...
3. That God may deliver the soul of his servant N. from punishment and from the powers of darkness. We pray...
4. That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offenses. We pray...
5. That God may establish him/her in light and peace. We pray...
6. That God may call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray...
7. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. We pray...
8. That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray...

### J-4

Reader: Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. Christ, Son of the living God, who raised up Lazarus, your friend, from the dead: raise up to life and glory the dead whom you have redeemed by your precious blood. We pray...
2. Christ, consoler of those who mourn, you dried the tears of the family of Lazarus, of the widow's son, and of the daughter of Jairus; comfort those who mourn for the dead. We pray...
3. Christ, Savior, destroy the reign of sin in our earthly bodies, so that just as through sin we deserved punishment, so through you may we gain eternal life. We pray...
4. Christ, Redeemer, look on those who have no hope because they do not know you; may they receive faith in the resurrection and in the life of the world to come. We pray...
5. You revealed yourself to the blind man who begged for the light of his eyes; show your face to the dead who are still deprived of your light. We pray...
6. When at last our earthly home is dissolved, give us a home, not of earthly making, but built of eternity in heaven. We pray...

### J-5 (for a Baptized child)

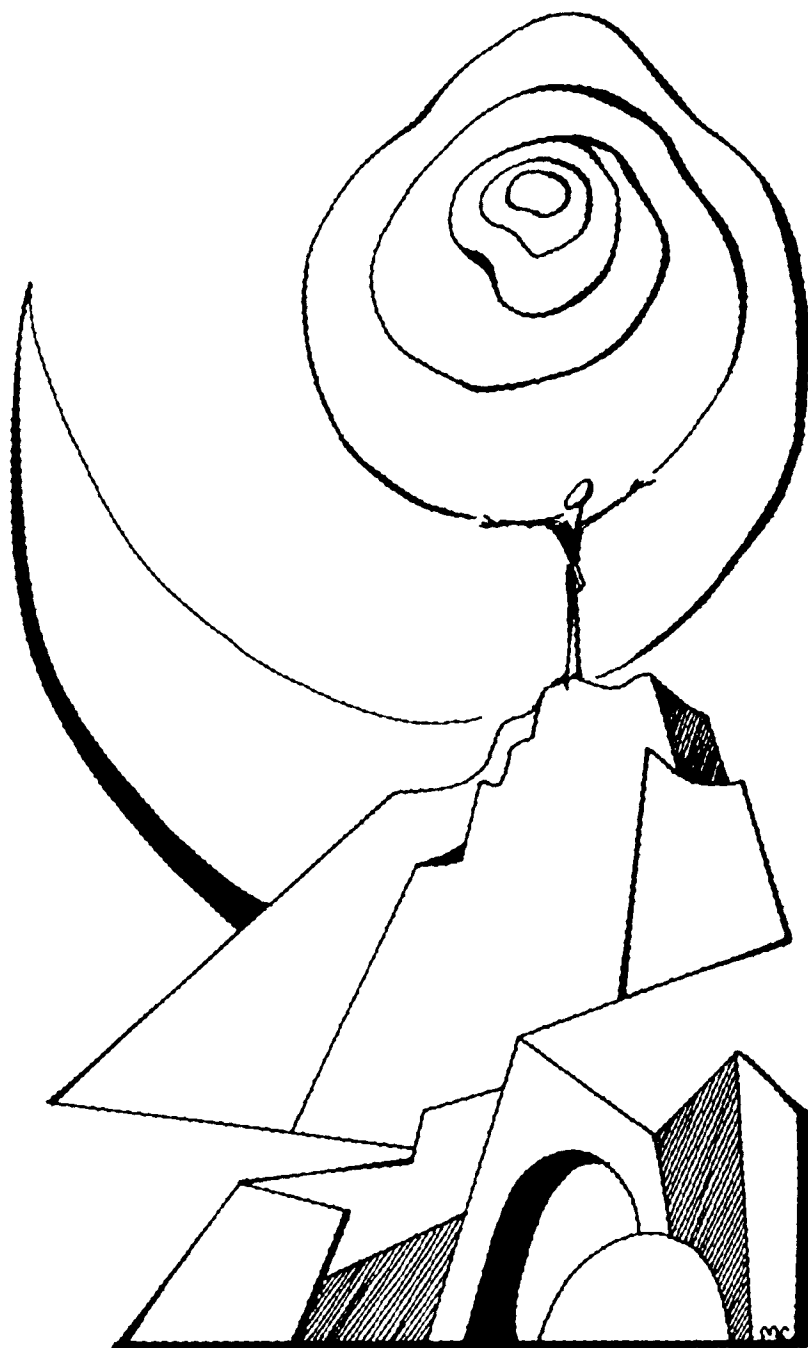
Reader: Our response is: *Bless us and keep us, O Lord.*

1. You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life. To you we pray...
2. You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience through suffering. To you we pray...
3. You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom. To you we pray...
4. You comforted those who mourned the loss of children and friends. To you we pray...
5. You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all. To you we pray...
6. You promised to raise up those who believe in you just as you were raised up in glory by the Father. To you we pray...

### J-6 (for a Baptized or un-Baptized child)

Reader: Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For N., child of God, that s/he be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.
2. For N.'s family, especially his/her parents [brother(s) and sister(s)], that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. We pray...
3. For N.'s friends, those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her, that they be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another. We pray...
4. For all parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God. We pray...
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...
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...



### *Mass offerings for the deceased*

Mass cards, for the intention of the deceased, may be presented to the parish office, or any Catholic church. The customary and usual offering is \$10 per requested Mass..

### *Memorial Vestments*

Quality liturgical vesture is quite expensive. In lieu of purchasing vesture, it is requested that donations be made to the Vestment Memorial Fund in the name of the deceased. Such donations will afford us to purchase appropriate vesture as funding permits.

If you wish to purchase a specific vestment, please contact Mr. Thomas Cousineau at Henninger's Religious Goods Store at 440.842.5504; he is aware of the needs of Sacred Heart Church and can suggest appropriate vesture.

### *Cremation*

In recent years the Church has removed its objections to the practice of cremation. However, the Church has not fully embraced this practice and certain restrictions are in effect. If cremation is to take place, it is preferred that it be done **after** the funeral liturgy.

Please take a few moments to review this brochure and to complete this form. Please give this page to Fr. Trask (fr.trask@shoj.cc) or the parish secretary (secretary@shoj.cc) as soon as possible; please, also, give a copy of the readings and/or petitions to those who will be reading at the funeral liturgy - that they might prepare them in advance.

## Liturgy Planning Form

Mass of Christian Burial for: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Will 2-4 individuals be placing the pall on the casket?**

No    If Yes, how many?  2    3    4

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.

**First Reading:** (pages 5-8) **B-** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Responsorial Psalm:** (pages 8-12) **C-** \_\_\_\_\_

*The psalm response will be sung by the cantor*

**Second Reading:** (pages 13-21) **D-** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Petitions:** (pages 22-24) **J-** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please instruct the readers & gift bearers to see Fr. Trask **as soon as they arrive at church on the day of the funeral.** Their brief conversation will help to alleviate any fears or concerns they may have about *when* to do *what*.

## Frequently Used Funeral Hymns

Please be aware that only Sacred Music may be used at a Funeral Liturgy. The following is a list of liturgical hymns which are appropriate for funerals. Should you have any preferences, **please circle your selections**; the Music Director will place as many selections as possible in the appropriate liturgical place. The Music Director may not be able to accommodate more than three or four selections.

Additionally, **because Mass is a *live celebration of faith*, the use of pre-recorded music is never permitted.** (Recorded music may be used at either the funeral home or at the cemetery).

Abba Father  
Alleluia, Alleluia ♪  
Alleluia Number One ♪  
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus ♪  
Amazing Grace  
Ave Maria ♪  
Be Not Afraid  
Eat This Bread  
Eyes Has Not Seen  
Gather Your People  
Gift of Finest Wheat  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman ♪  
Here I am, Lord  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
Hosea  
How Great Thou Art  
I Am the Bread of Life  
I Have Loved You  
Jesus Christ is Risen Today ♪  
Keep in Mind  
Lead Me, Lord

Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory  
Morning Has Broken  
One Bread, One Body  
Only A Shadow  
Prayer of St. Francis  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Seek Ye First,  
Sing a New Song  
Taste and See  
This Alone  
Though the Mountains May Fall  
We Are Many Parts  
We Remember  
We Walk by Faith  
Where Charity and Love Prevail

♪ Only ONE single-noted hymn may be chosen  
♪ These hymns may NOT be selected during Lent; hymnody with an *Alleluia* is not permitted during the Lenten season.