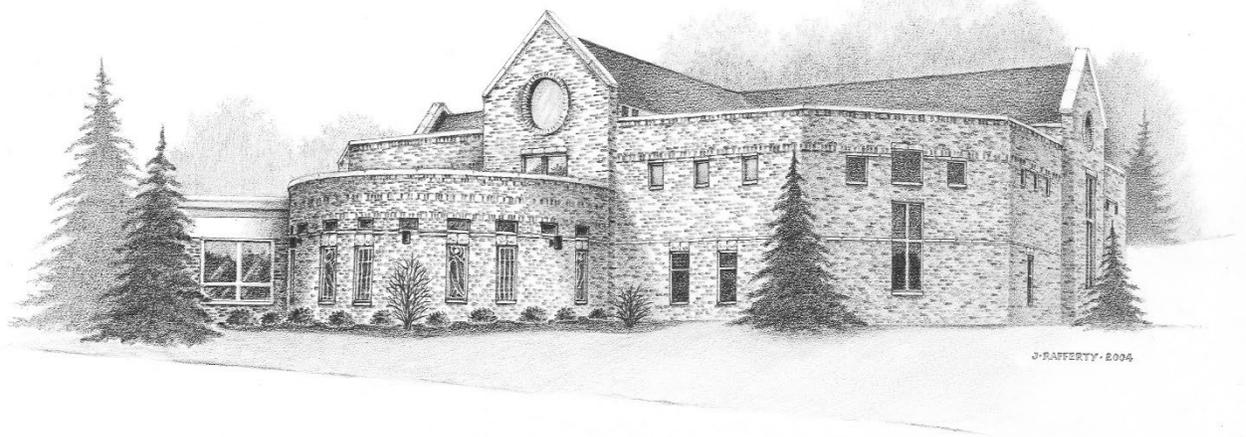


Funeral Liturgy Planning Guide



Celebrating a funeral at Church of the Resurrection

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to offer you our deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one. Please be assured that we are here to accompany you through the process of celebrating the life of your loved one and grieving loss.

This booklet has been created to assist you in the preparation of the Funeral Liturgy. You will find an overview of the various parts of the Church's Order of Christian Funerals followed by an outline of the Mass of Christian Burial which includes reading and music selections. Lastly there is a liturgy planning sheet on pages 40-41 that you can fill out on your own or with the assistance of the presider or member of the parish staff. You can finalize your selections when you meet with the presider.

The thoughts and prayers of the entire Resurrection family are with you and your loved one at this time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 440.248.0980.

Peace Be With You,

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

All the baptized are entitled to the full rite of Christian burial supplied by the Catholic Church's *Order of Christian Funerals*. You and your family will experience the Church's funeral rites in three distinct and important parts:

Vigil for the Deceased (*Wake Service*)

This will take place during the visiting hours at the funeral home. A member of the Resurrection pastoral 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 playing a reflection song, displaying pictures or by sharing personal memories. A wake may also take place one to two hours before the funeral liturgy in the parish gathering area and worship space. There is a small fee associated with this service and it will be necessary to have an attendant from the funeral home you are working with present to facilitate this wake time.

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 Christ.

Rite of Committal

Almost always, a member of the Resurrection pastoral staff will accompany the remains and the family to the cemetery and conclude the funeral services with the prayers of Committal.

Cremation

Cremation is permitted by the Church. However, the Church does have two very strong guidelines surrounding cremation. First, the Church strongly recommends that cremation occur after the funeral liturgy thus allowing the fullness of the symbols of Christian burial to be expressed in the funeral liturgy. Second, the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains are to be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the

home of a relative or friend of the deceased is not in accord with what the church envisions. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased.

Words of Remembrance

There are times when a family member or friend may wish to speak in memory of a deceased one. This option is possible, but not necessary. When included, the remarks should be brief (*no longer than 5 minutes*). If you wish to include remarks of remembrance at Mass, please note this on the planning form and check with the presiding priest.

Ministers

Lectors (Readers): Family members or friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture and offer the Universal Prayers (*petitions*) at the funeral Mass. Please try to choose individuals with clear speaking voices and who will be comfortable proclaiming the Word. The Scriptures are meant to bring comfort to those who have gathered to pray and the Universal Prayers are offered for the deceased and in consolation for those who mourn. It is helpful to give your chosen readers a copy of the scriptures and prayers before the liturgy so that they may prepare in advance. If you wish a parishioner or staff member to proclaim the scriptures and universal prayers, please indicate this on the planning sheet.

Gift Bearers: Family members or friends are also encouraged to offer the gifts of bread and wine in procession during the preparation of the altar and presentation of the gifts. Please select at least two people and indicate on the planning sheet.

Musicians and Servers: Our parish receptionist will contact both the music director and altar servers. In regards to music, typically an accompanist, cantor and small funeral choir are present for every funeral liturgy. Please call or email Julie Parrotta, our Director of Music Ministry at 440-248-0980, ext. 25 or jtragon@churchofresurrection.org for any specific musical questions or to make arrangements for additional musicians and/or vocalists.

Visiting Priests: Visiting priests are welcome to concelebrate and take part in the Mass. Please inform the presiding priest.

Stipends

All parishioners are entitled to our ministries without charge. We also would not exclude anyone who is not formally registered or hasn't been able to contribute financially to the parish. However, it is customary that the family provide an offering to the Church. Typically, a portion of the fees paid to the funeral director is used to cover the services of the Music Director (\$125) and the Church (\$150). There would be an additional donation (\$100) for waks taking place at the parish as opposed to the funeral home.

Memorial Offerings

Mass cards for the intentions of the deceased can be requested from our parish or any parish church. The general stipend for these masses is \$10. In lieu of flowers, you may wish to donate to the Church of the Resurrection Charity and Justice Fund or the Capital Improvement Fund. We discourage individual purchases of memorial vessels and vestments since this often results in multiplication of these items for the parish.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

The priest, ministers and the assembly greet the body at the entrance of the Church.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

After all have gathered, the body or cremains are blessed with holy water by the presider, all family members and friends are invited to do the same as a reminder of the saving waters of baptism.

Entrance Procession / Gathering Hymn

The body or cremains are then processed to the center of the church near the Paschal Candle, the sign of the light of Christ and the eternal life into which we are born and die with him. The gathering hymn is sung during the entrance procession. Please select a hymn from the selections found on pages 34-35 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Placing of the Pall

When a casket is present, a white cloth or "pall" is unfolded to clothe the body. This cloth symbolizes the baptismal garment of our Catholic faith. Family members are encouraged to take part in this ritual at the liturgy.

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Proclaimed by a family member or friend. Please choose one reading from the selections on pages 8–15 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Psalm

Sung by the cantor / choir. Please choose one musical settings of the Psalm from the selections on pages 16–18 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Second Scripture Reading

Proclaimed by a family member or friend. Please choose one reading from the selections on pages 19–27 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Gospel Reading

Proclaimed by the Priest or Deacon. Please choose one Gospel readings from the selections on pages 28–31 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Homily

Given by the Presider

Universal Prayers

Offered by a family member or friend. These can be found on page 32.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and Presentation of the Gifts /

Preparation Hymn

The gifts are offered by family members or friends (at least 2 people). The preparation hymn is sung or played during this time. Please select a hymn from the selections found on pages 34–35 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Eucharistic Prayer and Acclamations (Holy, Mystery of Faith and Amen)

The Lord's Prayer

Exchange of Peace

Fraction of the Bread (*Lamb of God*)

Distribution of Holy Communion / Communion Hymn

Communion Ministers will be provided by the pastoral staff and parish volunteers. If you have any family members or friends who are commissioned Eucharistic Ministers, please indicate to the presider and on the planning sheet. Please select a hymn from the selections found on pages 36–38 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Prayer After Communion

Words of Remembrance

Also referred to as the Eulogy, this is an opportunity for a member of the family to speak on behalf of all those present sharing a brief (no more than 5 minute) reflection about the deceased and offering thanks for the care and concern of those gathered to celebrate. This is entirely optional.

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer and Song

During the final commendation there is a liturgical text called “the song of farewell” that is sung as the body is being incensed; a sign of our prayers, thoughts, and petitions rising up to God and an acknowledgment of the sacred nature of the human body. Please select a hymn from the selections found on page 35 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal / Sending Hymn

The sending forth hymn is sung as the procession exits the Church. Please select a hymn from the selections found on pages 34–35 and indicate your choice on the planning sheet at the end of this booklet.

SELECTIONS for the LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures or the “Old” Testament. (The exception to this would be during Eastertime where one of several New Testament readings is offered in place of a passage from the Old Testament. These options can be found at the end of this section) Please choose one of the following readings and indicate your choice by letter and number (Ex: A1) on the planning sheet. Typically, a family member or friend of the deceased would offer these prayers. If you would prefer one of our pastoral staff to do so instead, please indicate that as well.

A1 – Maccabees 12:43-46

“He acted in an excellent and noble way.”

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

A2 – Job 19: 1, 23-27a

“I know that my Vindicator lives.”

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! As for me, I know that my vindicator lives, and that the Lord 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 God: my inmost being is consumed with longing.”

The Word of the Lord.

A3 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

“God has made everything appropriate to its time.”

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

A4 – Proverbs 31:10-20, 25-31

“Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.”

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands. Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She picks out a field to purchase; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband too, extols her: “Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.” Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

A5L – Wisdom 3:1-9 (Longer version)

“The souls of the just are in the hand of God.”

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 the world, 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, God proved them, and as sacrificial offerings God took them to God’s self.

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 the Lord shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with God in love: because grace and mercy are with the holy ones, and God’s care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

A5S – Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 (Shorter version)

“The souls of the just are in the hand of God.”

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 the world, 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, God proved them, and as sacrificial offerings God took them to God’s self.

Those who trust in the Lord shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with God in love: because grace and mercy are with the holy ones, and God’s care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

A6 – Wisdom 4:7-15

“The righteous one, though they die early, shall be at rest.”

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

But the righteous one, though they 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 their mind or deceit beguile their 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, they reached the fullness of a long career; for their soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore God sped them out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take that consideration into account.

The Word of the Lord.

A7 – Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

“God will destroy death forever.”

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain, the Lord will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; God will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of God’s people will be removed 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.

A8 – Lamentations 3:17-26

“My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore I will hope in God.”

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

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, God’s 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 God. The LORD is good to those who trust, to the one that seeks God; It is good to hope in silence for the LORD’s deliverance.

The Word of the Lord.

A9 – Daniel 12:1-3

“Those who sleep shall awake to everlasting life.”

A reading from the Book of Daniel

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.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READING: (for use at funerals during EASTERTIME)

A10EL – Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 (Longer Version)

***“Everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears the Lord and acts uprightly is acceptable to God. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

A10ES – Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43 (Shorter Version)

***“Everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears the Lord and acts uprightly is acceptable to God. You know the word [that] he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 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.

A11E – Revelation 14:13

“Let them find rest from their labors.”

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”*

The Word of the Lord.

A12E – Revelation 20:11-21:1

“The dead were judged according to their deeds.”

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord.

A13E – Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

“God shall wipe every tear from their eyes.”

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, 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. God will dwell with them and they will be God’s people and God will always be with them as their God.

God 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.” Then it was said to me, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true. They are accomplished. 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 their God, and they will be my children.”

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM:

The responsorial Psalm is taken from the Book of Psalms in the Hebrew Scriptures or the “Old” Testament. Psalm literally translates to Song and is proclaimed by the music ministers – either cantor or choir. Please choose one of the following readings and indicate your choice by letter and number (Ex: B3) on the planning sheet:

B1 – Psalm 23

Shepherd Me, O God

Gather 3rd Ed. #35

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff is in 2/4 time and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

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B2 – Psalm 25

To You, O Lord

Gather 3rd Ed. #39

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to
you, I lift my soul.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

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B3 – Psalm 27

The Lord Is My Light

Gather 3rd Ed. #41

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, of
whom should I be a - fraid, of whom should I be a - fraid?

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

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B4 – Psalm 27

The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, the Lord is my sal - va - tion.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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B5 – Psalm 63

My Soul Is Thirsting

Gather 3rd Ed. #55

My soul is thirst - ing, my soul is thirst - ing, my soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord my God.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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B6 – Psalm 63

My Soul Is Thirsting

Gather 3rd Ed. #57

My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord, thirst - ing for you, my God. My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord, thirst - ing for you, my God, thirst - ing for you, my God.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, the second staff for the second line, the third staff for the third line, and the fourth staff for the fourth line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

B7 – Psalm 91

Be With Me, Lord

Gather 3rd Ed. #65

Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trou-ble, be with me, Lord, I pray.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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B8 – Psalm 103

The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

Gather 3rd Ed. #72

The Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful; the Lord is kind and
mer - ci-ful. Slow to an-ger, rich in kind-ness, the
Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D minor (two flats), and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, the second staff for the second line, and the third staff for the third line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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B9 – Psalm 103

The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

Gather 3rd Ed. #75

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful,
the Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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B10 – Psalm 116

In The Land Of The Living

Gather 3rd Ed. #80

In the land of the liv-ing, I will walk with God all my days.

The image shows one staff of musical notation in treble clef, key of D minor (two flats), and common time (C). The melody is printed above the lyrics.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

The second reading is taken from the Christian Scriptures or the “New Testament” which are the stories of the early Church and give for us an example of Christian living. Please choose one of the following readings and indicate your choice by letter and number (Ex: C5) on the planning sheet. Typically a family member or friend of the deceased would offer these prayers. If you would prefer one of our pastoral staff to do so instead, please indicate that as well.

C1 – Romans 5:5-11

God’s love for us has been proven in Christ’s sacrifice.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Sisters and brothers: 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 God’s 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 God’s 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.

C2 – Romans 5:17-21

*Though we are sinners,
God's grace brings us to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Sisters and brothers: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C3L – Romans 6:3-9 (*Longer Version*)

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

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware, sisters and brothers, 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 Creator, 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.

C3S – Romans 6:3-4, 8-9 (*Shorter Version*)

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

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware, sisters and brothers, 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 Creator, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him

The Word of the Lord.

C4 – Romans 8:14-23

We are children of God and joint heirs with Christ.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Sisters and brothers: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. **I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.** For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

C5 – Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Sisters and brothers: 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.

C6 – Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

"Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Sisters and brothers: 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 sister or brother? Or you, why do you look down on your sister or 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 ourselves to God.

The Word of the Lord.

C7L – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (Longer Version)

“So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers: 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 God, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C7S – 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (Shorter Version)

“So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C8 – 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

“Death is swallowed up in victory:

Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C9 – 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

“We are not discouraged.”

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers: knowing 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C10 – 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

*“We have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.”*

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers: we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

C11 – Philippians 3:20-21

“Our citizenship is in heaven.”

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Sisters and Brothers: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified Body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

C12 – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“Thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

A reading from the first letter of Saint 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 to life 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, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

C13 – 2 Timothy 2:8-13

“If we have died with him we shall also live with him.”

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

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.

C14 – 1 John 3:1-2

“We are God’s children.”

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

Beloved: 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 God. 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 God for we shall see God as God is.

The Word of the Lord.

C15 – 1 John 3:14-16

“We ought to lay down our lives for one another.”

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

Beloved: 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 or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in them. The way we came to know love was that Jesus laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING:

The Gospel reading can be taken from any one of the four Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These New Testament books recount Jesus' earthly life, his ministry and teachings, his Passion, death and Resurrection. Please choose one of the following readings and indicate your choice by letter and number (Ex: D4) on the planning sheet. The presider or Deacon proclaims the Gospel reading.

D1 – Matthew 5:1-12a

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

D2 – Matthew 11:25-30

“Come to me, all who labor and are burdened.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

D3 – Matthew 25:31-40

“Whatever you did for one of these least sisters and brothers of mine, you did for me.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least sisters or brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

D4 – John 6:37-40

“And I shall raise them on the last day.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who come to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what was given me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise them on the last day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

D5 – John 6:51-59

“Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise them on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

The Gospel of the Lord.

D6 – John 11:21-27

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

D7 – John 12:23-26

“Where I am, there also will my servant be.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: “The hour has come for the Son to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves their life will lose it, and whoever hates their life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

D8 – John 14:1-6

“In my Father’s house there are many dwellings.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may also be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one come to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The Universal Prayers (also known as the General Intercessions or Prayers of the Faithful) are offered after the homily. You may use all of the prayers below, select several of them or write your own. Typically, a family member or friend of the deceased would offer these prayers. If you would prefer one of our pastoral staff to do so instead, please indicate on the planning sheet.

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

In baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead *her / him* over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Our *sister / brother* _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome *her / him* into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our *sister / brother* _____. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us assembled here who worship in faith, and for those members of our families who have died, (*especially...you may list the names of the deceased family and friends*), that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

SELECTIONS for the LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR / PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*We offer the gift of our lives and the work of our hands, the bread and wine, to God and ask that by the working of the Holy Spirit, God may graciously transform our offering into the Body of Christ. The gifts may be offered by family members or friends. **Please choose at least 2 people** who, at the conclusion of the Universal Prayers, will go to the entrance of the church and pick up the decanter of wine and the large plate and process down the aisle and hand the gifts to the presider.*

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is distributed to the assembly under both forms (The Body and Blood of Christ.) If you have family members or friends who are commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion and they would like to serve during the distribution of Communion at the funeral liturgy, please indicate this on the planning sheet so the presider can plan accordingly.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

After the distribution of Communion, we at Church of the Resurrection currently offer an opportunity for a member of the family or close friend to speak on behalf of the all those present sharing a brief (no more than 5 minute) reflection about the deceased and offering thanks for the care and concern of those gathered to celebrate. This is entirely optional and is not a formal part of the Mass of Christian Burial. The allowance of this time of remembrance is at the sole discretion of the presider. If someone will be sharing words of remembrance, please indicate this on the planning sheet.

MUSIC SELECTIONS

Music is an intricate part of every Catholic liturgy, especially the Mass. Outlined below is a comprehensive list designed to assist in the making of music related decisions for your loved one's funeral Mass. Certainly there are other musical possibilities available that can be discussed when making preparations with the parish priest or musician. Church of the Resurrection regularly offers a cantor, accompanist and funeral choir. Any additional vocalists or instrumentalists need to be discussed and arranged with the Director of Music Ministry.

There are several, specific times during the funeral Mass that music is needed. During the Mass itself, there is the **GATHERING, PSALM, PREPARATION, COMMUNION, SONG OF FAREWELL and SENDING FORTH**. Below are commonly used songs for the funeral liturgy. These hymns can be found in the Gather (3rd edition) Hymnal, which is currently used here at Church of the Resurrection. The Mass setting, including the Gospel Acclamation and other acclamations and responses of the assembly will be determined by the Music Director.

GATHERING / PREPARATION / CLOSING HYMNS:

This list of songs can be used for either the Gathering, Preparation of the Gifts, and Closing hymns. **PLEASE SELECT 3** with the Presider and indicate the hymn title and # on the planning sheet. (Ex: Be Not Afraid #683) If you are un-certain where you would like each song to go, you can pick three and we will put them where they fit the best within the liturgy.

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| Amazing Grace | #645 | Be Not Afraid | #683 |
| Blest Are They | #735 | City of God | #766 |
| Come to Me, O Weary Traveler | #727 | Come To The Water | #584 |
| Deep Within | #486 | Eye Has Not Seen | #728 |
| For God So Loved the World | #580 | God Is Love | #699 |
| Hail Mary: Gentle Woman | #889 | Here I Am, Lord | #777 |
| Hosea | #484 | How Can I Keep From Singing? | #685 |
| How Great Thou Art | #578 | I Have Loved You | #588 |
| I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | #724 | I Know That My Redeemer Lives | #527 |
| In the Arms of God | #714 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | #641 |
| Prayer of St. Francis | #828 | Morning Has Broken | #855 |
| Now We Remain | #785 | O God, You Search Me | #581 |
| On Eagle's Wings | #691 | Only This I Want | #782 |
| Precious Lord, Take My Hand | #955 | Shall We Gather at The River | #873 |
| Shelter Me, O God | #717 | Sing A New Song | #607 |
| Sing to The Mountains | #519 | Sing with All The Saints In Glory | #539 |
| Softly and Tenderly | #963 | The Strife Is O'er | #525 |
| Though the Mountains May Fall | #689 | Unless A Grain of Wheat | #783 |
| We Have Been Told | #784 | We Remember | #681 |
| We Walk by Faith | #680 | You Are Mine | #721 |
| You Are Near | #695 | | |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Musical Selections can be found on pages 16–18 of this booklet.

COMMUNION HYMN:

The communion hymn should reflect the call for each of us to gather at table and become the Body of Christ. The songs listed below are all songs for the Eucharist. However, you may also select one of the songs from the first category of selections to be sung at Communion time as well. **PLEASE SELECT 1**, and indicate the hymn title and # on the planning sheet.)

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| Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! | #949 | Amen. El Cuerpo de Cristo | #912 |
| Behold the Lamb | #939 | Eat This Bread | #941 |
| I Am the Bread Of Life | #945 | In The Breaking Of The Bread | #918 |
| Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup | #926 | One Bread, One Body | #932 |
| Pan de Vida | #920 | Song of The Body Of Christ | #924 |
| Take and Eat | #950 | Taste and See | #930 |
| Without Seeing You | #922 | You Satisfy the Hungry Heart | #940 |

SONG DURING THE FINAL COMMENDATION:

At every funeral Mass, during the final commendation, we sing a particular liturgical text which is referred to as the “song of farewell” or the “song of the angels”. **PLEASE SELECT 1**, and indicate the hymn title and # on the planning sheet.

FC1 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Re - deem - er lives, that
I shall rise a - gain.

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FC2 - May The Angels Be Your Guide

May the an - gels be your guide, may they
lead you in - to par - a - dise, and take you
home to the new Je - ru - sa - lem.

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FC3

May Holy Angels Lead You #978

[set to the tune of Londonderry Air (AKA: O Danny Boy)]

“May holy angels lead you forth to paradise,

And may the martyrs greet your coming home.

May you find welcome there within God’s dwelling place,

The radiant city, New Jerusalem.

May angel choirs receive you singing joyfully,

As you behold with Lazarus, once poor, the blessed vision of the Holy Trinity.

May you know rest and peace with God forevermore.”

For more information, please feel free to contact: Ms. Julie Tragon, Director of Music Ministry jtragon@churchofresurrection.org (440) 248-0980 x25

FUNERAL LUNCHEON

*Church of the Resurrection offers the use of Trivison Hall for funeral luncheons. (Maximum capacity 100 people) If you are planning on hosting a funeral luncheon here, please let the presider know, indicate on the planning sheet and contact the parish receptionist to make further arrangements. You are welcome to bring in food from anywhere you choose and we have a team of volunteers who help set up, serve the food and provide beverages and baked goods. **Please do not make any arrangements in regard to a reception until you have scheduled the funeral and luncheon date and time with the parish.***

FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING SHEET

Name of the Deceased _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Date and Time of Funeral Liturgy _____

Presider _____

Family Member Contact Information *(Name, Relationship to the deceased, Phone #, Email, etc.)*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Greeting - Sprinkling with Holy Water

Entrance Procession /

Gathering Hymn: _____

(Music selections found on page 34)

Placing of the Pall

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Scripture Reading: _____

(Selections found on pages 8-15)

Proclaimed by (Lector): _____

Psalm: _____

(Music selections found on pages 16-18)

Proclaimed in song by a member of our Resurrection Funeral Choir.

2nd Scripture Reading: _____

(Selections found on pages 19-27)

Proclaimed by (Lector): _____

Gospel Reading: _____

(Selections found on pages 28-31)

Proclaimed by the Presider or Deacon.

Homily

Universal Prayers: *(Selections found on page 32)*

Read by: _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar /

Presentation of Gifts: _____
(*Music selections found on page 34*)

Gifts presented by: _____

Eucharistic Prayer and Acclamations (*Holy, Holy, Mystery of Faith, Amen*)

The Lord's Prayer

Exchange of Peace

Breaking of the Bread (*Lamb of God*)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: _____
(*Music selections found on page 35*)

Eucharistic Ministers (optional): _____

Words of Remembrance: (*optional*)

Offered by: _____

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer /

Song during the Final Commendation ("*Song of Farewell*" / "*Song of the Angels*") : _____

(*Music selections found on page 35*)

Closing Hymn: _____
(*Music selections found on page 34*)

Additional notes about the liturgy: _____

of Worship Aids to print: _____

Luncheon: (yes or no?) _____ (estimated # of guests) _____

LITURGY NOTES –

Liturgy of the Word:

- *The presider invites everyone to be seated for our readings. The 1st lector reverences (bows to) the altar and goes to the ambo to proclaim the 1st reading. After the 1st reading the lector returns to their seat.*
- *The cantor then goes to the ambo to proclaim the Responsorial Psalm.*
- *After the Psalm, the 2nd lector reverences (bows to) the altar and goes to the ambo to proclaim the 2nd reading. After the 2nd reading the lector returns to their seat.*
- *After the Homily, the assembly stands and the presider will invite the person(s) offering the General Intercessions (Universal Prayers) to come forward. The reader reverences (bow to) the altar and goes to the ambo to offer the prayers. After the prayers are offered, the reader returns to their seat.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

- *After the General Intercessions (Universal Prayers) are offered, everyone will be invited to take their seats. At this time, those presenting the gifts of bread and wine will go to the doors of the Church and process forward to offer the gifts to the presider then return to their seats.*
- *If there are commissioned Eucharist Ministers who will be assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion, they come forward to the altar platform during the singing of the Lamb of God.*



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Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil: 5:30p.m.

Sunday: 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

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