



Funeral Planning for Yourself or a Loved One

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In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity. Christ “achieved his task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God, principally by the paschal mystery of his blessed passion, resurrection from the dead, and glorious ascension.”
~ Order of Christian Funerals

The Church of St. Michael is committed to the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, and to comfort those who mourn. The faith of the Christian community in the resurrection of the dead brings support and strength to those who suffer the loss of those whom they love. The attached booklet, “Funeral Planning for Yourself or a Loved One” is intended to provide you with information, suggestions for appropriate readings, suggestions for music, and other important information in planning a funeral liturgy for a loved one or in planning ahead for your own funeral.

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Prayer of Commendation (female)

We commend our dear sister to almighty God,
and entrust her to the Creator.

May she return to him who formed
her from the dust of the earth.

May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints
come to meet her as she goes forth from this life.

May Christ who was sacrificed for her
bring her freedom and peace.

May Christ who died for her
admit her into his garden of paradise.

May Christ, the true Shepard,
acknowledge her as one of his flock.

May he forgive all her sins,
and set her among those he has chosen.
May she see her Redeemer face to face,
and enjoy the vision of God for ever.

Amen.



Prayer of Commendation (male)

We commend our dear brother to almighty God,
and entrust him to the Creator.

May he return to him who formed
him from the dust of the earth.

May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints
come to meet him as he goes forth from this life.

May Christ who was sacrificed for him
bring him freedom and peace.

May Christ who died for him
admit him into his garden of paradise.

May Christ, the true Shepard,
acknowledge him as one of his flock.

May he forgive all his sins,
and set him among those he has chosen.

May he see his Redeemer face to face,
and enjoy the vision of God for ever.

Amen.

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Funeral luncheons:

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The LORD
is my
light and
my salvation



FUNERAL (MEMORIAL) ARRANGEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Deceased _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Cause of Death _____

Relationship to St. Michael Parish _____

Funeral Home _____ Phone _____

Contact Person _____

Body Present? _____ Ashes Present? _____ Burial Following? _____ Memorial Service Only? _____

Primary Contact Person _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Family Members' Addresses:

1. Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

2. Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

3. Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Additional Name/Relationship/Address Information may be added on the back.

WAKE / REVIEWAL / VISITATION

Evening Before: Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

Before Funeral Service: Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

Prayer Service? Yes _____ No _____ Prayer Leader _____

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL / FUNERAL SERVICE / MEMORIAL SERVICE

Date _____ Time _____ Presider _____

Other Clergy _____

Sacristan(s) _____

BURIAL

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____ Prayer Leader _____

FUNERAL LUNCHEON

Yes? _____ No? _____ Place _____

OFFICE INFORMATION: Announcement at weekend Mass _____

Prayers of the Faithful _____ Bulletin _____

Death Register _____ Census Update _____

Remembrance Service Invitation _____ Pastoral Care Follow Up _____

Letter from Funeral Luncheon Committee

Dear Parishioner,

If you wish, a Funeral Luncheon will be provided for your family here in our parish. The meal will be served by our committee in Archangels Hall.

The funeral Luncheon committee will order the food. Your options include:

- ❖ Ham and/or turkey
- ❖ Buns
- ❖ Potato salad
- ❖ Hot potatoes
- ❖ Baked beans
- ❖ Pickles and cheese platter
- ❖ Coffee, milk, and/or punch, lemonade or pop

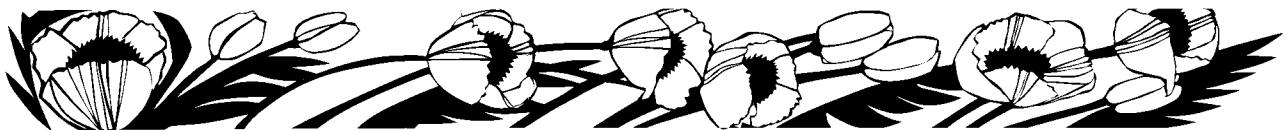
The family is responsible for covering the cost of the food and paper products used. Checks may be made out to the Church of St. Michael.

Hotdishes, salads, cakes and bars are provided by donations from family members and friends. These should be brought to the kitchen the day of the funeral. If you wish to take the remaining food home, please provide your own containers.

If your family feels no food will be brought in, the Luncheon Committee will order veggie trays, or fruit bowls (if in season) and sheet cake.

Sincerely,

Church of St. Michael
Funeral Luncheon Committee



Fees

Normally, funerals (whether a Mass of Christian Burial, a Memorial Mass, or a Funeral Scripture Service) are celebrated for those who were registered members of the parish family of the Church of St. Michael, or members of the immediate family of a registered parishioner (spouse, parent, child or sibling). In other situations (when there is a serious pastoral reason) a funeral may be celebrated at the Church of St. Michael with the explicit permission of the pastor (or the permission of the deacon in the pastor's absence).

The family of those who were registered members of the Church of St. Michael (or members of the immediate family of a registered parishioner) is asked to pay a fee of \$300 to the Church of St. Michael. This helps to cover the costs associated with the work of the parish staff in preparing the funeral and the funeral program, the service of the sacristans, and the ministry of the presiding priest or deacon. The parish will also provide the services of one instrumentalist and one cantor. If additional musicians are requested, the family must cover any additional costs.

If a funeral is celebrated for a person who is not a registered member of the family of the Church of St. Michael (nor a part of the immediate family of a member) a fee of \$400 is requested.

If the family requests a separate time for a visitation to take place at the church rather than the funeral home (not immediately prior to the funeral service itself) an additional fee of \$50 is requested. This helps to cover staff time needed to open and prepare the church, be available during the visitation and to secure the church after the visitation.

If the family would like to provide a funeral luncheon (or some other refreshments at the church's Archangels Hall after the funeral service, it is customary for the family to cover the cost for any food that is purchased by the parish.

If any fee, or part of a fee, is a source of concern for a family they are invited to speak about this privately with the pastor.

The family is free to decide if they wish to offer any additional donation/memorial to the Church or School of St. Michael, or a separate donation to the presiding priest or deacon.

July 1, 2008

Planning the Liturgy

When a funeral occurs, a meeting is arranged with the family and the staff at St. Michael (typically pastor and music director) to plan the funeral liturgy. This booklet contains the resources and provides the information used in the planning meeting (contact information, suggested options for readings, prayers of the faithful, music, planning forms, etc).

St. Michael will provide worship aids for the funeral at the family's request. On occasion, families may choose to prepare their own worship aid for a variety of reasons; please speak with the planning team if you choose to not have St. Michael provide the worship aid. A sample worship aid that we supply can be found on pages 9-12. The actual worship aid is one page, two sided, booklet layout worship aid. You will see on page 9 the clip art that we use for funeral worship aids. If you have something else in mind for clip art for the cover, please speak with the planning team and we will do our best to accommodate any specific requests.

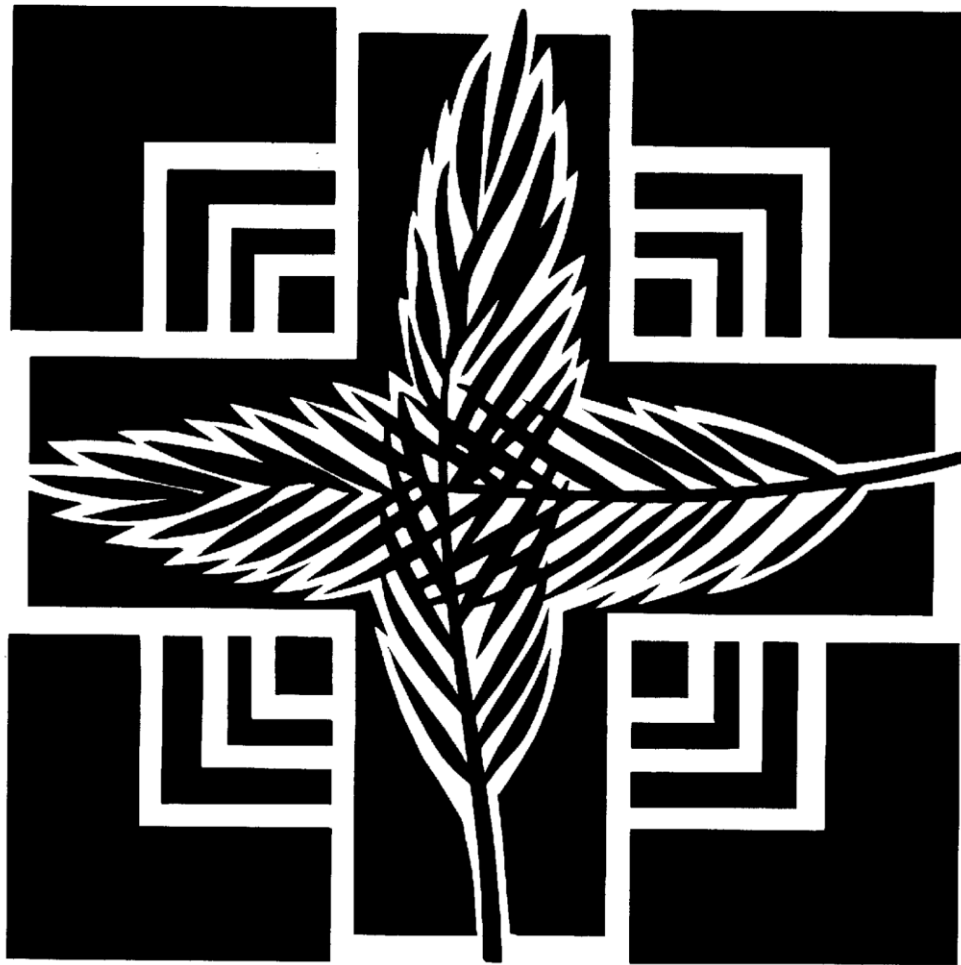
In addition, families may choose people to help with the following:

- Lector (reader) for Old Testament reading
- Lector for New Testament reading
- Lector (or more than one) for Prayers of the Faithful
- Gift bearers (2-4)
- Eucharistic Ministers (must be a Eucharistic Ministers at a parish)
- Eulogist (if family opts for a Eulogy)

Families may also opt to have someone from the staff help with the readings, gifts, and as Eucharistic Ministers where needed.

Finally, in selecting the readings, you will find suggestions for the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Gospel reading. You may choose to have an Old Testament, New Testament, and a Gospel reading (2 plus Gospel) OR you may select to have only one reading (Old Testament **OR** New Testament) with a Gospel (1 plus Gospel).

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



[NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR]

June 9, 1912 – August 13, 2006

Saint Michael Catholic Church

August 16, 2006

Prior Lake, Minnesota

“At the funeral liturgy the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God’s tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the paschal mystery.”
Order of Christian Funerals

As a sign of new life which _____ received at his/her Baptism, the casket is blessed with holy water and draped with a white pall.

Opening Song

Amazing Grace
#434 Maroon Book

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord

“Thanks be to God”

Responsorial Psalm

Shepherd Me, O God
#23 Maroon Book

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia
#266 Maroon Book

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ"

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Please respond: *"Lord, hear our prayer"*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

Ave Maria
by: Franz Schubert

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy

#147 Maroon Book

Memorial Acclamation

#148A Maroon Book

Amen

#149 Maroon Book

Mass of Creation

Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

#152 Maroon Book

Communion Song

Behold the Lamb
#824 Maroon Book

Eulogy

Final Commendation

Incense is used as a symbol of the prayers we offer for _____ and as a sign of respect for his/her body, which was a temple of the Holy Spirit.

SAINTS OF GOD David Haas

Re - ceive her/his soul and pre -
sent her/him to God, pre - sent this
soul to God most high.

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Song of Sending Forth

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
#721 Maroon Book

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL / FUNERAL MASS / MEMORIAL MASS

Name _____
Funeral Date _____ Place _____
Body present? _____ Ashes present? _____
(placement/procession of ashes _____)
Memorial Mass only? _____ Presiding Priest _____
Other Clergy _____

WORSHIP AIDS

Number needed _____ Printed by parish: Yes? ____ No? ____
Cover: Name _____
Other item(s) _____

MUSICIANS

Cantor _____ Keyboard _____
Other Musicians _____

ORDER OF SERVICE

*(Music elements are listed in **Bold** type.)*

Liturgy of the Word

Preludes _____

Procession – Added elements? _____
Opening Song _____ Book _____ # _____
First Reading _____ Read by _____
Psalm _____ Book _____ # _____
(Second Reading – *optional* - _____ Read by _____)
Gospel Acclamation _____ Book _____ # _____
Gospel _____ Read by Priest / Deacon
Homily ~ Given by _____
Prayers of the Faithful _____
Read by _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Song at Presentation of Gifts _____ Book _____ # _____
Gift bearers _____

Eucharistic Acclamations

Setting _____

“Sanctus” _____ Book _____ # _____

Memorial Acclamation _____ Book _____ # _____

Great Amen _____ Book _____ # _____

Lamb of God _____ Book _____ # _____

Communion Song(s) _____ Book _____ # _____

_____ Book _____ # _____

Eucharistic Ministers _____

Eulogy / Meditation _____

Rite of Final Commendation (Mass of Christian Burial & Funeral Mass)

Song of Farewell – “Saints of God” (led by Cantor)
Recessional Song _____ Book _____ # _____

Notes / Comments _____

Matthew 5:1-12

[Gospel]

Beatitudes – Rejoice and be glad...

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 11:25-30

[Gospel]

Come to me and I will give you rest.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13

[Gospel]

Look the Bridegroom comes, go out to meet him.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46**[Gospel]***Come, you whom my Father has blessed.*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6**[Gospel]***Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.*

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down. "Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

The gospel of the Lord.



Luke 7:11-17**[Gospel]***Young man, I say to you, arise.*

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The gospel of the Lord.

Luke 12:35-40**[Gospel]***Be prepared.*

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

Luke 23:33, 39-43**[Gospel]***Today you will be with me in paradise.*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.



Father, I put my life in your hands.

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.



Luke 24: 13-35**[Gospel]**

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

John 5:24-29**[Gospel]**

Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The gospel of the Lord.

John 6:37-40**[Gospel]**

All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will arise them to life again on the last day.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

The gospel of the Lord.

John 6:51-59**[Gospel]**

*All who eat this bread will live forever.
And I will raise them up on the last day.*

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The gospel of the Lord.

John 11:17-27**[Gospel]**

I am the resurrection and the life.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though 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 believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The gospel of the Lord.

John 11:32-45**[Gospel]***Lazarus, come out!*

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

John 12:23-28**[Gospel]***If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The gospel of the Lord.

John 14:1-6**[Gospel]***I am the way...and there are many rooms in my Father's house.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am you also may be. You know the way that leads where I go." "Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The gospel of the Lord.

John 17:24-26**[Gospel]**

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

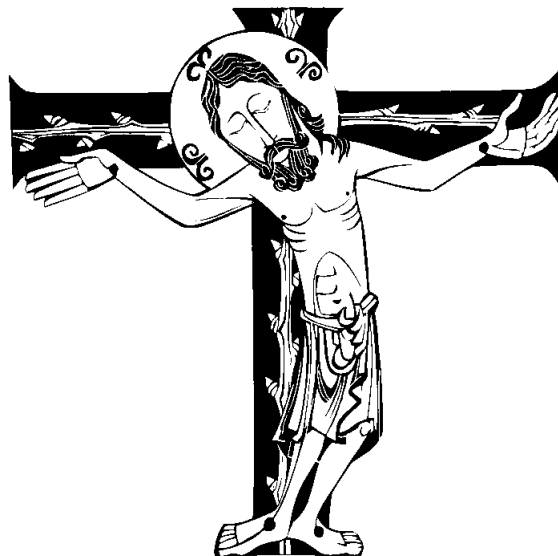
The gospel of the Lord.

John 19:17-18, 25-30**[Gospel]**

Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus carrying the cross by himself, went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The gospel of the Lord.



Job 19:23-27 – I know that my Redeemer lives.

[Old Testament]

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

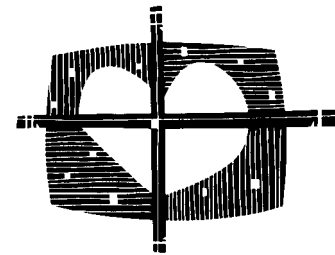
The word of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

[Old Testament]

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.



The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 25:6-9 – The Lord God will destroy death forever.

[Old Testament]

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:17-26

It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.

[Old Testament]

3:17-26 (longer version) or 3:21-26 (shorter version)

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the LORD." The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

[shorter version starts here]

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Daniel 12:1-3

[Old Testament]

Of those who died lie sleeping in the dust of the earth, many will awake.

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, 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, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

[Old Testament]

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3:1-9 – *He accepted them as a holocaust.*

[Old Testament]

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand the truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 4:7-15 – *A blameless life is a ripe old age.*

[Old Testament]

The righteous, though they die early, will be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, or measured by number of years; but understanding is gray hair for anyone, and a blameless life is ripe old age. There were some who pleased God and were loved by him, and while living among sinners were taken up. They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding or guile deceive their souls. For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness. Yet the peoples saw and did not understand, or take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are with his elect, and that he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

Maccabees 12:43-46

[Old Testament]

It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.

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

The Word of the Lord.



The following reading can include all of the chapters or you can choose to delete some of the passages. The chapter numbers have been included to enable selecting passages to delete. For example, you could choose the following; Proverbs 31:19-13, 17, 20, 23, 25-31 or any other combination.

- 10 When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.
- 11 Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.
- 12 She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
- 13 She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands.
- 14 Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar.
- 15 She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household.
- 16 She picks out a field to purchase; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms.
- 18 She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed.
- 19 She puts her hands to the distaff and her fingers ply the spindle.
- 20 She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.
- 21 She fears not the snow for her household; all her charges are doubly clothed.
- 22 She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing.
- 23 Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts.
- 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
- 27 She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her:
- 29 "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all."
- 30 Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- 31 Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Acts 10:34-43

[New Testament]

God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

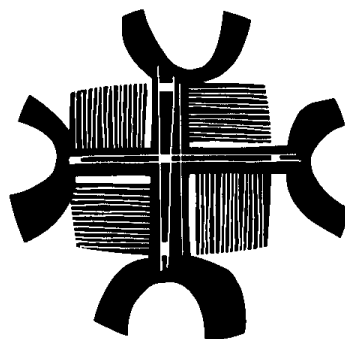
Romans 5:5-11

[New Testament]

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.



Romans 5:17-21**[New Testament]***Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*

If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.



Romans 6: 3-9 – *Let us walk in the newness of life.***[New Testament]**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8: 14-23**[New Testament]***We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.*

For all 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 have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39**[New Testament]***Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ.*

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.



Romans 14: 7-12**[New Testament]***Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28**[New Testament]***All people will be brought to life in Christ.*

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler 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 "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection," it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57**[New Testament]***Death is swallowed up in victory.*

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been 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.

2 Corinthians 4: 14-18, 5:1**[New Testament]***What is seen is transitory, what is unseen is eternal.*

Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10**[New Testament]***We have an everlasting home in heaven.*

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So we are always confident; even though 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. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord



Philippians 3:20-21**[New Testament]**

Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**[New Testament]**

We shall stay with the Lord forever.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:8-13**[New Testament]**

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.



2 Timothy 4:6-8**[New Testament]***From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me.*

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord

1 John 3: 1-2**[New Testament]***We shall see God as he really is.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what 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 will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13**[New Testament]***Happy are those who die in the Lord.*

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 20:11-21:1**[New Testament]***The dead have been judged according to their works.*

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1-7**[New Testament]***There will be no more death.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord.



Prayers of the Faithful

In the Prayers of the Faithful the community calls upon God to comfort the mourners and to show mercy to the deceased (*Order of Christian Funerals #62*). The following are only suggested prayers. Please choose 5-7 prayers. They are divided into categories. The first prayer should be from A and the final prayer should be H. You may also choose to write your own or edit any of the following. You will need at least one reader to lead the Prayers of the Faithful.

A For the deceased:

1. For _____, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that **he/she** may be raised up on the last day; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
2. For _____, that **he/she** may be raised to eternal life with Christ, when He returns in glory at the end of time; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
3. For _____ who has joined **his/her** spouse, brothers, sisters [etc., may name specific individuals] in the kingdom of God, that they may all rejoice in everlasting life with the Lord; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
4. For _____ who was so quickly taken from us, that **he/she** may experience the glory of the eternal kingdom of heaven; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
5. For _____, a child of God, that **he/she may** be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

B For all of those present (you do not need one from every category):

1. For all who have gathered here today to worship with faith in the resurrection, that they may experience God's love; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
2. For each of us, that we may know the peace that Jesus has promised; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
3. For the faith of all of us, that through the example of _____'s life, our faith may be strengthened and deepened; we pray to the Lord... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
4. For all of us, that we may lead lives that allow us to face death without undue dread or anxiety; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
5. For all believers, that one day we may share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for victory over death; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

C For those who grieve (you do not need one from every category):

1. For all who grieve at the loss of _____ today, that they may be heartened by God's word to us and consoled by the continuing presence of Jesus among us; _____ we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
2. For all who are experiencing sorrow at the death of _____, that our faith may be our consolation and eternal life our hope; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
3. For the family and friends of _____, that they may come to know comfort and consolation, and that God may heal their pain and dispel the darkness that comes from grief; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
4. For all parents who grieve over the death of a child, that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their child dwells with God; _____ we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

D For those who suffer (you do not need one from every category):

1. For those who suffer from [terminal] illnesses [especially cancer or other], that they may know the power of prayer, compassion, and the love of family and friends; _____ we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
2. For those who are sick and suffering, that they may find strength in joining their sufferings to those of Christ and find hope in the assurance of being glorified with Christ; _____ we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
3. For those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body, that they may never feel forsaken by God; we pray to the Lord... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
4. For the sick, the needy, the aged and the lonely, that they may be consoled spiritually by the gifts of grace and also receive care, aid and loving concern from relatives, friends, and neighbors; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

E For support/caregivers (you do not need one from every category):

1. For all those who have helped the _____ family during this time of sorrow and confusion, that they may have the reward of their goodness; _____ we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
2. For all caregivers, that they may experience strength, peace, and know our appreciation for their efforts; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
3. For those who cared for _____ in **his/her** illness, that they may be heartened by God's word to us and consoled by the continuing presence of Jesus among us; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

[Prayers of the Faithful]

F For all who have died (you do not need one from every category):

1. For all our family and friends who have died in the hope of rising again, that they may share in the glory of Christ's resurrection; we pray to the Lord... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
2. For friends and members of our families who have gone before us, that they may be granted an everlasting home with God's Son; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
3. For all those who ate the bread of life on earth and have gone before us in faith; that they may be raised up on the last day to live forever; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

G Miscellaneous (samples) (you do not need one from every category):

1. For family unity and closeness, that it may be strengthened within our community; we pray to the Lord... [LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
2. For good weather and for all who work to preserve God's creation, that God may grant them the reward of faithful stewards; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
3. For the blessings of _____ years of marriage and for the blessings of children [and grandchildren], that _____ may continue to watch over **his/her** family from the kingdom of heaven; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
4. For those who could not be here today due to distance or illness, that they may experience peace through our prayers; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
5. For those who serve in the Armed Services [and/or veterans], that they may be assured of our gratitude for the sacrifices they have made to keep our nation safe; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
6. For those affected by natural disasters, that those who have died may receive eternal life and the survivors may be given comfort and hope; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]
7. For those who die by violence, war, and famine each day, that they may experience the mercy promised to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against Christ's love and be gathered to the eternal kingdom of peace; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

H. Final Prayer:

For our own personal intentions....[PAUSE]....; we pray to the Lord...[LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER]

Music

Musicians:

St. Michael provides a pianist (typically the Director of Music) and one cantor (singer). The Director of Music will find a cantor available from our music ministry. Families may request a particular cantor they know from the music ministry. The Director of Music, unless directed by the family otherwise, will coordinate the scheduling of a cantor.

Guest musicians:

Guest musicians (singers and/or instrumentalists) are welcome to help at the request of the family. It is helpful to have at least one musician from St. Michael who is familiar with the sound system, how we celebrate funerals, announcing songs, etc. The Director of Music will work with all guest musicians to coordinate the necessary details. Guest singers and instrumentalists can be utilized to provide music for the entire liturgy or if requested by the family, for only particular songs during the liturgy while still utilizing St. Michael musicians for the remaining portions.

Additional requested musicians:

Additional musicians, such as requesting more than one cantor and/or additional instrumentalists (such as guitar, bass, flute, drums, etc.) are possible depending upon the musician's availability. The request of additional musicians typically involves an additional fee paid directly to the musician.

Selecting Music:

From the Order of Christian Funerals:

"Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture." ~#30 Order of Christian Funerals

"Since music can evoke strong feelings, the music for the celebration of the funeral rites should be chosen with great care. The music at funeral should support, console, and uplift the participants and should help create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory." ~#31 Order of Christian Funerals

The staff at St. Michael will work with you in selecting appropriate music. Often times, families may already have some (or many) song requests in mind. The Director of Music will work with families to meet all reasonable requests and in determining if particular song requests (not found in supplied suggestions) are appropriate for funerals.

Hymnal/Copyright:

St. Michael's utilizes two hymnals that are in our pews: 1) the Maroon Gather Comprehensive 2nd edition (published by GIA) and 2) Black Book. The Black Book contains miscellaneous songs used at St. Michael from other publishers. We also maintain copyright licenses to Oregon Catholic Press and Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) which is the largest Christian music copyright licensing agency and contains nearly all contemporary Christian music not included in the GIA and OCP licenses. We also have access to many other hymnals and resources. If a particular song you are looking for cannot be found in our hymnal, there is usually a good chance we have access to obtain it at minimal or no additional cost, or it may be in our resource library. If you have any particular requests, please contact the Director of Music.

Music Planning Form

The music planning form is for you to utilize while planning your music selections. It is not a form that needs to be provided to the musicians or liturgy planning team.

You will need music in the following areas:

Prelude (optional, instrumental only or vocal solo)
by (composer) _____

Gathering Song (congregational)
Book (Maroon or Black) /# _____

Psalm (congregation sings the refrain, cantor sings the verses)
Book/# _____

Gospel Acclamation (congregational)
Book/# _____

Preparation of the Gifts (congregational, short vocal solo, or instrumental)
Book/# or composer _____

Eucharistic Acclamations

(Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Lamb of God -all congregational)

MASS SETTING TITLE: _____

Holy	Book/# _____
Memorial Acclamation	Book/# _____
Amen	Book/# _____
Lamb of God	Book/# _____

Communion Song (congregational)
Book/# _____

Communion Meditation (optional, congregational or solo)
Book/# or composer _____

Song of Farewell

At St. Michael we use the same setting for all our funerals: Saints of God by David Haas

Closing Song (congregational)
Book/# or composer _____

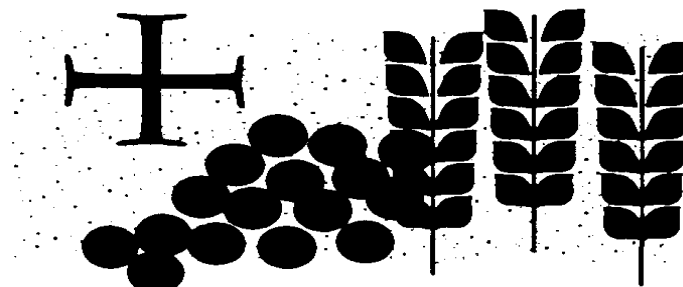
Music Suggestions:

The following list contains suggested hymns and songs appropriate for funerals. Some songs may be much more familiar than others. The numbers listed below correspond to St. Michael's hymnals. Titles with only a number correspond with the Maroon Gather Comprehensive, 2nd Edition hymnal. The numbers with "BB" refer to the Black Book.

Gathering Songs:

The Gathering Song is the first element of the funeral liturgy in which the entire assembly participates. The purpose of the Gathering Song is "to open the celebration, [and] foster the unity of those who have been gathered" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal #47*). It also sets the tone for the liturgy (*Liturgical Music Today #18*). We encourage you to select a song that "consoles and uplifts" mourners, but is well known and familiar so that all may join in singing.

All Are Welcome	741
All Creatures of Our God and King	523
Alleluia No. 1 (especially appropriate for Easter season)	462
Amazing Grace	586
Be Not Afraid	596
Christ Be Our Light	512
Day is Done (tune: AR HYD Y NOS- For the Fruits of this Creation)	751
For All the Saints (SINE NOMINE)	791
For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love (O WALY, WALY)	786
Gather Us In	743
Gather Your People	742
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)	671
How Can I Keep From Singing	598
How Great Thou Art	496
I Heard the Voice of Jesus (Joncas)	526BB
I Heard the Voice of Jesus (KINGSFOLD)	622
Lord of All Hopefulness	560
On Eagle's Wings	593
Only You, O God (tune: There is a Balm)	618
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	847
Rain Down	505BB
Shall We Gather at the River	761
We Shall Rise Again	762
You Are Near	590



Psalms:

The psalm is sung between the first and second reading and fosters our meditation on the word of God. *“The psalms are rich in imagery, feeling, and symbolism. They powerfully express the suffering and pain, the hope and trust of people of every age and culture. Above all, the psalms sing of faith in God, of revelation and redemption...The Church, like Christ, turns again and again to the psalms as a genuine expression of grief and of praise and as a sure source of trust and hope in times of trial.”*

~#25 Order of Christian Funerals

The text must be a psalm text and not a song or a hymn. Psalms are most often proclaimed in a responsorial fashion, with the congregation singing the refrain after the cantor and then again after each verse or stanza of the psalm. In some of the suggestions below you will notice two selections for a psalm number. These are psalms of the same text, but different musical settings of the text.

Psalm 16	#19 (refrain 1 or 2), You Will Show Me the Path of Life (Marty Haugen)
Psalm 23	#23, Shepherd Me, O God (Marty Haugen)
Psalm 25	#26, To You, O Lord (Marty Haugen)
	#546BB, To You O God (Bob Hurd)
Psalm 27	#29, The Lord is My Light (David Haas)
Psalm 40	#35, Here I Am (Rory Cooney)
Psalm 63	#43, My Soul is Thirsting (Michael Joncas)
	My Soul is Thirsting (Steve Angrisano) (reprint in worship aid under OCP license)
Psalm 91	#50, Be with Me (Marty Haugen)
Psalm 103	#58, The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Jeanne Cotter)
	#59, The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Marty Haugen)
Psalm 121	#66, Our Help Comes from the Lord (Michael Joncas)
Psalm 131	#72, My Soul is Still (In you, O Lord, I have found my peace) (David Haas)
	#505BB, Like a Little Child (David Haas)

Gospel Acclamation:

“The singing of the *Alleluia*...before the Gospel is one of the most important sung elements in the entire celebration. The community welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to them in the Gospel and professes their faith by means of the chant [song].” (from *Singing Our Worship: A Pastoral Musician’s Guide to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal 2000*).

The Gospel Acclamation is sung by the entire assembly and because of its importance, using a setting that is well known and familiar will aid in their participation.

266	Celtic Alleluia
733	Alleluia! Give the Glory
261	Halle, Halle, Halle

During the season of Lent, our Alleluias are silent, and instead we sing “Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.” You will find suggestions for Lenten Gospel Acclamations included below:

Lenten Gospel Acclamations used at St. Michael:

Praise to You by Joe Mattingly (reprint refrain from WLP)

Praise and Honor by Canedo and Hurd (Mass of Glory, reprint from OCP)

Preparation of the Gifts:

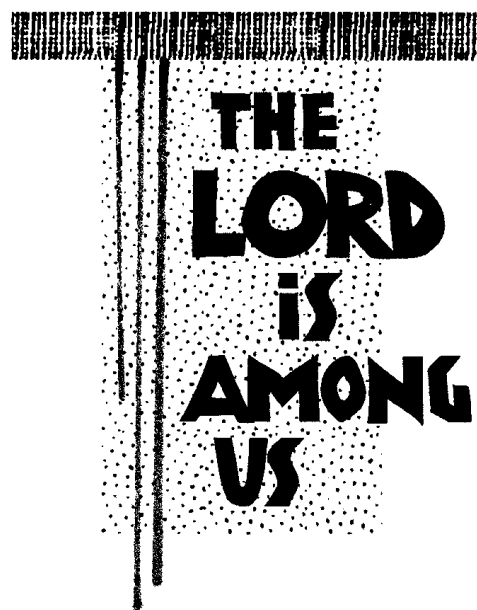
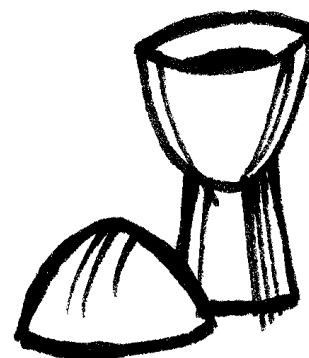
“The word ‘offertory’ is often used for this part of the Mass, but this is incorrect. Nothing is being offered at this moment. This is a preparatory time; thus the name “Preparation of the Gifts.” What happens during this time is primarily functional. [At funerals,] the bread and wine are the gifts to be brought forward. Other objects should not be brought forward...we bring the gifts of the bread and wine forward and we prepare them. “

(from Music and the Mass by David Haas).

If there are other objects/symbols that you would like to offer, we do have suggestions for where it is appropriate to bring them in during the liturgy (not during the preparation of the gifts).

The procession with gifts of bread and wine, and their preparation, can be accompanied by a congregational song, a song sung alternately between congregation and cantor (congregation sings refrain, cantor sings verses), a vocal solo, or instrumental music. Below is a list of Congregational songs that are appropriate. On page 45 you will find a list of possible vocal solos, many of those suggested would be appropriate here (or in another place, such as prelude). If you are interested in a vocal solo that is not listed in our suggestions, please speak with the Director of Music to ensure that the song is appropriate (text and music).

Amazing Grace	586
Be Not Afraid	596
Blest Are They	636
Center of My Life	580
Christ Be Our Light	512
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	779
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)	671
Hosea (Come Back to Me)	405
How Can I Keep from Singing	598
How Great Thou Art	496
I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)	689
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	526BB
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Haas)	863
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (can also be solo)	513
Let There Be Peace on Earth	723
Like a Little Child	505BB
Lord of All Hopefulness	560
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	721
O God, Why Are You Silent? (tune: O SACRED HEAD)	570
O Lord, the Guardian of My Heart	556
On Eagle's Wings	593
Only You, O God (tune: There is a Balm)	618
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	847
Rise Up with Him	525BB
Seek Ye First	600
Shelter Me, O God	634
Shepherd of My Heart	624
The Cloud's Veil	619
The King of Love	631
The Servant Song	661



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Preparation of the Gifts (cont.)

There is a Balm in Gilead	617
There Is a Place	869
Turn My Heart, O God	561
We Are the Light of the World	515
We Walk by Faith	583
You Are Mine	627
You Are Near	590
Your Wonderful Love	649
Ubi Caritas by Bob Hurd (reprint OCP)	

Eucharistic Acclamations:

There are three acclamations that are sung during the Eucharistic Prayer; the Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, and the Amen.

“The acclamations are shouts of joy which arise from the whole assembly as forceful and meaningful assents to God’s Word and Action. They are important because they make some of the most significant moments of the Mass (gospel, Eucharistic prayer) stand out...the people should know the acclamations by heart in order to sing them spontaneously.” (Music in Catholic Worship #53)

The following two settings are the most well known and used at St. Michael. The Mass of Creation is more well known (nationally) than Mass of Glory; however, Mass of Glory is familiar and used in many parishes.

Mass of Creation:

Holy -	147
Memorial Acclamation -	148A
Amen -	149

Mass of Glory:

Holy -	602BB
Memorial Acclamation -	603BB
Amen -	604BB

Fraction Rite:

“The Fraction Rite is when the priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the living and glorious Body of Jesus Christ.” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal #83*).

During the Fraction Rite, the *Agnus Dei (Latin)*, or the English translation “Lamb of God, is sung. For funerals at St. Michael, it is suggested that you select one of the options listed below which correspond to the settings used for the Eucharistic Acclamations.

Mass of Creation:

Lamb of God -	152
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Mass of Glory:

Lamb of God -	605BB (in E-Major)
*Lamb of God -	606BB (in F-Major)
*Indicates the one used most often when Mass of Glory is selected for funerals)	

Communion Song:

While the assembly receives communion, the communion song is sung.

“Its purpose is to express the communicants’ union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, to show joy of heart, and to highlight more clearly the “communitarian” nature of the procession to receive communion.” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal #86)

We are also told that it should be “simple and not demand great effort.”
(*Music in Catholic Worship #62*).

The more simple and well known a song is, the easier it is for the assembly to sing during a procession. Sometimes, a song that has an easy and well known refrain can be used, while the cantor sings the verses. In addition, psalms can be sung during communion (assembly sings refrain) and you will find some psalms (particularly paraphrases of psalms that cannot be used for the responsorial psalm) suggested below. Also, any of the psalms listed on page 40 for the Responsorial Psalm may be used here.

It is preferred to have one communion song unifying the entire communion procession into one song; however, when necessary, Communion Meditation songs (solos or congregational) may be added when a song is requested and there is difficulty finding a place to put it (for ex, a family has all other songs planned, but wants to “fit” in one more song).



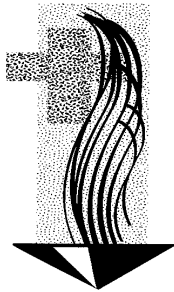
Be Not Afraid	596
Behold the Lamb	824
Blest Are They	636
Center of My Life	580
Eat This Bread	806
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)	671
I Am the Bread of Life	822
In Remembrance of You	819
In the Breaking of the Bread	843
Let Us Be Bread	808
Loving and Forgiving	302BB
Now We Remain	696
On Eagle's Wings	593
One Bread, One Body	813
Seed, Scattered, and Sown	830
Shelter Me O God	634
Shepherd Me, O God	23
Song of the Body of Christ	807
Take and Eat (Joncas)	812
Take and Eat this Bread (F.P. O'Brien)	839
Taste and See (Moore)	827
The Supper of the Lord	527BB
Unless a Grain of Wheat	699
We Are Many Parts	727
We Come to Your Feast	814
You Are Mine	627
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	816

Song of Farewell:

After communion, we come to the last farewell. *“There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see [our loved one] again and enjoy his/her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom, therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.”*

~from the Final Commendation (Invitation to Prayer), Order of Christian Funerals

The Song of Farewell is sung while the casket is incensed, or when applicable, the urn is sprinkled with holy water. At St. Michael we use “Saints of God” by David Haas for all of our funerals. The selection is well known to the parish and also encompasses the prescribed text provided in the Order of Christian Funerals:



*Saints of God, come to his/her aid!
Come to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!*

℟. Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

*May Christ, who called you, take you home,
May angels lead you to our parent's side. ℟.*

*Give eternal rest O Lord,
and may your light shine on him/her forever. ℟.*

Song of Sending Forth:

Once the Song of Farewell is finished, the presider offers the Prayer of Commendation, the liturgy ends, and the song of sending forth is sung by the assembly.

All Creatures of Our God and King	523
Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise (verses 1, 3, 5 only)	440
Alleluia No.1 (especially appropriate for Easter season)	462
Amazing Grace	586
Be Not Afraid	596
Christ, Be Our Light	512
Day is Done (Tune: For the Fruits of This Creation)	751
For All the Saints	791
For the Beauty of the Earth	548
Go Silent Friend (tune: O Danny Boy, congregation or solo)	868
God of Day and God of Darkness	750
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)	671
Holy God We Praise They Name	519
How Can I Keep From Singing	598
How Great Thou Art	496
I Am the Bread of Life	822
I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)	689
I Heard the Voice of Jesus (KINGSFOLD)	622
I Heard the Voice of Jesus (Michael Joncas)	526BB
I Know My Redeemer Lives (Haas) (especially appropriate for Easter season)	863

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Songs of Sending Forth (cont.)

In the Day of the Lord	531BB
Jesus Christ is Risen Today (especially appropriate for Easter season)	457
Jesus, Remember Me	422
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	520
Lead Me, Guide Me	555
Lead Me, Lord	523BB
Let There Be Peace on Earth	723
Lord of All Hopefulness	560
On Eagle's Wings	593
Praise and Thanksgiving (harvest/creation) (tune: Morning Has Broken)	754
Rain Down	505BB
Rise Up	525BB
Sing a New Song	544
Sing to the Mountains	452
Sing With All the Saints in Glory (especially appropriate for Easter season)	442
Soon and Very Soon	758
The Lights of the City	517BB
The Strife is O'er (especially appropriate for Easter season)	459
Though the Mountains May Fall	595
We Shall Rise Again	762
Your Wonderful Love	649

Possible Vocal Solos:

The list below contains various vocal solos that are appropriate for funerals. Please consult your Music planning form on page ____ for appropriate places for vocal solos, or contact the Director of Music who can assist you. If you request a solo not found on the below list, please contact Director of Music to ensure that the solo is appropriate for liturgy. Selecting solos not only depends upon the choice of song, but also who the singer (cantor) will be (vocal range of song versus soloist, etc), his/her familiarity with the song being requested, and ability to learn a new song quickly (if it's unfamiliar), and/or ability to learn a new song quickly.

Ave Maria by Franz Schubert (or other version by Charles Gounod)	
Come to Me by Michael Joncas	633
Eye Has Not Seen by Marty Haugen	616
Go Rest High on That Mountain by Vince Gill	
Go, Silent Friend (can be solo or congregational) (tune: LONDONDERRY AIR-O Danny Boy), arr. by John L. Bell)	868
I Can Only Imagine by Bart Millard	
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	513
I Will Be the Vine by Liam Lawton	763
In You, O Lord	By Ed Bolduc
O Lord, the Guardian of My Heart	556
Panis Angelicus by César Franck	
Song of Farewell (Dying you destroyed our death) by Michael Joncas	867
Strength for the Journey by Michael John Poirier	
The Cloud's Veil by Liam Lawton	619
The Hand of God Shall Hold You by Marty Haugen	862
The Last Journey (traditional Scottish, arr by John L. Bell)	864
The Old Rugged Cross	traditional
There is a Place by Liam Lawton	869

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