

The Light of Christ

CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Holy Ghost & St. Bridget

FUNERAL OF: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____

We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one and are anxious to assist you in planning a liturgy that will provide comfort and hope. This form is intended to show you various options for participation that are available to family members and friends. We understand, however, that this is a time of grief, and in no way should anyone feel forced to do anything they do not feel up to doing.

LOCCC Liturgy of the Word

Two scripture readings may be chosen from the readings available in the supplemental document (entitled *LOCCC Readings List*). The reader will be invited to come forward from the congregation. He/she is to bow slightly to the altar and proceed to the lectern/ambo on the left side as you face the altar. After finishing the reading, the reader says, "The Word of the Lord," before bowing again to the altar and returning to his/her seat. If a family member does not feel comfortable reading, a member of the parish staff will be on hand to read.

Readings:

Old Testament _____

Read by _____

After the responsorial Psalm is sung, the second reader will be invited forward.

New Testament _____

Read by _____

Offering of gifts _____

Eulogy

If you choose, one person will be invited forward. The reflection should last no longer than 5 minutes.

Yes _____ No _____

Read by _____

Again, please accept our condolences on the loss of your loved one. Our prayers are with you. If you do not wish to choose the music and/or readings, please be assured that the choices we make for the Liturgy will be uplifting, beautiful and comforting.

Blessed are those that mourn: for they shall be Comforted. Matthew 5:4

LOCCC Music Choices

For assistance in choosing hymns, please contact our music directors: Carrie Bates for SB (781-878-5410) and Lynn Bartlett for HG (508-468-4447). If you do not see a particular Hymn that you wish, please free to inquire, and if possible, we will incorporate it. As in all Liturgies we follow liturgical guidelines, and for that reason, sentimental and secular songs can never be substituted for Sacred Hymns in a Catholic worship service.

A - PROCESSIONAL

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| ☐ Amazing Grace | ☐ Come to Me | ☐ Here I am, Lord |
| ☐ As the Deer Longs | ☐ Fly Like a Bird | ☐ Hosea |
| ☐ Ave Maria | ☐ Hail Mary, Gentle Woman | ☐ On Eagles Wings |
| ☐ Be Not Afraid | | |

B - RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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| ☐ I love you, Lord, my strength (18) | ☐ As the Deer Longs (42) |
| ☐ The Lord Is My Shepherd (23) | ☐ My Soul is Thirsting for you, O Lord, My God (63) |
| ☐ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul (25) | ☐ How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place (84) |
| ☐ The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation (27) | |

C – OFFERTORY AND COMMUNION (choose 2)

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| ☐ Abide With Me | ☐ Parable |
| ☐ Beyond the Moon and Stars | ☐ Remember Your Love |
| ☐ Eye Has Not Seen | ☐ Rest in His Peace |
| ☐ I am the Bread of Life | ☐ Shepherd Me, O God |
| ☐ Like a Shepherd | ☐ We Remember |
| ☐ Look Beyond | ☐ We Walk By Faith |
| ☐ Panis Angelicus | ☐ You Are Near |

D – RECESSIONAL

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| ☐ How Great Thou Art | ☐ Morning Has Broken |
| ☐ I Know That My Redeemer Lives | ☐ Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven |
| ☐ Let There Be Peace on Earth | ☐ Precious Lord, Take My Hand |
| ☐ May the Road Rise Up to Meet You | ☐ The King of Love, My Shepherd Is |
| ☐ I Know That My Redeemer Lives | |

PSALM LYRICS

PSALM 18- REFRAIN – *I LOVE YOU LORD, MY STRENGTH*

1. I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
2. My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.
3. The Lord lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to you king and showed kindness to your anointed.

PSALM 23 – REFRAIN – *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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

PSALM 25 – REFRAIN-*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

1. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.
2. Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.
3. All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

PSALM 27 – REFRAIN – *The Lord is my light and salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?
2. One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple.
3. I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

PSALM 42 – REFRAIN – *As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

1. Athirst my soul for you, the God who is my life! When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God?
2. Defend me God, send forth your light and your truth, they will lead me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.
3. Then I shall go unto the altar of my God. Praising you, O my joy and gladness, I shall praise your name.

PSALM 63 – REFRAIN - *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth parched, lifeless and without water.
2. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.
3. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

PSALM 84 – REFRAIN ~ *How lovely is your dwelling place.*

1. My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh cry out; even the sparrow may find a home, the swallow a nest for her young; your altars, my king and my God!
2. How happy are they who dwell in your courts, how happy when you are their strength, though they might go through the valley of death, they make it a place of springs. Your first rain will bring it to life.
3. O Lord of Hosts, hear my cry, and hearken, O God of Jacob; one day in your house is worth much more to me than ten thousand anywhere else; the Lord is my sun and my shield!

Old Testament Readings

#1 Job 19:1, 23-27

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

A reading from the book of Job

Then Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

#2 Wisdom 3:1-9 (Long Form)

He Accepted Them As A Holocaust

A reading from the book of Wisdom

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

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#4 Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the book of Wisdom

But the just man, though he dies early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported -Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

#5 Isaiah 25:6,7-9

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

The Word of the Lord.

#6 Lamentations 3:17-26

It Is Good To Wait In Silent For The Lord God To Save

A reading from the book of Lamentations

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

The Word of the Lord.

#7 Daniel 12:1-3

Of Those Who Lie Sleeping In The Dust Of The Earth Many Will Awake

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel

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

The Word of the Lord.

#8 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

It Is Good And Holy To Think Of The Dead Rising Again

A reading from the book of Maccabees

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

The Word of the Lord.

#9 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Time For Everything

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 be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

#10 Psalm 31:15

A reading from the book of Psalms

But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God."

The Word of the Lord.

#11 Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd

A reading from the book of Psalms

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Word of the Lord.

#12 Proverb 31:10-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, 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 fears not the snow for her household; all her charges are doubly clothed. She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing. Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land. She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts. 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.

New Testament Readings

#1 Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 (Long Form)

God Has Appointed Jesus To Judge Everyone; Alive Or Dead

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

The Word of the Lord.

#2 Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36.42-43 (Short Form)

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#3 Romans 5:1-11

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace ² with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access (by faith) to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

#4 Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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 6 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.

#5 Romans 6:3-9 (Long Form)

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Long Form)

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

#6 Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Short Form)

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The Word of the Lord.

#7 Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

For 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, 3 Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

#8 Romans 8: 31-39

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

What then shall we say to this? 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.

#9 Romans 14:7-12

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So (then) each of us shall give an account of himself (to God).

The Word of the Lord.

#10

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, 10 when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

#11 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when 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.

#12 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

#13 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

The Word of the Lord.

#14 Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

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

The Word of the Lord.

#15 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

#16 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

#17 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed 2 we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

#18 1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord.

#19 1 Corinthians 13

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

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

#20 Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation

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

The Word of the Lord.

#21 Revelation 21:1-5.6-7

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God). He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The Word of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

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Priest: Introduction

1. In baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

We pray to the Lord

2. For our brother/sister who was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

We pray to the Lord

3. For the many friends and members of our families that have gone before us especially:

Grant them an everlasting home with your son.

We pray to the Lord

4. For all who cared for and ministered to _____, may God reward them for their goodness and compassion.

We pray to the Lord

5. For the family of _____ who seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

We pray to the Lord

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