

ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Funeral
Readings*



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The Church allows for the choice of two readings in a funeral liturgy: an Old Testament reading and a New Testament reading. You may select one passage from each group. The Gospel reading will be selected by the presiding priest/deacon. Consider how your reading choices reflect the life of your deceased loved one.

How do the selected readings reflect the life of my deceased loved one?



FIRST READING

Jb 19: 1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

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

The word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING

Wis 3: 1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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

The word of the Lord.

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FIRST READING

Wis 4: 7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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

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FIRST READING

Is 25: 6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts / will provide for all peoples. / On this mountain he will destroy / the veil that veils all peoples, / The web that is woven over all nations; / he will destroy death forever. / The Lord God will wipe away / the tears from all faces; / The reproach of his people he will remove / from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said: / “Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! / This is the Lord for whom we looked; / let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING

Lam 3: 17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, / I have forgotten what happiness is; / I
tell myself my future is lost, / all that I hoped for from the Lord. / The
thought of my homeless poverty / is wormwood and gall; /
Remembering it over and over / leaves my soul downcast within me. /
But I will call this to mind, / as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, / his mercies are not spent; /
They are renewed each morning, / so great is his faithfulness. / My
portion is the Lord, says my soul; / therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, / to the soul that seeks
him; / It is good to hope in silence / for the saving help of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
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FIRST READING

Dn 12: 1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned / and heard this word of the Lord: /
At that time there shall arise / Michael, the great prince, / guardian of
your people; / It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress / since 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.

℟. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING (OR FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON)

Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: “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 children of Israel 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.

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SECOND READING (OR FIRST READING
DURING EASTER SEASON)

Rev 14: 13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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

The word of the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING (OR FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON)

Rev 20: 11–21: 1

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING (OR FIRST READING DURING EASTER SEASON)

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

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: 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.

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SECOND READING

Rom 8: 14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “*Abba, Father!*” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

The word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING

Rom 8: 31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, 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.

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SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 1, 6-10

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

Brothers and sisters: 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.

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING

Phil 3: 20-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: 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.

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SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 51-57

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

Brothers and sisters: 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.

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SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

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

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