



## **FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING GUIDE**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Viewing Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Mass Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Celebrant \_\_\_\_\_

**FUNERAL LITURGY**

*Please choose from the readings and songs provided in this booklet.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

READING 1 (Old Testament) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Responsorial Psalm #: (sung) \_\_\_\_\_

READING 2 (New Testament) \_\_\_\_\_

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

General Intercessions:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory Gifts presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUSIC FOR FUNERAL LITURGY Queen of Peace musicians must be used for funerals. Musicians from other parishes may not be brought in for funerals. We ask that all families be respectful of this policy.**

Entrance Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Meditation: \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional: \_\_\_\_\_

Eulogy or Words of Remembrance given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Casket or Cremains? \_\_\_\_\_

Live stream mass?  Yes or  No      Mass recorded?  Yes or  No

## **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS**

At the funeral liturgy, the community gathers with family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the paschal mystery. What we celebrate in Church is the hope Christ's death and resurrection holds for all of us and especially the fullness of life promised to the one who has died.

That belief finds its expression in word (Scripture and prayer), in song and symbol ( holy water, which recalls Baptism; the Easter candle, sign of Christ's risen presence; incense to honor the holiness of the body and symbolizes prayer ascending to God).

When the scriptures are read, it is the priest's privilege to reflect on them and share the hope they offer, the story of Jesus and the promise of eternal life. Confronted with the mystery of death, human words are totally inadequate. It is the role of the Church to let the word of God speak and allow it to offer hope and comfort.

## **PLANNING THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

The rite offers many readings and prayers. Choose those which speak to your needs and memories. From the Church's wealth of scripture, hymns and songs, pick those which speak to your heart.

### **Word of God—the Readings**

In every celebration, the Church attaches great importance to the reading of the Word of God. The readings proclaim to the assembly the paschal mystery, teach remembrance of the dead, convey the hope of being together again in God's kingdom and encourage the witness of Christian life. A careful selection and use of the readings will provide the family and the community with an opportunity to hear God speak to them in their needs, sorrows, fears and hopes.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

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.

### **Music**

Queen of Peace organists and cantors must be used for funerals. Musicians from other parishes or churches may not be brought in for funerals. We ask that all families be respectful of this policy. If there is a family member who wishes to sing **one** hymn at a funeral Mass, arrangements can be made with our Music Director, Dee LeFevre. But please understand that our regular cantor will be the principal song leader for the Mass.

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 music at funerals 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. Therefore, all music should be liturgical in nature, not secular.

## **Mass of Christian Burial Family Planning Information**

**Words of Remembrance:** **\*\*One speaker may speak** before Mass begins after everyone is seated. Speakers are not mandatory. Please follow the “Guidelines for the Words of Remembrance at Funerals” provided on the next page.

**Readings:** Please choose

- 1 Old Testament Reading \*
- 1 Responsorial Psalm—this will be sung
- 1 New Testament Reading\*

\*\* During the Easter season, both readings are from the New Testament.  
See the instructions with the New Testament readings  
Please choose someone to read the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**General Intercessions:** may be read by the priest or a family member/friend

**Hymns** : You may choose up to 5

- Entrance
- Presentation of the Gifts
- Communion
- Communion Meditation –usually a Marian hymn or hymn of praise
- Recessional

*A list of recommended hymns is enclosed in this packet.*

**Gift Bearers:** people to bring up the gifts,  
usually 2-3 people

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE AT FUNERALS**

His Eminence Cardinal Rigali approved and promulgated the following directives for the guidance of the Priests and the Faithful at a Funeral Liturgy. These are still in effect as of the Fall of 2014.

Someone of the Family may speak in remembrance of the deceased. This may be either a eulogy or words of remembrance.

Eulogies or Words of Remembrance may be given at the viewing, the graveside or the luncheon. If there is a viewing in Church, the eulogy or words of remembrance may be given before Mass is scheduled to begin. Viewings, Words of Remembrance and Eulogies are not to delay the scheduled time of the Mass.

For Church, the Eulogy or Words of Remembrance are to follow these guidelines:

- Words of Remembrance express appreciation for the spiritual life of the deceased and how he or she practiced the faith. It can also take the form of a prayer or inspirational text.
- Eulogy would give a brief synopsis of the family life of the deceased. e.g. hobbies, travel, volunteer work, etc.
- **Maximum length not to exceed two typed pages, font size 12**
- **Content should be appropriate for church.**
- **Only one speaker is permitted.**
- A copy of eulogy must be e-mailed to Father Jim: [jimthepriest@yahoo.com](mailto:jimthepriest@yahoo.com) no later than 24 hours before funeral Mass for review.

**OLD TESTAMENT READINGS – FIRST READING**

*(Please choose one reading)*

**1. A reading from the book of Job 19:1, 23-27**

*I know my Redeemer lives*

Job answered and said:

Oh would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead

they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself 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.

**2. A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-9**

*He accepted them as a holocaust*

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,

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.

*Shorter Form*

**A reading from the Book of Wisdom** **3:1-6, 9**

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The word of the Lord.

3. **A reading from the book of Wisdom** **4:7-15**

*A blameless life is a ripe old age.*

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.

**4. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9**  
*The Lord God will destroy death forever*

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 saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

5. **A reading from the book of Lamentations 3:17-26**

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

My soul is deprived of peace,  
    I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my fortune 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.

6. **A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel 12:1-3**

*Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake*

( I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:)

“At that time, there shall arise  
    Michael, the great prince,  
    guardian of your people;  
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress  
    since the 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 firmament,  
And those who lead the many to justice  
    shall be like the stars forever.

The word of the Lord.

7. **A reading from the second book of Maccabees 12:43-46**

*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.

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

*(Please choose one reading)*

*During the Easter Season, reading 1,17,18 or 19 is used as the first reading instead of a reading from the Old Testament*

**1. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43**

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

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are 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.

*Shorter form*

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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. **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 5: 5-11**

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

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find the courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed if, while we were enemies 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.

3. **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 5: 17-21**

*Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more*

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life come to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that the transgression might increase but, where sin increased grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace might also reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Longer form****4. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 6:3-9***Let us walk in newness of life*

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 all 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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The word of the Lord.

**5. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 14-23**

*We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies*

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

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

The word of the Lord.

**6. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39**

*Who can come between us and the love of Christ*

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 creatures will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Longer form****7. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul  
to the Corinthians 15: 20-23, 24b-28**

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. Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.” But when it says 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 in all.

The Word of the Lord.

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The Word of the Lord.

**8. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul  
to the Corinthians 15: 51-57**

*Death is swallowed up in victory*

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 which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**9. A reading from the second letter of St. Paul  
to the Corinthians 4:14---5:1**

*What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal*

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self if being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

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

The Word of the Lord.

10. **A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

*We have an everlasting home in heaven.*

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

11. **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 3: 20-21**

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

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.

12. **A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

*We shall stay with the Lord for ever.*

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers[and sisters], about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we 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.

13. **A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2: 8-13**

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

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.

**14. A reading from the first letter of John 3: 1-2**

*We shall see God as he really is.*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**15. A reading from the first letter of John 3: 14-16**

*We have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers and sisters.*

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

The Word of the Lord.

**16. A reading from the book of Revelation 14:13**

*Happy are those who die in the Lord.*

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.

**17. A reading from the book of Revelation 20:11—21:1**

*The dead have been judged according to their works.*

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for

them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and the 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 all 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.

18. **A reading from the book of Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

*There will be no more death.*

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 will 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 live-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.

**HYMNS FOR FUNERAL LITURGIES**

Age to Age	Holy Darkness
All Is Well With My Soul	How Great Thou Art
Amazing Grace	How Lovely Is Your Dwelling
As Grains of Wheat	Place
As The Deer Longs	Hosea
Be Not Afraid	I Am The Bread of Life
Be Still, My Soul	I Have Loved You
Be Still and Know That I am God	I Am The Living Bread
Because The Lord Is My Shepherd	I Heard The Voice of Jesus
Behold The Lamb	I Know My Redeemer Lives
Beyond the Moon and Stars	In Every Age
Bread of Life	In Christ Alone
City of God	Jesus Come To Us
Come To Me	Jesus, The Very Thought of
Come Unto Me	You
Eat This Bread	Let There Be Peace On Earth
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	Let Us Break Bread Together
Eye Has Not Seen	Like a Shepherd
	Lord of All Hopefulness
Faith of Our Fathers	Lord, You Have Come
Fly Like a Bird	
For All The Saints	Mine Eyes Has Seen the Glory
Gather and Remember	O Lord, I Am Not Worthy
Gift of Finest Wheat	O Loving God (Irish funeral
God, Whose Glory Reigns Eternal	prayer-tune of Danny Boy)
	On Eagles Wings
Healing River of the Spirit	One Bread, One Body
Here At This Table	Only This I Want
Here I Am Lord	
Holy and Living Bread/Panis	
Angelicus	

Prayer of St. Francis  
Parable  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
  
Remember Your Love

**Responsorial Psalms**  
The Lord Is My Shepherd  
The Lord Is My Light  
To You O Lord I Lift My Soul  
The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Servant Song  
Shelter Me O God  
Shepherd Me, O God  
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Take and Eat  
The Lord Is My Light  
The Lord Is My Hope  
The Summons  
The Supper of The Lord  
There is a Longing  
This Alone

Ubi Caritas

We Remember  
We Will Rise Again

You Are Near

**Hymns to Blessed Mother**

Ave Maria  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Lady of Knock  
Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest  
Mother Dear, O Pray For Me

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

One of the following intercessions may be used or adapted to the circumstances or new intercessions may be composed.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS #1

***Priest:** Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection:*

**Reader:**

The Response is: Lord, have mercy.

Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Promise and image of what we shall be:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to <name>:  
forever:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless <name>'s family and friends who gather around him today:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

***Priest:** O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS #2

***Priest:** Jesus is the Son of God and the pattern for our own creation. His promise is that one day we shall truly be like him. With our hope founded on that promise, we pray:*

**Reader:**

The Response is: Lord, have mercy.

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of <name>:  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

That God will bring to completion <name>'s baptism in Christ:  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

That God will lead <name>: from death to life:  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

That all of us, <name>s family and friends, may be comforted in our grief:  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

That God will grant release to those who suffer:  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ:  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for victory over death:  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

***Priest:** O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

(Form A)

*Priest* Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

*Reader* *The response will be : hear our prayer*

In baptism (*name*) received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord in your mercy.... *R. hear our prayer*

Our brother/sister (*name*) was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord in your mercy.....*R. hear our prayer*

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord in your mercy.....*R. hear our prayer*

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. Lord in your mercy..... *R. hear our prayer*

Those who trust in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord in your mercy..... *R. hear our prayer*

The family and friends of (*name*) seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness of doubt that come from grief...Lord in your mercy..... *R. hear our prayer*

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

*Priest* Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who fall asleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS #4

##### Form B

*Priest* God, the Almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people living and dead

*Reader* *The response will be: Lord, hear our prayer*

For *(name)* who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.....*R. Lord hear our prayer*

For our brother/sister who ate the Body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.....*R. Lord hear our prayer*

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.....*R. Lord hear our prayer*

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

For the family and friends of our brother/sister *(name)* that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.  
*R. Lord hear our prayer*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to

the Lord.        *R. Lord hear our prayer.*

*Priest*        Lord, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*(Queen of Peace Church does not provide Mass booklets. If you are planning to make your own Mass booklet, the following format may be followed.)*

**Words of Remembrance**(optional)

Delivered by:

**Introductory Rites**

Greeting  
Sprinkling With Holy Water  
Placing of the Pall(Omitted in the case of cremains)  
Entrance Hymn  
Opening Prayer

**Liturgy of the Word**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
    Proclaimed by  
Responsorial Psalm (sung)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
    Proclaimed by  
Gospel Acclamation  
Gospel  
Homily  
General Intercessions

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Presentation of the Gifts Hymn  
    Gift Bearers:  
Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)  
Mystery of Faith (sung)  
Great Amen (sung)

**Communion Rite**

The Lord's Prayer  
Sign of Peace  
Lamb of God (sung)  
Communion Hymn  
Communion Meditation Hymn

**Final Commendation**

Invitation to Prayer  
Prayer of Commendation  
Procession to Place of Committal  
Recessional Hymn