

Sacred Scripture

For the funeral Mass, you will need to choose one passage from each of the following sections of the Bible:

1. Old Testament
2. New Testament (excluding the Gospels)
3. Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

For your convenience, provided below are the mostly commonly chosen Sacred Scripture passages for funeral Masses.

Universal Prayers (Petitions)

In addition, you will also need to decide on a few of the petitions, or what is more formally known as the Universal Prayers. Please see the last few pages of this document for information on this.

Eulogy

According to the policy of the Diocese of Toledo, eulogies are not to occur during the Funeral Mass but instead either at the vigil service in the funeral home, at the grave, or during the luncheon afterward.

Music

Music for the Funeral Mass is chosen from the parish hymnal at the funeral planning meeting. Other musical request can be played during the luncheon.

Old Testament

Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

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.

What advantage has the worker from his toil?

I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about.

He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the book of Proverbs 3:1-6

My son, forget not my teaching,
keep in mind my commands
for many days and years of life, and peace, will they bring you.

Let not kindness and fidelity leave you,
bind them around your neck
then will you win favor and good esteem before God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
on your own intelligence rely not.

In all your ways be mindful of him,
and he will make straight your paths.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-7,9

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

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

A Reading from the Book of Job 7:1-4, 17-20

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of a hired man? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hired person who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been told off for me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on. I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

What is man, that you make much of him, or pay him any heed? You observe him with each new day and try him at every moment! How long will it be before you look away from me, and let me alone long enough to swallow my spittle? Though I have sinned, what can I do to you, O watcher of men?

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Job 19: 23-27

Job 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.

Whom I myself shall see, my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 12:1-5

On that day, you will say:

I give you thanks, O LORD; though you have been angry with me, your anger has abated, and you have consoled me.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation,
and say on that day:

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations
make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known
throughout all the earth. (Isa 12:1-5 NAB)

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 25:6a,7-9

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.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know or have you not heard?

The LORD is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound.

Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, they that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings;

They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

The word of the Lord

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 43:1-3

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in return for you.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 52:6,8-10,13-15

Therefore on that day my people shall know my renown, that it is I who have foretold it. Here I am!

Hark! Your watchmen raise a cry, together they shout for joy,
For they see directly before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion.

Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem!
For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,
All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

See, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.

Even as many were amazed at him-- so marred was his look beyond
that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals--

So shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless,
for those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it.

The Word of the Lord

New Testament

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-9

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

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

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

A reading from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 2:6-10

We do speak a wisdom to those who are mature,
but not a wisdom of this age,
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.

Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,
and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known
it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and
what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for
those who love him,"

This God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes
everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 9:19,22b-27

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible.

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize?

Run so as to win.

Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one.

Thus I do not run aimlessly. I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing.

No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 10:23-24,31-33,11:1b-2

Everything is lawful but not everything is beneficial.

Everything is lawful but not everything builds up.

No one should seek his own advantage, but that of his neighbor.

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

Avoid giving offense, whether to Jews or Greeks or the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in every way,
not seeking my own benefit
but that of the many, that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

and hold fast to the traditions, just as I handed them on to you.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 13:4-13

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

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 1: 3-8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement,

Who encourages us in our every affliction,
so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction
with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by
God.

For as Christ's sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our
encouragement also overflow.

If we are afflicted, it is for your encouragement and salvation;
if we are encouraged, it is for your encouragement,
which enables you to endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

Our hope for you is firm,
for we know that as you share in the sufferings, you also share in the
encouragement.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction that
came to us in the province of Asia; we were utterly weighed down
beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 4:14-18

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you, *oh God*, in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, *oh God*, 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

A Reading from St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 5:1,6-10

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.

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

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ - by grace you have been saved,
raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ
Jesus,
that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his
grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from
you;
it is the gift of God, it is not from works,
so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works
that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory
to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self,
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or
imagine, by the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 1:21-24

You, who once were estranged and hostile in mind,
doing evil deeds,

Christ has now reconciled in his body of flesh by His death,
in order to present you holy and blameless
and irreproachable before Him,
provided that you continue in the faith,
stable and steadfast,
not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard,
which has been preached to every creature under heaven,
and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now, I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,
and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions
for the sake of His body, that is, the Church.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

A Reading from the St. Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy 4:1-8

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power:

Proclaim the word,

be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient,
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths.

But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances,

put up with hardship, perform the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For 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

A Reading from the St. Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power:

For 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.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the 1st Letter of St. Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time.

Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you.

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a
roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers
throughout the world undergo the same sufferings.

The God of all grace who called you to His eternal glory through Christ
Jesus will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you
after you have suffered a little.

To Him be dominion forever.

Amen.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the 2nd Letter of St. Peter 1:3-12, 15

[Jesus Christ's] divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power.

Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue,
virtue with knowledge,
knowledge with self-control,
self-control with endurance,
endurance with devotion,
devotion with mutual affection,
mutual affection with love.

If these are yours and increase in abundance, they will keep you from being idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.

Therefore, brothers, be all the more eager to make your call and election firm, for, in doing so, you will never stumble. For, in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Therefore, I will always remind you of these things, even though you already know them and are established in the truth you have.

I shall also make every effort to enable you always to remember these things after my departure.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the book of Revelation 21:1-6

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."

Then He said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true."

He said to me, "They are accomplished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me.

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

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said in reply,

I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls for my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one – to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

[Then] the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter, so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter?

Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.

For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-40

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,
Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,
Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers
of mine, you did for me.

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6

Jesus said:

Let not your heart be troubled;
believe in God, believe also in Me.

In My Father's house are many dwelling places;
if it were not so, I would have told you;
for I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive
you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

And you know the way where I am going.

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how
do we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,
I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father, but through Me.

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:27-31

Jesus said:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.

I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming.

He has no power over me,

but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me. Get up, let us go.

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 17:24-26

Jesus said:

Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me, because
you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and
they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 17:1b,16-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that

they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you,

that they also may be in us,

that the world may believe that you sent me.

And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me,

that they may be brought to perfection as one,

that the world may know that you sent me,

and that you loved them even as you loved me.

Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

As they continued their journey [Jesus] entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.

She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The Gospel of the Lord

Universal Prayers

Your response is, "Lord hear our prayer"

1. For **NAME** and all those who have died,
that God will purify their love to be like that of His own
and so enter into communion with Him and all the angels and saints,
we pray to the Lord....
2. For the family and friends of **NAME**,
that the peace and love of God will comfort them in their grief,
we pray to the Lord....
3. *Your choice (see sample petitions below)*
4. *Your choice (see sample petitions below)*
5. That each of us will live every day of our life mindful
that we too will one day pass from this world to the next,
and stand before Jesus to give an account of our lives,
we pray to the Lord....
6. For all the other intentions you bring to this Mass today,
we pray to the Lord....

Sample petitions:

For all health care givers,

that they may be strengthened to serve those they care for with
the kindness and compassion of Jesus himself,
we pray to the Lord...

For all health care providers,

that they will see the face of God in everyone they care for and
turn to Jesus for the dedication, patience, and love they need for
what they do,
we pray to the Lord...

For those sick and dying,

that they may realize the great redemptive value of their suffering
when they united their own to the sufferings of Jesus at Calvary,
in His same spirit and love,
we pray to the Lord....

For all those suffer with illness, disease, and addictions,

that through Christ's suffering at Calvary,
they will experience healing, strength, freedom,
we pray to the Lord....

For all those who suffer unexpected tragedy,

that they will unite their own sufferings to Jesus at Calvary,
and there discover God's love for them in a deep and profound way,
we pray to the Lord...

For all those who suffer with stress and anxiety,

that they will turn over their hopes and desires to God,
and strengthened by God's compassion and love,

be able to accept the disappointments in life,
we pray to the Lord...

For all those caught in the destructive cycle of addictions, that they will turn
to God for help as they seek to reconnect with family and friends,
we pray to the Lord...

That every person will work to remove the resentment, bitterness, and
hatred in their hearts so that there may be peace in our families,
peace in our communities, and peace in our world,
we pray to the Lord...

For our parish schools,
that Catholics will continue to support them with our prayers and
finances, and that parents will see the great value of having their
children educated in them,
we pray to the Lord....

For all those who dedicate themselves to public service,
especially those in the law enforcement and the military ,
that they will serve with the same dedication, honesty, and care
for people as Jesus did,
we pray to the Lord...

For those serving in the military, law enforcement, and fire
departments, that they will serve with care and dedication,
and that God will protect them and bring them home safely,
we pray to the Lord....

That all Christians will have a deeper appreciation of the truth and
power of the faith Jesus has given us, and that we will be ready to

share this with others as Jesus commands us,
we pray to the Lord...

For all missionaries throughout the world, that we will assist them financially and through our prayers in their important work of bringing the message of Christianity to all people,
we pray to the Lord...

For missionaries throughout the world, that as they take the message and truth of Christianity to all people, they will know of our prayers and support in their important work,
we pray to the Lord...

For the strengthening of families, that the home will be a place where both friend and stranger learn to love more as God loves, and where daily life is centered on prayer,
we pray to the Lord...

That all families will look to the Holy Family as an example and model of peace and unity, forgiveness and understanding, among all family members, we pray to the Lord...

For all families, that they might see Christ in each other, work through their differences, and build each other up to be the people God created them to be,
we pray to the Lord...

For all whose livelihood is dependent upon farming,
that their way of life will be appreciated by all,
and God will bless their hard work and sacrifice,
we pray to the Lord...

That all people who have been blessed by God with health, finances, and friends will reach out to those who are less fortunate, especially the homeless, keeping in mind Jesus's instructions that whatever we do for the least of His people we do unto Him we pray to the Lord...