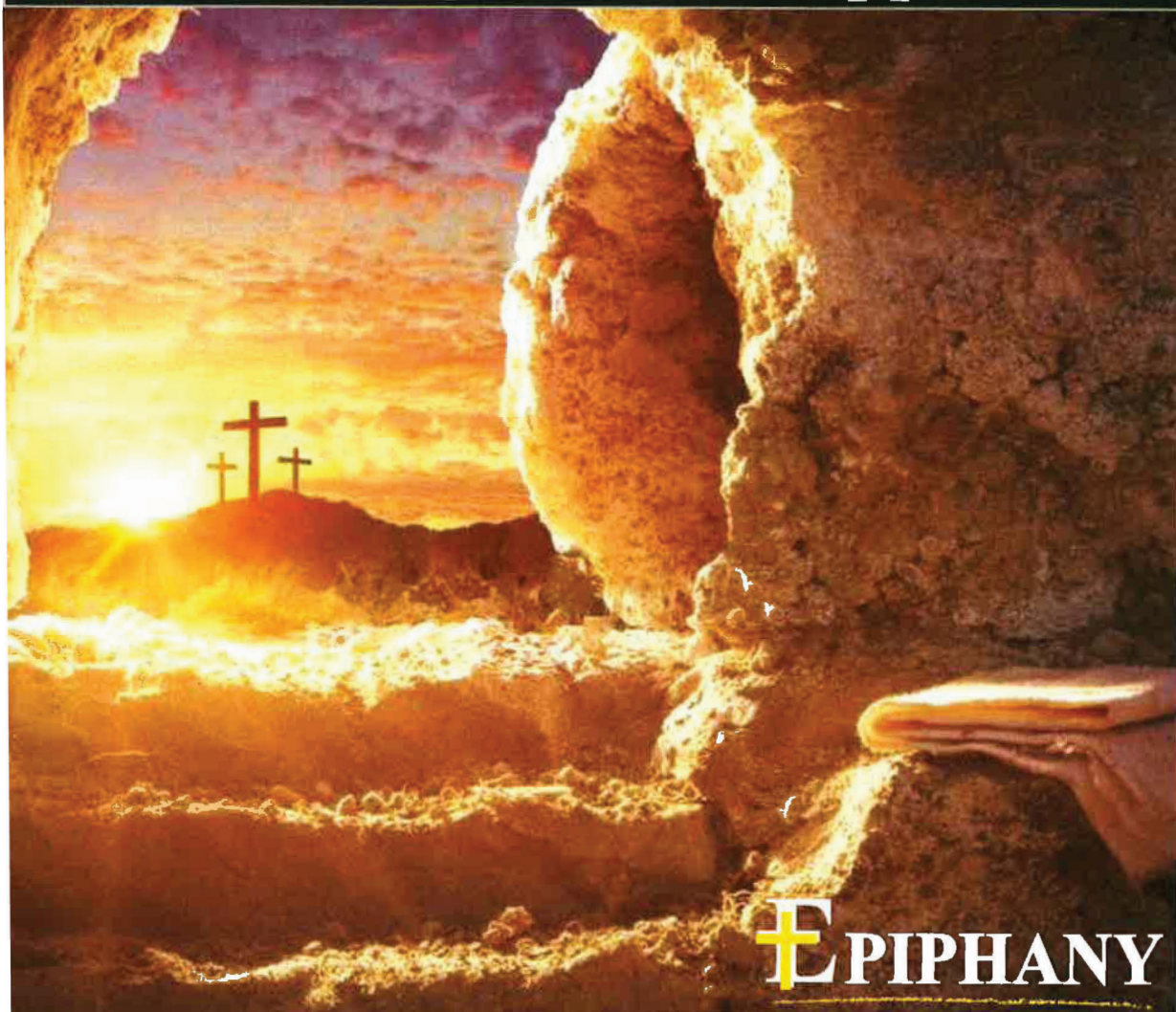


Pre-Planning Funeral Supplement



EPIPHANY

Mass of Christian Burial
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Introduction

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

“The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God’s merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in one great communion of saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayers and intercession”

~ Order of Christian Funerals, Introduction

Preparation for the Funeral

The Planning Meeting

The Church of the Epiphany is a Roman Catholic Church, which means that we celebrate funerals in accordance with the norms of the Roman Catholic faith. Therefore, not all requests of the family can be accommodated within the funeral Mass itself, but could be part of the funeral luncheon or vigil the night before (i.e., readings which are not from the bible, songs which are not liturgical in nature, eulogies, etc.)

At the planning meeting, the liturgy will be discussed. Music and readings will be selected.

Preparation Checklist:

1. Choose Music Selections – Music selections may be found starting on **Page 5**. Please follow the instructions found on that page for making the proper selections for the various parts of the Mass. *The Church of the Epiphany provides a Cantor/soloist.*
2. Choose Readings – Three scriptural readings must be selected for the funeral Mass. One reading will come from the Old Testament, one reading will come from the New Testament, and then the desired Gospel Reading must be selected for the priest or deacon. These reading selections may be found starting on **Page 7**. *The Church of the Epiphany will provide a Lector for the first two readings unless the family wishes to choose their own reader from a member of the family or close friends. If the family provides someone for the readings, it is recommended that the reader(s) have had some lectoring or public speaking experience and be a practicing Catholic.*
3. Funeral Fees – **The fee for a funeral with a funeral director is \$450**, and is based on costs including, but not limited to, services rendered by Epiphany staff, the use of the Church, printing, worship aides, and musicians. *The funeral home collects this fee* and submits it to Epiphany along with the clergy record.
The fee for a **funeral with NO funeral director is \$650**. If no funeral home is involved, it is the responsibility of the family to pay the parish directly. *This fee of \$650 is due at the time the family meets with the priest.*

Stipend

While no stipend is expected, families often choose to make a gift as a sign of their appreciation for the pastoral services rendered by the presiding priest or deacon. In addition to the funeral service itself, this may include wake/vigil and burial services.

Mass of Christian Burial at Epiphany

The following options are all forms of Catholic Funeral. In making a decision of where a funeral should take place and which rites to use, the following can serve as general guidelines:

- For active parishioners, the homebound, former active parishioners of Epiphany who are now residents of nursing homes or who have moved away from the parish for such reasons as retirement or to be with family, a Mass of Christian Burial held at Epiphany is encouraged.
- For active Catholics, who were part of the Epiphany Catholic community, but have now established roots within other parishes, a Mass of Christian Burial at their current parish (with the option for burial at Epiphany Cemetery) is most fitting.
- A Catholic funeral may be celebrated (even a Mass) for a person who is not a Catholic, as long as this would not offend the sensibilities of those who attend. This case may arise when the living spouse is Catholic, and the spouse who died practiced no religion.
- For Catholics who have fallen away from the practice of their faith, a Funeral led by an Epiphany priest or deacon at the Funeral Home is permitted.
- A Mass can always be celebrated for a child who has died, even without baptism. Appropriate prayers are used if the child was not baptized.

Reviews/Visitations

Reviews/Visitations take place in the gathering space, i.e., near the holy water font. Setup (flowers, easels, etc.) may take place anytime after the morning Mass. Caskets may also only be setup after the completion of the morning Mass.

Eulogies

Eulogies are not permitted within the Funeral Mass itself according to the revised *Order of Christian Funerals* for the United States, which says, "A brief homily based on the readings should always be given at the funeral liturgy, but never any kind of eulogy." [OCF # 141] The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* promulgated in 2000, reaffirms this prohibition of eulogies at funeral Masses saying, "At the Funeral Mass there should, as a rule, be a short homily, but never a eulogy of any kind."

Music

Processional/Recessional

Please PICK TWO (One for Coming In, and One for Going Out)

All Creatures of Our God and King.....	Credo 437
Be Thou My Vision.....	Credo 684
Crown Him with Many Crowns	Credo 290
For All the Saints.....	Credo 332
Holy God We Praise Thy Name	Credo 432
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	Credo 211
Jesus Christ is Risen Today	Credo 208
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Credo 427
Lift High the Cross	Credo 327
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	Credo 731
O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....	Credo 551
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven	Credo 452
Sing with All the Saints in Glory.....	Credo 202
This is the Feast of Victory.....	Credo 229
To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King	Credo 289

Preparation of the Gifts

Please PICK ONE

Abide With Me.....	Credo 671
Be Still My Soul.....	Credo 689
Be Not Afraid	Credo 548
Blest Are They.....	Ritual 774
Draw Near	Credo 366
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	Credo 622
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	Credo 509
On Eagles Wings	Credo 552
Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....	Ritual 754
Shepherd of Souls.....	Credo 374
To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King	Credo 289
What Wondrous Love is This	Credo 557

Communion

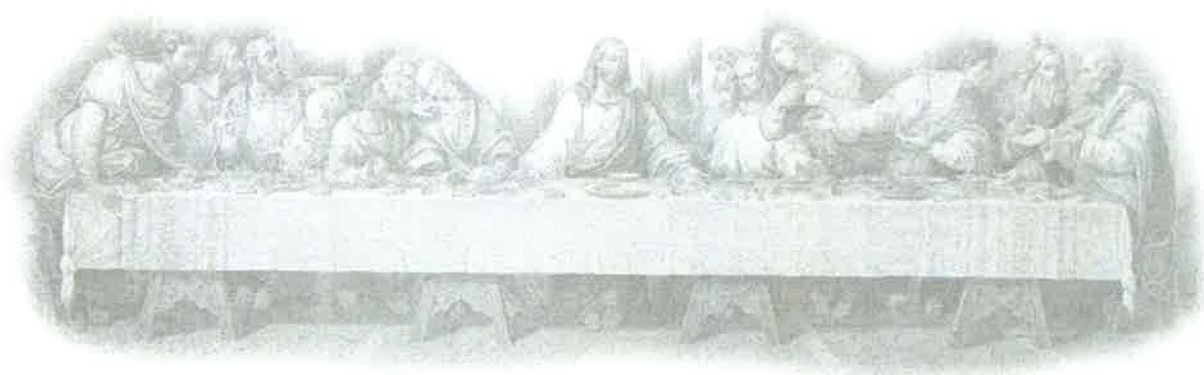
Please PICK ONE

Eat This Bread.....	Credo 373
Gift of Finest Wheat.....	Credo 360
I Am the Bread of Life	Credo 368
O Bread of Life	Credo 382
O Lord I am Not Worthy.....	Credo 359
O Sacrament Most Holy.....	Credo 361
Soul of Christ	Credo 369
This is Jesus.....	Credo 364

Solo

2nd Communion Song - Please PICK ONE

Ave Maria.....	Schubert
Ave Verum	Mozart
Panis Angelicus	Franck
Pie Jesu.....	Faure



Old Testament Readings

2 MACCABEES 12:43-46

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 in mind;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,
it would have been superfluous
and foolish to pray for the dead.
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 absolved from their sin.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

JOB 19:1, 23-27

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!
As for me, I know that my vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust.
This will happen when my skin has been stripped off,
and from my flesh I will see God:
I will see for myself,
my own eyes, not another's, will behold him:
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SIRACH 2:1-11

My child, when you come to serve the Lord,
prepare yourself for trials.
Be sincere of heart and steadfast,
and do not be impetuous in time of adversity.
Cling to him,
do not leave him,
that you may prosper in your last days.
Accept whatever happens to you;
in periods of humiliation be patient.
For in fire gold is tested,
and the chosen,
in the crucible of humiliation.
Trust in God, and he will help you;
make your ways straight and hope in him.
You that fear the Lord,
wait for his mercy,
do not stray lest you fall.
You that fear the Lord, trust in him,
and your reward will not be lost.
You that fear the LORD,
hope for good things,
for lasting joy and mercy.
Consider the generations long past and see:
has anyone trusted in the Lord
and been disappointed?
Has anyone persevered in his fear and been
forsaken?
Has anyone called upon him and been ignored?
For the Lord is compassionate and merciful;
forgives sins and saves in time of trouble.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

WISDOM 3:1-6, 9

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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.
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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

WISDOM 4:7-14

The righteous one, 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 passes for gray hair,
and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved,
living 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 that consideration into account.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EZEKIEL 37:12-14

Therefore, prophesy and say to them:
thus says the Lord GOD:
Look! I am going to open your graves;
I will make you come up out of your graves,
my people, and bring you back to the land of Israel.
You shall know that I am the LORD,
when I open your graves
and make you come up out of them, my people!
I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life,
and I will settle you in your land.
Then you shall know that I am the LORD.
I have spoken; I will do it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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!”

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

DANIEL 12:1-3

At that time there shall arise Michael,
the great prince, guardian of your people;
it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since the nation 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 to everlasting life,
others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.

But those with insight shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LAMENTATIONS 3:17-26

My life is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
my enduring hope, I said,
has perished before the LORD.
The thought of my wretched homelessness
is wormwood and poison;
remembering it over and over,
my soul is downcast.
But this I will call to mind;
therefore I will hope:
the LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted,
his compassion is not spent;
they are renewed each morning—
great is your faithfulness!
The LORD is my portion, I tell myself,
therefore I will hope in him.
The LORD is good to those who trust in him,
to the one that seeks him;
it is good to hope in silence
for the LORD's deliverance.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Readings

ROMANS 5:5-11

Brothers and sisters:
Hope does not disappoint,
 because the love of God has been poured out
into our hearts
 through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
 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.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ROMANS 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters:
If, by the transgression of the one,
 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 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 the one man
 the many were made sinners,
 so through the obedience of the one
 the many will be made righteous.
The law entered in 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.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28

Brothers and Sisters:

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, 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.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

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.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1, 6-10

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.
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.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

Beloved:

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

1 JOHN 3:1-2

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.

Everyone who has this hope based on him
makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

1 JOHN 3:14-16

Beloved:

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Readings

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.

Lector: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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 selves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Lector: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the
bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,
brought no oil with them,
but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,
they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’
Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their
lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for
yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it,
the bridegroom came

and those who were ready went into the wed-
ding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

LUKE 7:11-17

Soon afterward Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd
accompanied him.

As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a
widow.

A large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
“Do not weep.”

He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted, and he said,
“Young man, I tell you, arise!”

The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God,
exclaiming,

“A great prophet has arisen in our midst,”
and “God has visited his people.”

This report about him spread through the whole
of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds:

“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.”

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

JOHN 11:32-45

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,

“Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”

But some of them said,

“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man

have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him,

“Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her,

“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

“Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.”

And when he had said this,

he cried out in a loud voice,

“Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out,

tied hand and foot with burial bands,

and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to the crowd,

“Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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JOHN 12:23-26

Jesus answered them,
“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am,
there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

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JOHN 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you
that I am going to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.
Where I am going you know the way.”
Thomas said to him,
“Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?”
Jesus said to him,
“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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JOHN 19:17-18, 25-39

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself,

he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull,
in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others,
one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom
he loved,

he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."

Then he said to the disciple,

"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his
home.

After this, aware that everything was now
finished,

in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,
Jesus said, "I thirst."

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of
hyssop

and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,

"It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the Spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,

in order that the bodies might not remain on the
cross on the sabbath,

for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken
and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first

and then of the other one who was crucified
with Jesus.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was
already dead,

they did not break his legs,

but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,

and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true;

he knows that he is speaking the truth,

so that you also may come to believe.

For this happened so that the Scripture passage
might be fulfilled:

Not a bone of it will be broken.

And again another passage says:

They will look upon him whom they have
pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea,

secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews,

asked Pilate if he could remove the Body of Jesus.

And Pilate permitted it.

So he came and took his Body.

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at
night,

also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes
weighing about one hundred pounds.

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