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Funeral Planning Booklet

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Message from the Pastor

The funeral of a loved one who has died is a most tender time in the lives of family and friends. It is a time to commend the deceased person into the hands of God. It is a time to prayerfully stand together before the God who creates us, redeems us, and sanctifies us.

A funeral in the Catholic Church provides the ancient rituals and prayers for those who have died in Christ. It also provides the opportunity for family members to select Bible readings and music that are especially meaningful and resonate with the deceased loved one's impact in the Church and society.

May you know the peace and comfort of the Good Shepherd as you prayerfully plan for this Liturgy. May your loved one rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Fr. Matthew Malek

Planning your loved one's funeral

Prelude Music

The prelude music is played at the time when the assembly is seated and the family is gathering in the rear of the church.

Prelude music can be reflective of songs that were of special importance to the family of the deceased.

Some suggestions:

Song Title	Page	
	GC	G3
Amazing Grace	612	645
Beautiful Savior	Supplement – p.4	
Breathe	Supplement – p.5	
God of Wonders	Supplement – p.7	
Here I Am To Worship	Supplement – p.8	
How Beautiful (Sandi Patty)	Supplement – p.9	
How Great Thou Art	494	578
I Can Only Imagine	Supplement – p.10	
I Have Loved You	504	588
Just a Closer Walk with Thee	Supplement – p.11	
Majesty	Supplement – p.12	
No Greater Love	628	701
Only in God	621	n/a
Shelter Me O God	636	717
The Love of the Lord	702	792

Non Liturgical Music - Prelude

If there are non-liturgical songs that hold a special significance to the family of the deceased, please mention them. We will do our best to include them in the prelude, recessional or postlude.

Processional

The family processes in with the casket/urn of the deceased as instrumental music is played. This music is normally selected by the accompanist.

Remarks of Remembrance

After the opening procession there is an opportunity for a family member or friend to share memories about the person who has died.

This is a time when meaningful memories of your loved one are shared. For example, what did you love and admire about this person? What life lessons did you learn from this person's example? What will you miss the most about your loved one?

You will have 5 minutes to deliver the eulogy and then the Mass will begin.

Gathering Song

Following the remarks of remembrance, the assembly joins in a familiar song.

Some Suggestions:

Song Title	Page	
	GC	G3
Amazing Grace	612	645
Be Not Afraid	608	683
Bring Forth The Kingdom	658	734
City of God	678	766
For All the Saints	793	884
Gather Us In	744	848
Glory and Praise to Our God	522	606
Here I Am, Lord	686	777
Hosea	386	484
How Great Thou Art	494	578
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You	528	614
Morning Has Broken	756	855
On Eagle's Wings	611	691
Sing with All the Saints in Glory	442	539

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

The first reading is taken from the Old Testament.

Some suggestions:

Job 19: 1, 23-27

Job knows that he will see God. Job tells us that our Redeemer lives and will rescue us. Even though our bodies disappear, in the end we will see God!

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Solomon believed that there is a time and place for everything, whether it be good or bad. He believes that you must seek guidance from God to truly know what your path in life is.

Isaiah 25: 4-9

On his mountain, God will prepare a feast for people with well-aged wines and rich food.

God will destroy a shroud that's been put on people, liberating them from death forever. He'll wipe away everyone's tears and comfort them all on his mountain.

Isaiah 43: 1-3a,4a

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name and you are mine.

Isaiah 65: 17-20a, 21

God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Lamentations 3:17-18,20-26

Jeremiah is expressing his troubled spirit and suffering in gloom. He too is afflicted, as his homeland has been pillaged. On the other hand, he reminds us that God is faithful and will restore and bring His promise to pass, "The LORD'S loving-kindness indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail" (3:22)

Proverbs 31: 10-12, 15-18, 20-21, 25-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is beyond pearls.

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God...they are at peace.

Wisdom 4:7-10, 13-14a

The just ones, though they die early, shall be at rest.

Sirach 3:1-8

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority over her sons.

Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

II Maccabees 12: 43-46

The ruler of Israel acted in an excellent and noble way in praying for the dead with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness

Psalm

Following the first reading, we raise our voices in song through the Responsorial Psalm.

Some suggestions:

Song Title	Page	
	GC	G3
Psalm 4: Let Your Face Shine Upon Us	19	n/a
Psalm 16/61: Shelter Me, O God	636	717
Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God	31	35
Psalm 24: We Long to See Your Face	34	37
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord	36	39
Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be On Us	45	44
Psalm 34: Taste and See	47	45
Psalm 34: The Cry of the Poor	48	47
Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting	61	55
Psalm 63: Your Love is Finer than Life	62	63
Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness	79	62
Psalm 91: Be With Me	85	65
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful	100	75
Psalm 118: This is the Day	114	82
Psalm 128: Blest are Those Who Love You	125	86

Second Reading

The second reading is taken from the New Testament.

Some suggestions:

I Corinthians 12:31 - 13: 13

While the Apostle Paul recognizes the importance of the spiritual gifts and their place in the Christian's life, he tells that there is something superior to these gifts. Without love all other gifts have little value.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Apostle Paul reminds us we are not to grieve like those who have no hope.

Romans 8:31-35,37-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:3-9

“Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” Paul tells the Romans that we are baptized not just into the name of Christ — we are baptized into him and united with him.

Romans 14:7-9

Both in life and death we belong to the Lord.

II Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

“I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me.”

I John 3: 1-2

The Apostle John reassures believers explaining, “God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all”

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on...let them rest from their labors.

Revelation 21: 1-7

After the final judgment, John sees a new heaven, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem. God dwells among God's people and gives the promise, "I am making all things new."

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Acclamation is a song of praise! We prepare to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ by singing ***Celtic Alleluia***.

During most of the year we sing “Alleluia” (Praise to God!). During Lent this acclamation is omitted as the Alleluia is seen as too joyful to be sung during that season.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. This reading is read by the priest or deacon and is chosen from the book of Gospels.

Some possibilities:

Matthew 5:1-12a

This section of the “Beatitudes” is one of the most beloved portions of the Gospel. It forms the beginning of what has come to be known as the “Sermon on the Mount. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!”

Matthew 6:25-34

“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own...”

Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me, all you who labor... and I will give you rest...”

Matthew 11:28-30

Shorter version of previous suggestion.

Mark 10:13-16

Modern imagery of Jesus commonly has him sitting with children and this particular scene is a primary reason why.

Many Christians feel that Jesus has a special relationship with children because of their innocence and their willingness to trust.

Mark 15:33-39

This reading depicts the last moments before Jesus' death on the cross. "...Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Luke 6:20-23

*This passage is Luke's telling of Jesus preaching about the "Beatitudes" – see **Matthew 5:1-12a** above...*

Luke 6:36-38

"Be merciful as your Father is merciful..."

Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting is the way. Generosity begets generosity.

Luke 12:35-40

Be prepared, the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect!

Luke 23:44-46,50,52-53; 24:1-6a

This passage is Luke's account of Jesus' death and resurrection. "...He is not here, but he has been raised!"

Luke 24:13-16,28-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

"...Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way...?"

John 15:9-17

Jesus tells us: "As the Father loves me, so I love you... This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you..."

John 6:35-40

This passage consists of teaching by Jesus centered on his proclamation, "I am the bread of life"

John 11:17-27

This passage is John's account of Jesus' raising of Lazarus whose name is Hebrew in origin and interestingly means "God is my help."

John 14:1-7

Jesus says to his disciples: "Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me."

Homily

The presider will reflect on the scripture readings as well as the life of the deceased.

A staff member will help you to fill out the **Funeral Homily Preparation Sheet** to assist the presider in formulating his remarks.

Prayers of the Faithful

The Prayers of the Faithful, also known as the General Intercessions, take place at the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word.

The structure of the prayers of the faithful is generally the same: a short introduction by the priest, followed by 5-7 intercessions proclaimed by a lector (can be a family member), with a short concluding prayer led by the priest. At the end of each petition, we respond "Lord, hear our prayer."

You will be given the **Suggested Prayers of the Faithful** worksheet to complete.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

As the altar is prepared, a song is sung. This may be a song sung together by the assembly or a vocal solo by the cantor.

Some suggestions:

Song Title	Page	
	GC	G3
Amazing Grace	612	645
Ave Maria (Schubert)	Supplement – p.3	
Be Not Afraid	608	683
Beautiful Savior	Supplement – p.4	
Center of My Life	598	679
Come to the Water	502	584
Eye Has Not Seen	638	728
For the Beauty of the Earth	572	633
For You Are My God	616	n/a
Here I Am, Lord	686	777
Hosea	386	484
How Beautiful (Sandi Patty)	Supplement – p.9	
How Great Thou Art	494	578
I Have Loved You	504	588
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	646	724
If We Are Living	666	n/a
Just a Closer Walk with Thee	Supplement – p.11	
Let There Be Peace On Earth	731	829
Lord of All Hopefulness	578	663
Make Me A Channel of Your Peace	726	828
No Greater Love	628	701
On Eagle's Wings	611	691

Only in God	621	n/a
Peace is Flowing Like a River	728	819
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	874	955
Servant Song	669	751
Shelter Me O God	636	717
The Lord is Near	619	692
The Love of the Lord	702	792
We Walk by Faith	590	680
You Are Near	604	695

Mass of Creation – musical setting

The *Sanctus*, *Memorial Acclamation*, *Amen* and *Lamb of God* will be taken from the ***Mass of Creation*** setting.

Communion Song

As the assembly processes forward to receive the Holy Eucharist, we join in song. It is necessary that this song be sung by the assembly and not only by a soloist.

Some suggestions:

Song Title	Page	
	GC	G3
At That First Eucharist	852	914
Behold the Lamb	823	939
Eye Has Not Seen	638	728
Here I Am, Lord	686	777
I am the Bread of Life	828	945
If We Are Living	666	n/a
Now in this Banquet	833	937
One Bread, One Body	830	932
Taste and See	814	915
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	815	940

Final Commendation

As we say our final farewell, incense is used as the assembly sings ***May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise*** by Michael Joncas.

Recessional/Closing Song

As the family and the deceased process out of the church, a song is played and sometimes sung. Instrumental or vocal songs are acceptable for the recessional.

Some suggestions:

Song Title	Page	
	GC	G3
City of God	678	766
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (instrumental) NAVY HYMN	Supplement – p.6	
How Great Thou Art	494	578
Now Thank We All Our God	565	636
Sing with All the Saints in Glory	442	539
Soon and Very Soon	770	865
The Hand of God Shall Hold You	859	981
This Little Light of Mine	513	591
We Shall Rise Again	772	871

Non-Liturgical Music - Recessional

If there are non-liturgical songs that hold a special significance to the family of the deceased, please mention them. We will do our best to include them in in the prelude, recessional or postlude.

Postlude

If there are any other songs that hold a special significance with the family of the deceased, here is a possible place for them.