

Preparing the Funeral Mass



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Outline of the Funeral: What will happen at Mass

Introductory Rites

(Hymns or appropriate solos may be inserted at the points mark with a 🎵)

At the entrance to the church the body is sprinkled with holy water and covered with a pall, a reminder of baptism. A song 🎵 accompanies the procession to the front of the church.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Normally from the Old Testament, but a New Testament Reading may be chosen instead. A family member or friend may read.

Responsorial Psalm 🎵 will be sung by the cantor

Second Reading

From the New Testament. A family member or friend may read. A second reading may be omitted.

Gospel Reading

Read by the deacon or priest

Homily

The priest or deacon will draw out of the Gospel and the scripture a meaning and expression of faith concerning the deceased. The homily is not a eulogy of the deceased, but is centered in Christ, how Jesus saved us from death and promises eternal life to all who believe in him.

General Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful)

We pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased and for ourselves.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The preparation of the Gifts and Altar 🎵

Bread and wine are brought to the altar by two or three representatives of the family.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Thanks is spoken over bread and wine that they may become the body and blood of the Risen Christ. With Jesus we join in offering his sacrifice and our own to God, and commend the dead to the Father.

The Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace

Communion 🎵

By eating the bread of life and the cup of salvation we deepen the eternal life that is already within us. We have communion with God and with our beloved dead.

Concluding Rites

The preferred place for a eulogy is at the wake in the funeral home. You are strongly encouraged to make these remembrances there where the atmosphere is more suitable.

Final Commendation and Farewell 🎵

Final prayers are said over the body of the deceased. The cantor sings a special responsory.

Procession to the door of the church 🎵

The priest leads the body with the mourners following to the doors of the church.

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FUNERAL PLANNING SHEET

Please write your choices on this form.

The information you provide about the deceased and the scripture readings can help the priest personalize the homily.

He will also cue the readers and other ministers if you provide their names.

The music selections will be forwarded to the music leaders.

Please give this form to the person who conducts the Wake Service, or ask your funeral director to fax to the Church office at 516.997.4622.

In order for your selections to be honored they must be delivered or faxed the day before the funeral.

About the Deceased

Name _____

How do you wish the deceased to be addressed during the funeral?

Other deceased loved ones to be prayed for by name:

Any special circumstances the priest should be aware of:

Long-time parishioner? Societies? Parish Involvement?:

Areas where deceased lived (“old neighborhood”):

Work/Career:

If Veteran: branch of service:

Interests/hobbies:

Endearing qualities:

Music Selections

Please choose from the suggestions listed in pamphlet or others in our parish missalette or Music Issue.

Entrance Procession

Presentation of the Gifts *(could be a solo)*

Communion

Recessional

Other notes

Mass Readings and Ministries

(If there is a eulogy, it should take place at the wake and not at Mass.)

Readings—(Please choose from the suggestions listed on the following pages).

First Reading (Old or New Testament) OT _____

Read by

Relationship

Responsorial Psalm (*must be sung*)

Second Reading (New Testament) *optional but usual* NT _____

Read by

Relationship

Gifts presented by (*2 or 3 people*)

Other requests/comments/information

Prepared by:

Contact phone:

Music for the Funeral Mass

Music is an important part of ritual, and we encourage families to make full use of the Church's rich tradition and the parish's musical resources. Mr. Raymond Henderson, the Director of Liturgical Music at Our Lady of Hope, is available to assist you in planning the music. He can be reached at the Music Office: (516) 334-6288 ext. 19.

During the funeral liturgy it is good to choose music which will allow everyone present to participate fully in the singing. The hymns, psalms and spiritual songs that are chosen should be familiar to a good number of those who will be present. Our congregational worship book (*Oregon Catholic Press: Music Issue/Missalette*) found in the pews, contains a wealth of fine material from which you may wish to choose. There may also be music not included in our resources that you may wish to use. In this case, it is important to consult with the music director as soon as you are able.

The parish engages the services of a professional cantor to lead the singing of the hymns, the psalm and one or more of the many appropriate solos that you may choose. It is also possible for a friend/family member who is a skilled singer to be invited to sing one of the solos after consulting with Mr. Henderson.

We recognize the significance of certain recorded music to family and friends in honoring the memory of a loved one. Listening to recorded music would be appropriate at the vigil (wake) service in the funeral home, or at a reception following the funeral, but not during the funeral mass itself.

Selecting Music

During the Mass of Christian Burial there is the opportunity for four selections (hymns, psalms or sacred songs) chosen by the family and or friends of the deceased.

- at the Entrance Procession
- at the Presentation of the Gifts
- at the Communion
- a the Closing (Recessional)

The staff of Our Lady of Hope Parish reserves the right to move selections to the most appropriate time during the liturgy. We offer you the following suggestions:

Songs from the Music Issue particularly appropriate for funerals

Amazing Grace	Shelter Me, O God
Abide With Me	Song of Farewell
Be Not Afraid	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Eye Has Not Seen	The Strife is O'er
For All the Saints	The Supper of The Lord
Here I Am, Lord	Unless a Grain Of Wheat
I Am the Bread of Life	We Have Been Told
I Have Loved You	We Remember
I Heard the Voice of Jesus	We Walk By Faith
I Know They My Redeemer Lives	We Will Rise Again
Keep In Mind	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Like A Shepherd	You Are Mine
O God, Our Help In Ages Past	You Are Near
On Eagles' Wings	
Shall We Gather At The River	

Other Sacred Music traditionally associated with the Funeral Liturgy

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert

Panis Angelicus – César Franck

Pie Jesu – from the Requiem of Gabriel Fauré

Salve Regina – Gregorian chant

In Paradisum – Gregorian chant

Lux Eterna – Gregorian chant

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READINGS FOR THE OLD TESTAMENT

During Easter time the Old Testament reading is replaced by a New Testament reading.

OT 1. *Maccabees 12:43-46 He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.*

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel,

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.

OT 2. *Job 19: 1, 23-27a I know that my Vindicator lives.*

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him;
and from my flesh I shall see God;
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The word of the Lord.

OT 3. *Wisdom 3:1-9 As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;

and their passing away was thought an affliction

And their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed they may 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 a furnace, he proved them

and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,

and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;

They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,

and the Lord shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,

and the faithful shall abide with him in love;

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,

and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

OT 4. *Wisdom 4:7-15 An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early,

shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not

with the passing of time,

nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding is the hoary crown of 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.

OT 5. *Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 He will destroy death forever.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts

will provide for all the 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.

OT 6. *Lamentations 3:17-26 It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.*

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,

I have forgotten what happiness is;

I tell myself my future is lost,

all that I hoped for from the Lord.

The thought of my homeless poverty

is wormwood and gall:

Remembering it over and over

leaves my soul downcast within me.

But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,

His mercies are not spent;

They are renewed each morning,

so great is his faithfulness.

My portion is the Lord, says my soul;

therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,

to the soul that seeks him;

It is good to hope in silence

for the saving help of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

OT 7. *Daniel 12: 1-3 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned

and heard this word of the Lord:

At that time there shall arise

Michael, the great prince,

guardian of your people;

It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress

Since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape,

everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;

Some shall live forever,

others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly

like the splendor of the firmament,

And those who lead the many to justice

shall be like the stars forever.

The word of the Lord.

READING II FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

NT 1. *Romans 5:5-11* Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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,

we will 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,

we will be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we now have received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

NT 2. *Romans 5:17-21* Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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

he many were made sinners,

so through the obedience of the one, the many will be righteous.

NT 3 continued

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.
The word of the Lord.

NT 3. *Romans 6:3-9 We too might live in newness of life.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and Sisters;
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life.
For, if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.
We know that our old self was crucified with him
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.
For a dead person has been absolved from sin.
If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.
We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.
The word of the Lord.

NT 4. *Romans 8:14-23 We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the Redemption of our bodies.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters:
Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back in to 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 might also be glorified with him.

NT 4. *continued*

I consider that the sufferings of the present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation

the revelation of the children of God;

for creation was made subject to futility,

not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,

in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption

and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;

and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

NT 5. *Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 What will separate us from the love of Christ?*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,

will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly

through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

From the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

NT 6. *Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12* *Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord;

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

As I live, says the Lord, every knee

shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

NT 7. *1 Corinthians 15:20-28* *So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.*

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead.

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,

the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,

so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one 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 he 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.

The word of the Lord.

NT 8. *1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Death is swallowed up in victory.*

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

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing 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 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 to 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, eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

NT 10. *2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.*

A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,

should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hand,
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,

although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,

and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,

whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,

so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

NT 11. *Philippians 3:20-21 He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified Body

by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord.

NT 12. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

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

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 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.

NT 13. *2 Timothy 2:8-13 If we have died with him we shall also live with him.*

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

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,

NT 13 continued

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 the 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.

NT 14. *1 John 3:1-2 We shall see him as he is.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John
Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

NT 15. *1 John 3:14-16 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John
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.

The word of the Lord.

**READING II FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER
(Easter to Pentecost)**

These selections replace the Old Testament during Easter time.

E 1. *Acts 10: 34-43 He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying”

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the Devil.
for god was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnessed 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.

E 2. *Revelation 14:13 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.*

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this"

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," said the Spirit,

"let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord.

E 3. *Revelation 20:11-21:1 The dead were judged according to their deeds.*

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence
and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and lowly, standing before the throne,
and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.

The dead were judged according to their deeds,
by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead;

Then Death and Hades 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 new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord.

E 4. *Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7 There shall be no more death.*

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away.

and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people

and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,

And there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,

For the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new,

I am the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift

from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts,

and I shall be his God,

and he shall be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

Notes