



Grief Care

Suggestions for Prayers and Readings
to assist families and friends
to prepare the funeral liturgy
if attending or remembering at home



This workbook will enable you to prepare an Order of Service for Requiem and choose from the Church's readings and prayers.

In this way you can be closer in spirit with your loved one who has died.

Please follow the simple instructions inside.

Another useful resource is "Life is changed not ended: A workbook for preparing a Catholic funeral." – The Brisbane Liturgical Commission. (Your Parish will have it.)

Order of Service

REQUIEM MASS

Gathering Song

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Sprinkling of the Holy Water
Placing of the White Pall
Placing of Flowers/Christian Symbols
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1
Psalm – usually sung
Reading 2 (if required)
Verse before Gospel – sung
(If not sung, then omitted)
Gospel
Homily
Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts
Preparation of Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer
Communion Rite
Thanksgiving Hymn

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Words of Remembrance (if desired
– can also take place before the
Introductory Rites)
Recessional Hymn

FUNERAL LITURGY/PRAYERS OUTSIDE OF MASS

Gathering Hymn

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

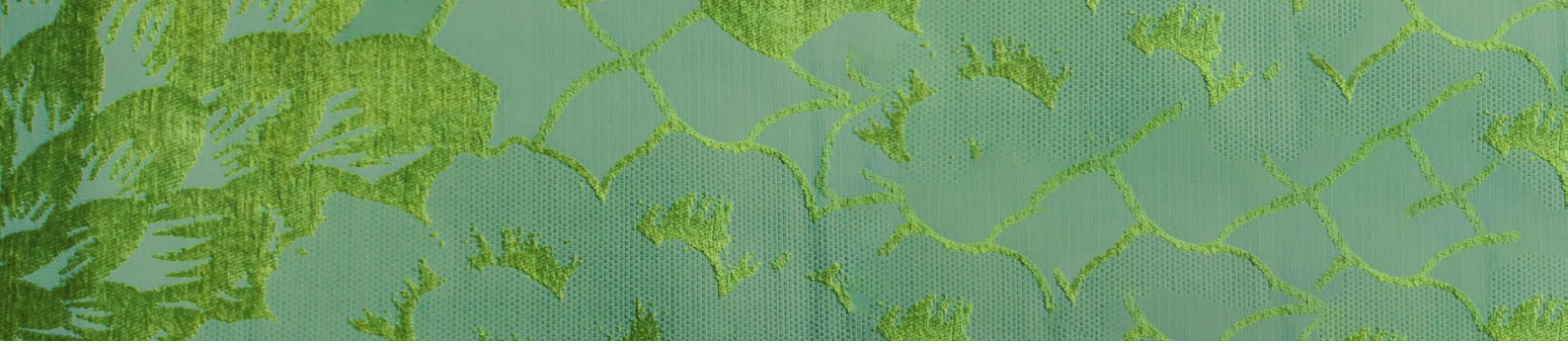
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➤ *See Appendix for an example of a
Service of Remembrance*





LITURGY OF THE WORD

(see pages: 3-26)

FIRST READING

From 1 to 11 (Old Testament Readings)

No. ____ Who reads? _____

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (48 – 51) or a suitable hymn: No. ____

SECOND READING (if required)

From 12 to 30 (New Testament Readings)

No. ____ Who reads? _____

GOSPEL

From 31 to 47

No. ____ (read by Priest/Deacon)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (from page 29)

Nos. ____

Usually between 4 and 9 prayers are chosen. You may wish to compose some of your own prayers, following the format set out. One person or several people may read these prayers. If more than one person is to share the reading of the Prayer of the Faithful, all should come to the microphone together, and return to their places together, after all the prayers are read.

Reader(s):



First Readings *Old Testament*

1. From the Book of Job 19:1,23-27

Then Job answered
“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
They were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
Then in my flesh I shall see God,
Whom I shall see on my side,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Word of the Lord.

2. From the Prophet Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain
The Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
A feast of rich food filled with marrow,
Of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
The shroud that is cast over all peoples,
The sheet that is spread over all nations;
He will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God
Will wipe away the tears from all faces,
And the disgrace of his people he will take away
From all the earth,
For the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God;
We have waited for him,

So that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

3. From the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of
God,
And no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have
died,
And their departure was thought to be a
disaster,
And their going from us to be their
destruction;
But they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were
punished,
Their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little
They will receive great good,
Because God tested them
And found them worthy of himself;
Like gold in the furnace he tried them,
And like a sacrificial burnt offering he
accepted them.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
And the faithful will abide with him in love,
Because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
And he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.





4. From the Prophet Isaiah 41: 8-10

You, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
The offspring of Abraham, my friend;
You whom I took from the ends of the earth,
And called from its farthest corners,
Saying to you, “You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off”;
Do not fear, for I am with you,
Do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right
hand.

The Word of the Lord.

**5. From the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel
37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord God:
I am going to open your graves,
And bring you up from your graves, O my people;
And I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
And you shall know that I am the Lord,
When I open your graves,
And bring you up from your graves, O my
people.
I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,
And I will place you on your own soil;
Then you shall know that I, the Lord,
Have spoken and will act.

The Word of the Lord

6. From the Book of Wisdom 4:7-15

The righteous, though they die early, will be
at rest.
For old age is not honoured for length of
time,
Or measured by number of years;
But understanding is grey hair for anyone,
And a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God
And were loved by him,
And while living among sinners were taken
up.

They were caught up
So that evil might not change their
understanding
Or guile deceive their souls.

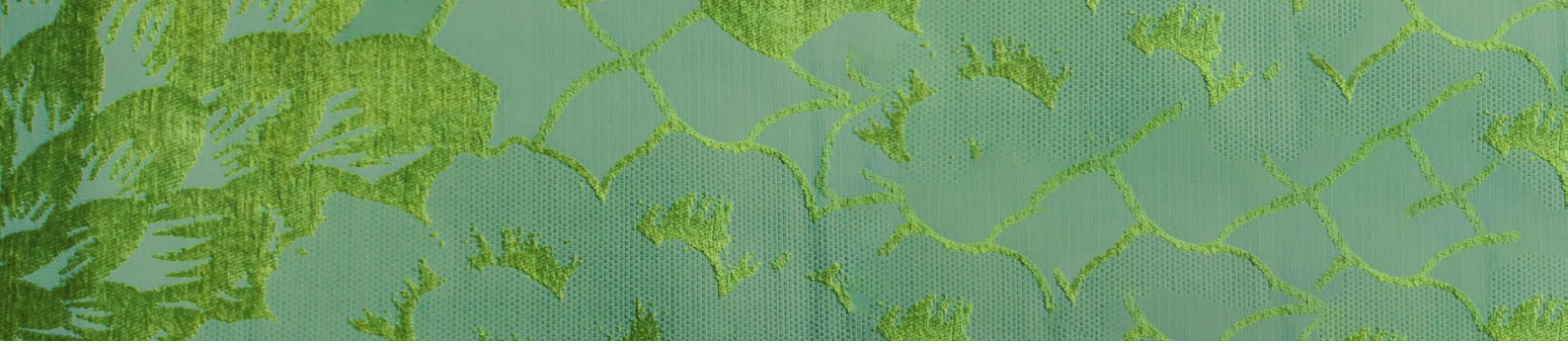
For the fascination of wickedness obscures
what is good,
And roving desire perverts the innocent
mind.

Being perfected in a short time, they
fulfilled long years;
For their souls were pleasing to the Lord,
Therefore he took them quickly from the
midst of wickedness.

Yet the peoples saw and did not understand,
Or take such a thing to heart,
That God’s grace and mercy are with his
elect,
And that he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord





**7. From the book of the Prophet
Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
And make mere flesh their strength,
Whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
And shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the
wilderness,
In an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
Whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
Sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
And its leaves shall stay green;
In the year of drought it is not anxious,
And it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
It is perverse – who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind and search the
heart,
To give to all according to their ways,
According to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord

8. From the Prophet Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God:
I myself will search for my sheep,
And will seek them out.
As shepherds seek out their flocks
When they are among their scattered sheep
So I will seek out my sheep.
I will rescue them from all the places
To which they have been scattered
On a day of clouds and thick darkness
I will bring them out from the peoples
And gather them from the countries,
And will bring them into their own land;
And I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel,
By the watercourses,
And in all the inhabited parts of the land.
I will feed them with good pasture,
And the mountain heights of Israel
Shall be their pasture;
There they shall lie down in good grazing land,
And they shall feed on rich pasture
On the mountains of Israel.
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
And I will make them lie down, says the Lord
God.
I will seek the lost and I will bring back the
strayed,
And I will bind up the injured,
And I will strengthen the weak,
But the fat and the strong I will destroy.
I will feed them with justice.

The Word of the Lord.



9. From the book of Proverbs 3:13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom,
And those who get understanding,
For her income is better than silver,
And her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
And nothing you desire can compare with
her.
Long life is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
Those who hold her fast are called happy.

The Word of the Lord.

**10. From the book of the Prophet Isaiah
35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
And rejoice with joy and signing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
The majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
The majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
And make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
With terrible recompense.
He will come and save you”.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf unstopped;
Then the lame shall leap like a deer;
And the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the
wilderness,
And streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool,
And the thirsty ground springs of water;
The haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
The grass shall become reeds and rushes.

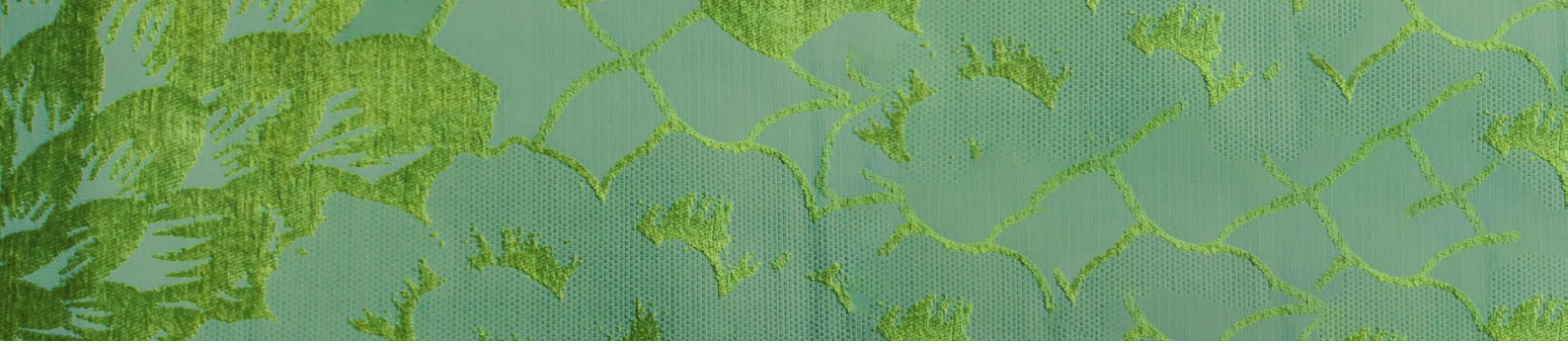
A highway shall be there,
And it shall be called the Holy Way;
The unclean shall not travel on it,
But it shall be for God’s people;
No traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
Not shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
They shall not be found there,
But the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
They shall obtain joy and gladness,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.





II. From the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born;
 And a time to die;
A time to plant,
 And a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill,
 And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
 And a time to build up
A time to weep,
 And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
 And a time to dance;
A time to throw away stones,
 And a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace,
 And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek,
 And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
 and a time to throw away;
A time to tear,
 and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
 and a time to speak;
A time to love,
 and a time to hate;
A time for war,
 and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord



Second Readings *New Testament*

12. From the Book of Revelation 14:13

I heard a voice from heaven saying,
Write this:
Blessed are the dead
Who from now on die in the Lord.

“Yes”, says the Spirit,
“They will rest from their labours,
For their deeds follow them,”

The Word of the Lord.

13. From Paul’s letter to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Do you not know that all of us
Who have been baptised into Christ Jesus
Were baptised into his death?
Therefore we have been buried with him by
baptism into death,
So that, just as Christ was raised from the
dead by the glory of thy Father,
So we too might walk in newness of life.
But if we have died with Christ,
We believe that we will also live with him.
We know that Christ,
being raised from the dead,
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The Word of the Lord

14. From the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 26-31

Consider your own call, brothers and
sisters:
Not many of you were wise by human
standards,
Not many were powerful,
Not many were of noble birth.
But God chose what is foolish in the world to
shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to
shame the strong;
God chose what is low and despised in the
world,
Things that are not,
To reduce to nothing things that are,
So that no one might boast in the presence
of God.

God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
Who became for us wisdom from God?
And righteousness and sanctification and
redemption,
In order that, as it is written,
“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord”.

The Word of the Lord





**15. From the Book of Revelation
20:11-21, 21:1**

Then I saw a great white throne
And the one who sat on it;
The earth and the heaven fled from his
presence,
And no place was found for them.
And I saw the dead, great and small,
standing before the throne,
And books were opened.
Also another book was opened, the book of
life.
And the dead were judged according to their
works,
As recorded in the books.
And the sea gave up the dead that were in it,
Death and Hades gave up the dead that were
in them,
And all were judged according to what they
had done.
The Death and Hades were thrown into the
lake of fire.
This is the second death, the lake of fire;
And anyone whose name was not found
written in the book of life was thrown into
the lake of fire.
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
For the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away,
And the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord

**16. From the Letter of St Paul to the
Romans 8:31-39**

If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son,
But gave him up for all of us,
Will he not with him also give us everything
else?

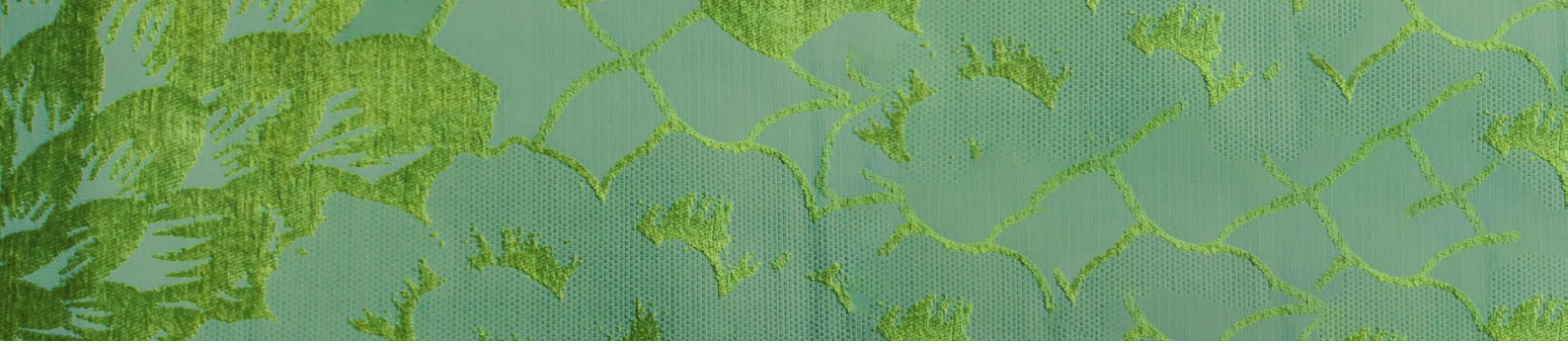
Who will bring any charge against God's
elect?
It is God who justifies.
Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died,
Yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand
of God,
Who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor
life, nor angels, nor rulers,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
Nor anything else in all creation,
Will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord





17. From Paul to the Romans 8:14-23

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
But you were received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
And if children, then heirs, heirs of God
And joint heirs with Christ
If, in fact, we suffer with him
So that we may also be glorified with him.
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;
for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will
but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
We know that the whole creation
Has been groaning in labour pains until now
And not only the creation, but we ourselves,
Who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
Groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
The redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord

18. From the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-23

Christ has been raised from the dead,
The first fruits of those who have died.
For since death came through a human being,
The resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
For as all die in Adam,
So all will be made alive in Christ.
But each in his own order:
Christ the first fruits,
Then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord





19. From the Book of Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
For the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away,
And the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
Coming down out of heaven from God,
Prepared as a bride adorned for her
husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne
saying,
“See, the home of god is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
They will be his peoples,
And God himself will be with them;
He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
Mourning and crying and pain will be no
more,
For the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne
said,
“See, I am making all things new.”
To the thirsty I will give water
As a gift from the spring of the water of life.
Those who conquer will inherit these things,
And I will be their God and they will be my
children.

The Word of the Lord

**20. From the First Letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians 15:51-57**

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!
We will not all die,
But we will all be changed, in a moment,
In the twinkling of an eye, at the last
trumpet,
For the trumpet will sound,
And the dead will be raised imperishable,
And we will be changed.
For this perishable body must put on
perishability,
And this mortal body must put on
immortality.
When this perishable body puts on
perishability,
And this mortal body puts on immortality,
Then the saying that is written will be
fulfilled:
“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin,
And the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God,
Who gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ?

The Word of the Lord





21. From the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:5-11

Hope does not disappoint us,
Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.
For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – through perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.
But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

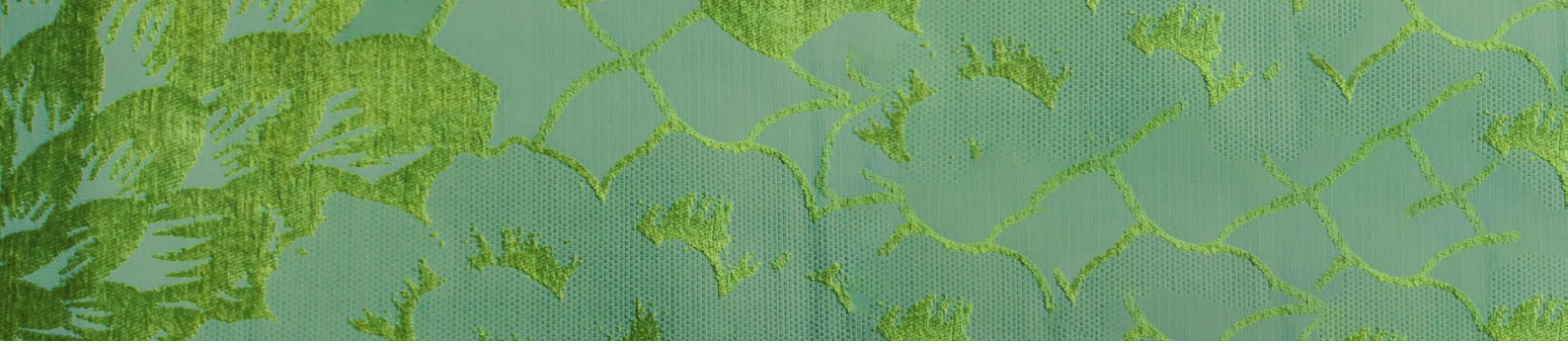
Much more surely then,
Now that we have been justified by his blood,
Will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
For if while we were enemies,
We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
Much more surely, having been reconciled,
Will we be saved by his life.
But more than that,
We even boast in God through Lord Jesus Christ,
Through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

22. From the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel,
For which I suffer hardship,
Even to the point of being chained like a criminal.
But the word of God is not chained.
Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,
So that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
If we deny him, he will also deny us;
If we are faithless, he remains faithful –
For he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord



23. From the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-12

We do not live to ourselves,
And we do not die to ourselves.
If we live, we live to the Lord,
And if we die, we die to the Lord;
So then, whether we live or whether we dies,
We are the Lord's
For to this end Christ died and lived again,
So that he might be Lord of both the dead
and the living.
We shall all stand before the judgement seat
of God.
For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord,
Every knee shall bow to me,
And every tongue shall give praise to God."
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord

24. From the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:1,6-10

We know that if the earthly tent we live in is
destroyed,
We have a building from God,
A house not made with hands,
Eternal in the heavens.
So we are always confident;
Even though 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.

Yes, we do not have confidence,
And we would rather be away from the body
And at home with the Lord.
So whether we are at home or away,
We make it our aim to please him.
For all of us must appear
Before the judgment seat of Christ,
So that each may receive recompense
For what has been done in the body,
Whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord

25. From Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21

Our citizenship is in heaven,
And it is from there that we are expecting a
Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will transform the body of our
humiliation
That it may be conformed to the body of his
glory,
By the power that also enables him to make
all things subject to himself.

The Word of the Lord





26. From the First Letter of St John 3: 1-2

See what love the Father has given us,
That we should be called children of God;
And that is what we are.
The reason the worlds does not know us it
that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now;
What we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this:
When he is revealed, we will be like him,
For we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord

27. From the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4: 6-8

As for me,
I am already being poured out as a libation
and the time of my departure has come.
I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
From now on there is reserved for me
The crown of righteousness,
Which the Lord, the righteous judge,
Will give me on the day,
And not only to me
But also to all who have longed for his
appearing.

The Word of the Lord

28. From Paul to the Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith,
We have peace with God
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Through whom we have obtained access
To the grace in which we stand;
And we boast in our hope of sharing the
glory of God.
And not only that,
But we also boast in our sufferings,
Knowing that suffering produces
endurance,
And endurance produces character,
And character produces hope,
And hope does not disappoint us,
Because God's love has been poured into
our hearts through he Holy Spirit that has
been given to us.

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So that they may also obtain the salvation
That is in Christ Jesus,
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If we have died with him,
We will also live with him;
If we endure,
We will also reign with him;
If we deny him,
He will also deny us;
If we are faithless,
He remains faithful –
For he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord

30. From the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:6-10

For it is the God who said,
“Let light shine out of darkness”,
Who has shone in our hearts
To give the light of the knowledge of the
glory of God
In the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars,
So that it may be made clear
That this extraordinary power belongs to
God
And does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not
crushed;
Perplexed, but not driven to despair;
Persecuted, but not forsaken;
Struck down, but not destroyed;
Always carrying in the body the death of
Jesus,
So that the life of Jesus may also be made
visible in our bodies.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Readings *Read by a Priest or Deacon*

31. From the Holy Gospel according to Luke 23:33, 39-43

When they came to the place that was called
The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with
the criminals,
One on his right and one on his left.
One of the criminals who were hanged there
kept deriding him and saying,
“Are you not the Messiah?
Save yourself and us!”
But the other rebuked him, saying,
“Do you not fear God,
Since you are under the same sentence of
condemnation?
And we indeed have been condemned justly,
For we are getting what we deserve for our
deeds,
But this man has done nothing wrong.
Then he said,
“Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.”
He replied, “Truly I tell you,
Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord

32. From the Holy Gospel according to John 5: 24-29

Jesus said to the Jews:
“I tell you most solemnly, whoever listens to
my words, and believes in the one who sent
me, has eternal life;
Without being brought to judgement he has
passed from death to life.
I tell you most solemnly, the hour will come –
in fact it is here already – when the dead will
hear the voice of the Son of God,
And all who hear it will live.
For the Father, who is the source of life;
Has made the Son the source of life;
And, because he is the Son of Man,
Has appointed him supreme judge.
Do not be surprised at this,
For the hour is coming
When the dead will leave their graves
At the sound of his voice;
Those who did good will rise again to life;
And those who did evil, to condemnation.

The Gospel of the Lord





**33. From the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 7:21-25**

Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”
Will enter the kingdom of heaven,
But only the one who does the will of my
Father in heaven.

On the day many will say to me “Lord, Lord,
did we not prophesy in your name,
And cast out demons in your name,
And do many deeds of power in your name?”
Then I will declare to them,
“I never knew you;
Go away from me, you evildoers.”

Everyone then who hears these words of
mine and acts on them,
Will be like a wise man who built his house
on rock.
The rain fell, the floods came,
And the winds blew and beat on that house,
But it did not fall,
Because it have been founded on rock.

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**34. From the Holy Gospel according to
John 17:24-26**

Father, I desire that those also,
whom you have given me,
may be with me where I am,
to see my glory,
which you have given me because you loved
me
before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father,
The world does not know you, but I know
you;
And these know that you have sent me.
I made your name known to the,
And I will make it known,
So that the love with which you have loved
me may be in them,
And I in them”

The Gospel of the Lord





**35. From the Holy Gospel according to
Luke 4:38-41**

After leaving the synagogue he entered
Simon's house.

Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering
from a high fever,
And they asked him about her.
Then he stood over her and rebuked the
fever,
And it left her.
Immediately she got up and began to serve
them.

As the sun was setting,
All those who had any who were sick
With various kinds of diseases
Brought them to him;
And he laid his hands on each of them and
cured them.
Demons also came out of many, shouting,
"You are the Son of God!"
But he rebuked them
And would not allow them to speak,
Because they knew that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord

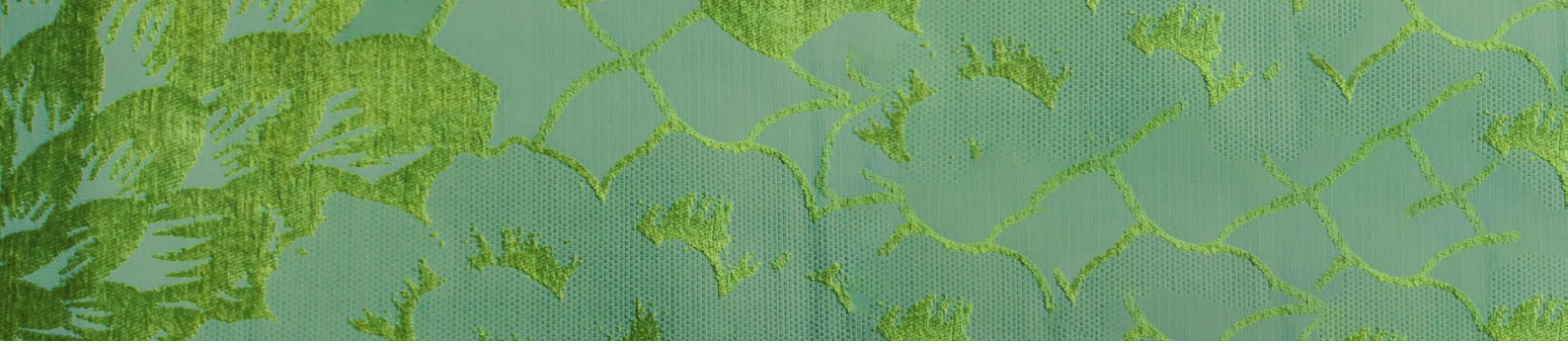
**36. From the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus said,
"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth,
Because you have hidden these things
from the wise and the intelligent and have
revealed them to infants;
Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by
my Father;
And no one knows the Son except the Father,
And no one knows the Father except the Son
And anyone to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are
carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
For I am gentle and humble in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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37. From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds,
He went up the mountain;
And after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
For they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
For they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for Righteousness” sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Rejoice and be glad,
For your reward is great in heaven,
For in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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38. From the Holy gospel according to John 6: 37-40

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
And anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;
For I have come down from heaven,
Not to do my own will,
But the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me,
That I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
But raise it up on the last day.

This is indeed the will of my Father,
That all who see the Son and believe in him
May have eternal life;
And I will raise them up on the last day.”

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**39. From the Holy Gospel according to
John 1: 17-27**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus
had already been in the tomb four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem,
Some two miles away,
And many of the Jews had come to Martha
and Mary to console them about their
brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
She went and met him, while Mary stayed at
home.

Martha said to Jesus,
“Lord, if you had been here,
My brother would not have died.
But even now I know that God will give you
whatever you ask of him.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise
again.”

Martha said to him,
“I know that he will rise again
In the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and
the life.
Those who believe in me,
Even though they die, will live,
And everyone who lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?”

She said to him,
“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the
Messiah,
The Son of God, the one coming into the
world.”

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40. From the Holy Gospel according to John 19: 17-22

Carrying the cross by himself,
Jesus went out to what is called the Place of
the Skull,
Which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.
There they crucified him,
And with him two others, one on either side,
With Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and
put on the cross.
It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the
Jews”.
Many of the Jews read this inscription,
because the place where Jesus was crucified
was near the city;
And it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and
in Greek.

Then the chief priests of the Jews said to
Pilate,
“Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’,
But, ‘This man said I am King of the Jews.’”

Pilate answered, “What I have written I have
written”.

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41. From the Holy Gospel according to John 14: 1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

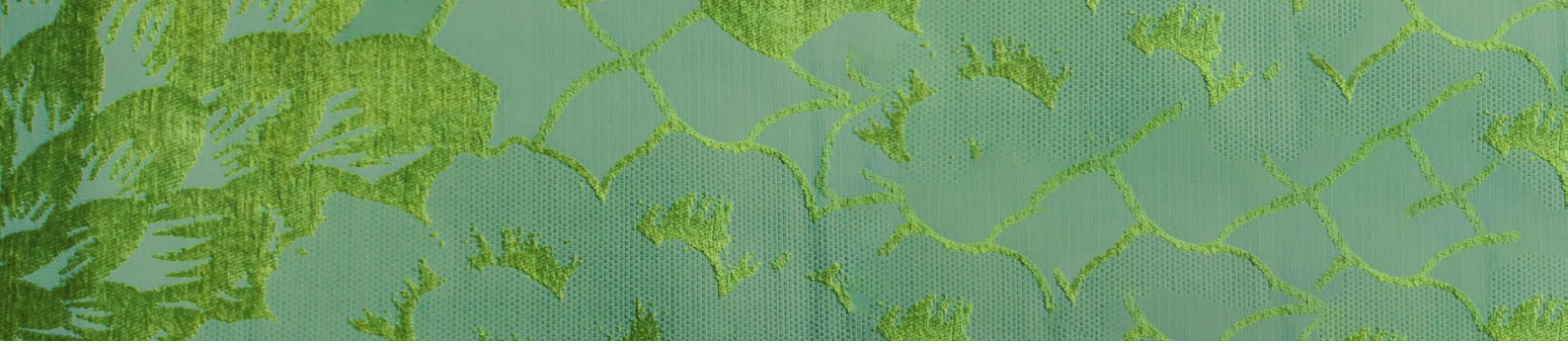
Believe in God, believes also in me.
In my Father’s house there are many
dwelling places.
If it were not so,
Would I have told you that I go
To prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
So that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place where I
am going.”

Thomas said to him,
“Lord, 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.





**42. From the Holy Gospel according to
John 12:23-28**

Jesus answered them,
“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.
Very truly, I tell you,
Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth
and dies,
It remains just a single grain;
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it,
And those who hate their life in this world
Will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,
And where I am, there will my servant be
also.
Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I
say –
‘Father, save me from this hour’?
No, it is for this reason that I have come to
this hour.
Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven,
“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it
again.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**43. From the Holy Gospel according to
Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6**

When it was noon,
Darkness came over the whole land
Until three in the afternoon.
At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud
voice,
“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken
me?”
When some of the bystanders heard it, they
said,
“Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”
And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour
wine,
Put it on a stick and gave it to him to drink,
Saying,
“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to
take him down.”
Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his
last.
And the curtain of the temple was torn in
two,
From top to bottom.
Now when the centurion, who stood facing
him,
Saw that in this way he breathed his last, he
said,
“Truly this man was God’s Son!”

When the Sabbath was over,
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of
James, and Salome brought spices,
So that they might go and anoint him.





And very early on the first day of the week,
When the sun had risen, they went to the
tomb.
They had been saying to one another,
“Who will roll away the stone for us from the
Entrance of the tomb?”
When they looked up,
They saw that the stone, which was very
large,
Had already been rolled back.
As they entered the tomb, they saw a young
man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the
right side;
And they were alarmed.
But he said to them,
“Do not be alarmed.
You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,
Who was crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Look, there is the place they laid him.”

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44. From the Holy Gospel according to Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called
Nain,
And his disciples and a large crowd went
with him.
As he approached the gate of the town,
A man who had died was being carried out.
He was his mother’s only son, and she was a
widow;
And with her was a large crowd from the
town.

When the Lord saw her, he had compassion
for her and said to her, “Do not weep.”

Then he came forward and touched the bier,
And the bearers stood still.
And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!”

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

Fear seized all of them; and they glorified
God,
Saying, “A great prophet has risen among
us!”
And “God has looked favourably on his
people!”

This word about him spread throughout
Judea and all the surrounding country.

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**45. From the Holy Gospel according to
Luke 12:35-40**

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
Be like those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet,
So that they may open the door for him
As soon as he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those slaves whom the master
finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you,
He will fasten his belt and have them sit down
to eat,
And he will come and serve them.
If he comes during the middle of the night,
Or near dawn, and finds them so,
Blessed are those slaves.
“But know this: if the owner of the house had
known
At what hour the thief was coming,
He would not have let his house be broken into
You also must be ready,
For the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected
hour.”

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**46. From the Holy Gospel according to
Luke 23:44-46, 50-53, 24:1-6**

It was now about noon,
And darkness came over the whole land
Until three in the afternoon,
While the sun’s light failed;
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
“Father, into your hands I commend my
spirit,”

Having said this, he breathed his last.

Now there was a good and righteous man
named Joseph,
Who, though a member of the council,
Had not agreed to their plan and action.

This man went to Pilate and asked for the
body of Jesus.

Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen
cloth,

And laid it in a rock-hewn tomb

Where no one had ever been laid.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn,
They came to the tomb,

Taking the spices that they had prepared.

They found the stone rolled away from the
tomb,

But when they went in, they did not find the
body.

While they were perplexed about this,
Suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood
beside them.

The women were terrified and bowed their
faces to the ground, but the men said to them,
“Why do you look for the living among the
dead?

He is not here, but has risen.

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**47. From the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 25:30-46**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
And all the angels with him,
Then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him,
And he will separate people one from another
As a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats,
And he will put the sheep at his right hand
And the goats at the left.
Then the king will say to those at his right
hand,
“Come, you that 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 something to
drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him,
‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry
and gave you food,
Or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
And when was it that we saw you a stranger
and welcomed you,
Or naked and gave you clothing?
And when was it that we saw you sick or in
prison and visited you?’

And the king will answer them,
‘Truly I tell you,
Just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family,
You did it to me.’

Then he will say to those at this left hand,
‘You that are accursed,
Depart from me into the eternal fire
Prepared for the devil and his angels;
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to
drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
Naked and you did not give me clothing,
Sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

Then they also will answer,
‘Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked
or sick or in prison,
and did not take care of you?’

Then he will answer them,
‘Truly I tell you,
Just as you did not do it to one of the least of
these,
You did not do it to me,’
And these will go away into eternal
punishment,
But the righteous into eternal life.”

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Responsorial Psalms

One of these is chosen and located between the first and second reading.

Usually the psalm is sung by a cantor or can be recited by a reader:

48. Psalm 129

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord hear my voice!
O Let your ears be attentive
To the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
For this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
More than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
And Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
And fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its
iniquity.

49. Psalm 24

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
And the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me
Because of your goodness, O Lord.

Relieve the anguish of my heart
And set me free from my distress.
Preserve my life and rescue me.
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.

50. Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
For his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest
valley,
I fear no evil;
For you are with me;
Your rod and your staff
They comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
My whole life long.





51. Psalm 37

I know that my Redeemer lives,
And on that final day of days,
His voice shall bid me rise again:
Unending joy, unceasing praise!

This hope I cherish in my heart:
To stand on earth, my flesh restored,
And, not a stranger but a friend,
Behold my Saviour and my Lord



Prayer of the Faithful

1. For the support and consolation of _____'s family, relatives and friends. Lord hear us.

2. For the support and encouragement of ourselves who continue on life's journey. Lord hear us.

3. For all of our friends, family and loved ones who have died. Lord hear us.

4. For people everywhere who are grieving, that the pain they endure may not be too much to bear, and that they may experience consolation from the Christ who suffered and died. Lord hear us.

5. For the virtues of hope, love and faith, that we may be strengthened and reassured on our own life journeys. Lord hear us.

6. That God's love and strength may be strong in the hearts of the young people of our up-and-coming generation. Lord hear us.

7. _____

8. _____

Some Suggested Music

Here I Am, Lord

Come As You Are

The Galilee Song (So I Leave My Boats Behind)

Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

On Eagle's Wings (and He Will Raise You Up)

Isaiah 49 (I Will Never Forget You, My People)

Blest Are They

Hail Queen of Heaven

Strong and Constant

How Great Thou Art

Ave Maria

Psalms which can be sung

The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)
(Boniwell or Crimond)

Shepherd Me O God

Taste and See (Psalm 33)



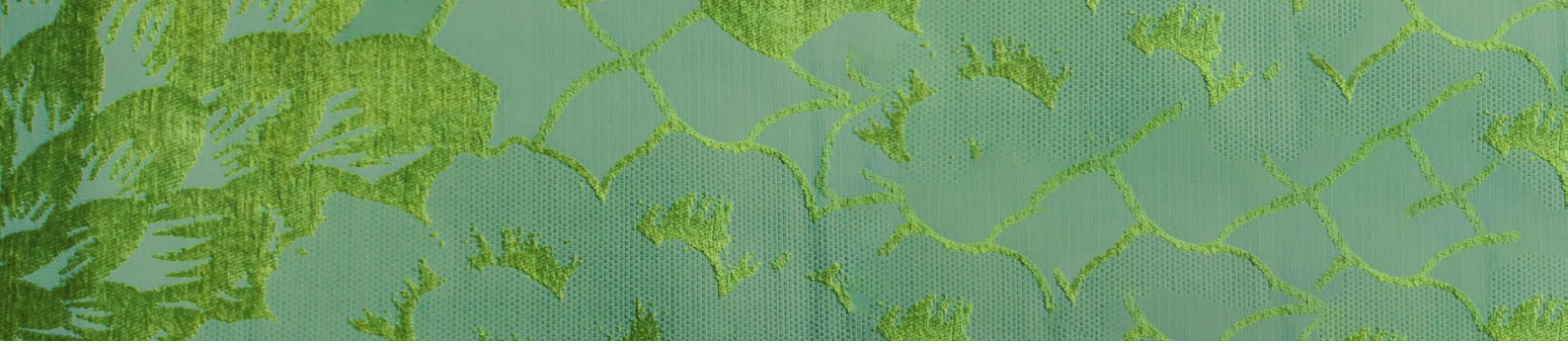
Service of Remembrance

This short ritual is designed for people who cannot attend the funeral of someone close who has died, due to lockdown and other Covid19 restrictions. It is meant to be a “home church” service.

Gather the household together on site or digitally (in the case of a community gathering remotely) and pray this ritual before or after a meal or a special time of the day that suits your family/community/group. It could be at the time the funeral actually takes place. Choose a designated leader or share the parts as appropriate and assemble all materials. Organising this beforehand, means that the prayer will have an uninterrupted flow.

Materials needed:

- Table
- Cloth
- Bible/prayer book
- Cross
- Water in a bowl
- Candle
- Photographs/objects special or meaningful to the deceased
- Letters or drawings to/of the person who has died
- Music (portable speaker/laptop/phone/CD player etc)
- Copies of this service for participants



GATHERING

Begin with a short silence or a hymn from the list at the end of this document in order to focus attention on prayer. Light a candle as a symbol of the baptismal candle of the person who has died.

All make The Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Leader: We gather today/tonight in memory of — (insert name) —.

Pause for a minute of silence.

He/She was special to us all.

We ask God to receive — (insert name) — into the joy of the resurrection, may he/she rest in the peace of Christ.

Pause

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Invite family members to place a cross, Bible or prayer book or other special objects and photos onto a designated space. As the object is placed onto the space, its relationship to the person's faith/spirituality is explained briefly.

For example:

These are — (insert name) —'s rosary beads.

— (Insert name) —loved to pray the rosary.

Each short explanation is followed by:

May God now receive her/him into eternal life.

Pause





BLESSING OF SYMBOLS

Participants offer a gesture of blessing of the objects on the prayer space e.g.. sprinkling of water, lighting of incense.

Participants can then place a written note/ or drawing for the person who has died on the prayer space.

INVITATION TO PRAYER or OPENING PRAYER

Leader: We are here to pray for — (insert name) — who is now with God.
We pray for ourselves in this sad time, that God gives us strength and consolation.
Pause

God our Father, we believe that you raised Jesus from the dead.
We also believe that Jesus promised us all eternal life.
Welcome — (insert name) — into your heavenly kingdom and give — (insert name)
— eternal peace.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Choose an appropriate psalm and Scripture reading for the Liturgy of the Word. There are some suggestions below or you might choose one that was a favourite of the deceased.

PSALM Reader reads each verse and pauses for response by the participants.
Pause after Psalm, before the Reading

READING The group then shares what struck a chord/resonated with them in the reading.



STORY-TELLING or

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: We now pray for — (insert name) — .

Spend some time sharing stories highlighting the qualities of the deceased. Go around the circle etc and share. For example: a sense of humour, love for music, works of service... Each short story finishes with:

We give thanks for — (insert name) —’s — (insert quality) —.

*When the stories and prayers have finished, conclude this time by praying the **Lord’s Prayer** together and any other prayers of significance, acknowledging **all** those who have died and those who are grieving.*

PRAYER/SONG OF FAREWELL

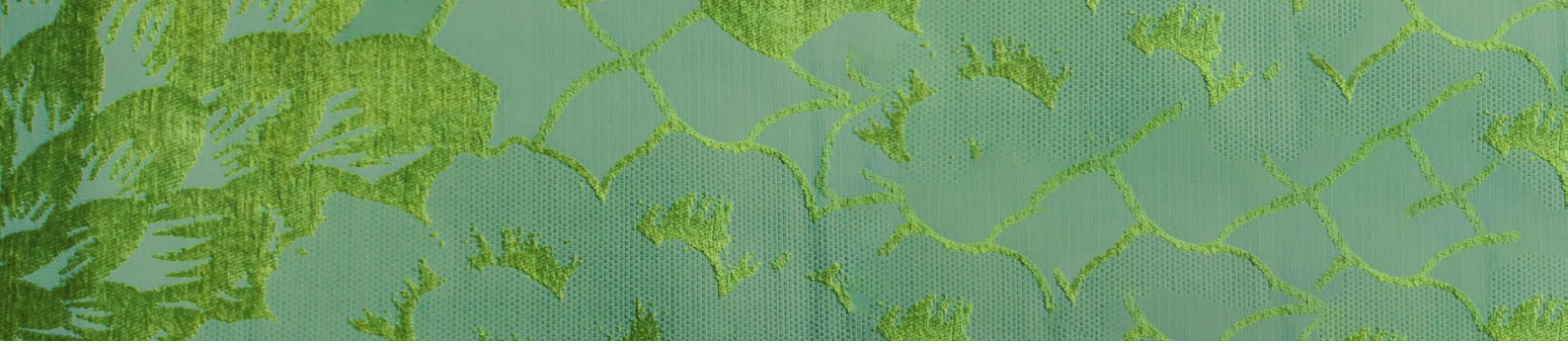
Leader: Saints of God come to — (insert name) — aid! Hasten to meet — (insert name) —, angel of the Lord.

All: Receive — (insert name) —’s soul and present — (insert name) — to God the Most High.

Leader: Eternal rest grant to — (insert name) —. O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon — (insert name) —. May — (insert name) — rest in peace.

All: Receive — (insert name) —’s soul and present — (insert name) — to God the Most High.





FINAL PRAYER

Leader: Into your hands, God of Mercy, we commend — (insert name) — to your care.
May our farewell express our affection for — (insert name) — ; may it ease our
sadness and strengthen our hope.
One day we shall joyfully greet — (insert name) — again when the love of Christ,
which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Whoever believes in me, even though that person die, shall live

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life.

Leader: Whoever believes in me shall never die.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life.

Leader: Lord God, in your goodness, grant — (insert name) — everlasting peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Blessing:

Leader: May the Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

CONCLUDING HYMN/SONG

*Choose an appropriate hymn or song to end the ritual. Below are some suggestions from
YouTube for easy access. The YouTube video does not need to be visible, listening to the song is
sufficient. You may also have a song from another source (CD, a playlist, etc).*



Suggested Resources

The following are suggestions. There may be other readings, psalms or songs with special significance for your family or community. Feel free to use them.

SUGGESTED PSALMS

Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

Psalm 42

Response: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Response: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,

³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Response: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,

⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Response: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,





⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help ⁶ and my God.

*Response: Hope in God; for I shall again
praise him,*

⁸ By day the LORD commands his steadfast
love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

*Response: Hope in God; for I shall again
praise him,*

⁹ I say to God, my rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?”

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”

*Response: Hope in God; for I shall again
praise him,*

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

*Response: Hope in God; for I shall again
praise him,*

Psalm 103

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul.

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you
live
so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle’s.

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul.

⁶ The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.

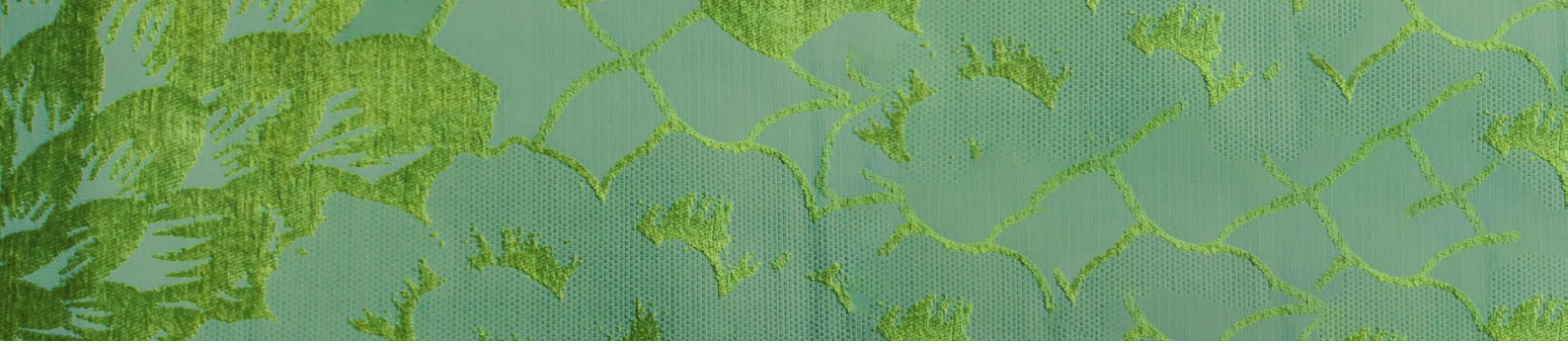
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our
sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the
earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those
who fear him;





¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from
us.

¹³ As a father has compassion for his
children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who
fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul.

¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in
the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Paul to the Romans 8:31b - 35, 37-39

If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He
who did not withhold his own Son, but gave
him up for all of us, will he not with him also
give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring
any charge against God's elect? It is God
who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is
Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed
intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us
from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or
distress, or persecution, or famine, or
nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For
I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor
height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

³ Do you not know that all of us who have
been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have
been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the
dead by the glory of the Father, so we too
might walk in newness of life. ... ⁸ But if we
have died with Christ, we believe that we will





also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Paul to the Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matt 11: 25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your

gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

John 11: 32-45

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep.

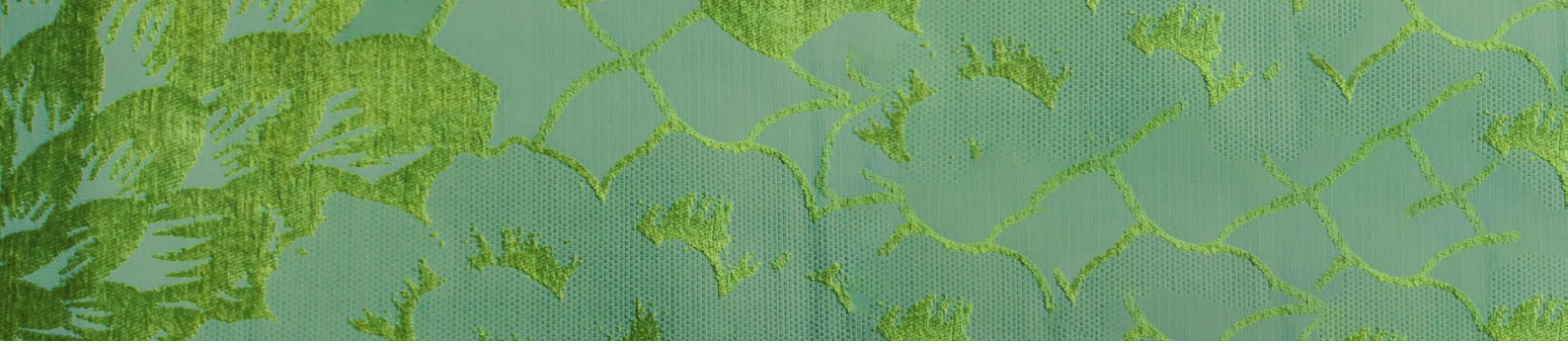
³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that





if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.”⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 12: 23-28

²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

John 14:1-3

¹⁴ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

SUGGESTED HYMNS AND SONGS

- 🎵 Amazing Grace, sung by Il Divo. (2009)
- 🎵 Instrument of Peace, sung by the Canadian Tenors. (2012)
- 🎵 Be Not Afraid, sung by John Michael Talbot. (2010)
- 🎵 I Have Loved You (by Michael Joncas), sung by Chris Brunelle. (2016)
- 🎵 We Remember, by Marty Haugen. (2018)
- 🎵 Christ Be Our Light. (2018)
- 🎵 12 Tenors – You Raise Me Up. (2011)
- 🎵 Abide With Me. (2008)