

# **Suggested Funeral Readings**

## **First Reading Old Testament**

- A-1** 2 Maccabees 12:43-46... “He made atonement for the dead...”
- A-2** Job 19: 1, 23-26... “I know that my vindicator lives...”
- A-3** Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 short version... “The souls of the just are in the hand of God...”
- A-4** Wisdom 3:1-9 long version... “The souls of the just are in the hand of God...”
- A-5** Wisdom 4:7-14... “The Righteous One, though he die early, shall be at rest...”
- A-6** Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 ...“He will destroy death forever...”
- A-7** Lamentations 3:17-26...“My portion is the Lord, says my soul...”
- A-8** Daniel 12:1-3... “the wise shall shine brightly...”
- A-9** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 short version... “A Time to give birth and a time to die...”
- A-10** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11 long version... “A Time to give birth and a time to die...”

## Second Reading New Testament

- B-1 Romans 5:1-5** “We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son...”
- B-2 Romans 5:17-21** “through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all...”
- B-3 Romans 6:3-9** “if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him...”
- B-4 Romans 6:3-4, 8-9** “if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him...”
- B-5 Romans 8:14-23** “Those who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God”
- B-6 Romans 8:31-35, 37-39** “If God is for us, who can be against us?”
- B-7 Romans 14:7-9, 10-12** “This is why Christ died and came to life”
- B-8 1 Corinthians 15:51-57** “Death where is your victory?”
- B-9 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1** “The one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us...”
- B-10 II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10** “We would rather leave the body and go home...”
- B-11 Philippians 3:20-21** “He will change our lowly body...”
- B-12 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** “If we believe that Jesus died and rose...”
- B-13 2 Timothy 2:8-13** “Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead...”
- B-14 1 John 3:1-2** “Beloved, we are God's children now...”
- B-15 1 John 3:14-16** “We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers...”

## **Gospel Reading**

- C-1 Matthew 5:1-12a** "The Eight Beatitudes"
- C-2 Matthew 11:25-30** "Come to me . . . and I will give you rest."
- C-3 Matthew 25:31-46** "Come, you whom my Father has blessed"
- C-4 Luke 24:13-16, 28-35** "Were not our hearts burning within us..."
- C-5 John 5:24-29** "Whoever hears my word and believes  
has passed from..."
- C-6 John 6:37-40** "All who believe in the Son will have  
eternal life..."
- C-7 John 6:51-58** "All who eat this bread will live  
forever..."
- C-8 John 11:17-27** "I am the resurrection and the life."
- C-9 John 12:24-28** "If a grain of wheat falls on the ground  
and dies..."
- C-10 John 14:1-6** "There are many rooms in my Father's  
house."
- C-11 John 17:24-26** "Father, I want those you have given me  
to be with me..."
- C-12 Matthew 25:1-13** "Look. The bridegroom comes. Go out to  
meet him"
- C-13 Matthew 25:31-46** "Come, you whom my Father has  
blessed"
- C-14 Mark 15:33-39** "My God, my God, why have you  
forsaken me?"
- C-15 Mark 15:33 -16:6** "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last"

**C-16 Luke 7:11-17**

**"Young man, I say to you, arise."**

**C-17 Luke 12:35-40**

**"Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect..."**

**C-18 Luke 23:33, 39-43**

**"Today you will be with me in paradise."**

**C-19 Luke 23:44 -24:6a**

**"Father, I put my life in your hands."**