

## SOME USE CONTACT DETAILS

### St Brigid's

Chapel House  
Parish Email

0141 647 3585  
stbrigid@rcag.org.uk

### Local Hospitals

Queen Elizabeth University Hospital  
New Victoria Hospital

0141 201 1100  
0141 201 6000

### Local Family Doctors

Gorbals Health Centre  
Govanhill Medical Centre  
Mount Florida Medical Centre  
Rutherglen Primary Care Centre  
Toryglen Medical Centre

0141 531 8200  
0141 531 8300  
0141 632 4004  
0141 531 6030  
0141 647 3020

### Procurator Fiscal

Procurator Fiscal's Office

0844 561 4537

### Funeral Directors

Anderson Maguire Funeral Directors  
Fosters Funeral Directors  
Malone & Fox Independent Funeral Directors

0141 423 4400  
0800 121 8090  
0141 649 4900

### Registrars

Martha Street  
Rutherglen Main St

0141 287 7666  
0141 613 5330

### Cemeteries & Crematorium

Linn Cemetery  
Linn Crematorium  
Rutherglen Cemetery

0141 634 2122  
0141 634 2121  
0303 123 1016

### Florists

Stalks & Stems  
Floral Haven

0141 636 6843  
0141 423 9994

### Organist/Cantor

Jonathan Buchan (organist)  
Anne Marie Flynn (cantor)

07732 773270  
07954 386727

### Memorial Headstones

T. McGowan & Sons

0141 634 8515

## St Brigid's, Toryglen



## Planning the Funeral of a Loved One

*Please note that the list of local service providers is not intended to be exhaustive.  
Other service providers are welcome in St Brigid's. Please speak to the Parish Priest.*



# INTRODUCTION

The death of someone we love is a painful experience, and preparing for the funeral liturgy can be difficult. Here in St Brigid's we will do all we can to make sure that the funeral is not only a space during which your Loved One is prayed for and shown the dignity s/he deserves, but also a time during which you, and all who have gathered in grief, may find some comfort and consolation. Be assured of the prayers and support of the parish community at all times, and that Father will always do all he can do to help.

Below are some practical guidelines, which may be of use when organising your own funeral (in advance) or that of a relative or friend.

## WHEN A LOVED ONE PASSES AWAY

- *My Loved One has just died. What do I do next?*  
You should first call the priest, who will come and pray with you for your Loved One. If s/he has passed away in a hospital or hospice there will usually be a Chaplain on call, who may be able to get there quicker than the Parish Priest: the nurses will know how to page the Chaplain directly. Nevertheless, you should not hesitate to call the Chapel House as well- the number can be found on the back of this guide. A medical certificate detailing the cause of death will be issued as soon as possible by one of the doctors. This will usually be the case in nursing homes too, although sometimes the Family Doctor is expected to provide this. If your Loved One has died at home you should next call your Family GP. Telephone numbers for local doctors' surgeries can be found on the back page of this guide.
- *What if the death was unexpected?*  
If this is the case, the doctor may have to report the death to the Procurator Fiscal. This can be hard for a family, since nothing much can be done until the investigation has been completed. You will be kept informed of developments, after which you will be issued with a death certificate.
- *Who should we speak to first about the funeral?*  
Although you may wish to appoint a particular Funeral Director to help organise the funeral, you should always begin by speaking to the Parish Priest, whose number can be found on the back of this guide. After you have spoken to the priest many aspects of the arrangements can be handed over to the Funeral Director, who will advise you how to register the death, and can help with other non-religious aspects of your Loved One's funeral.

# THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL

## *What do we do at a Catholic Funeral?*

- Unlike at secular funerals or at funerals celebrated in the churches of other Christian denominations, at a Catholic funeral we gather together principally to pray for the soul of the one who has died, that their sins be forgiven, and that their journey to heaven be speedy.

## *What stages are there in a Catholic Funeral?*

- The first “official” (although optional) part of the funeral liturgy is the Reception of the Remains of your Loved One into the church the night before the Funeral Mass, after which there is usually an opportunity for all present to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. An opportunity for Confession is often welcomed by those who have missed Sunday Mass through their own fault, or are conscious of other sins which would prevent them from receiving Holy Communion the next day. In St Brigid’s, Receptions take place at 6.15pm.

Furthermore, it is a pious and laudable custom to bring the body home a few days prior to the Funeral Mass (this can be arranged with the Funeral Director), and to ask the priest to lead the Holy Rosary in the house each evening that the body is home. Some families also accompany the remains of their Loved One from the house to the church for the Reception. If you wish the priest to walk with you, please just ask.

The final stage is the Funeral Mass, which ends with the burial. However, if the body is cremated there follows an additional service during which the ashes are buried. This usually takes place a few days later. Note that the ashes of your Loved One can often be interred in plots in which it is not possible to accommodate a further coffin. Ask the Funeral Director about this.

## *Do we have to have Mass for our Loved One’s funeral?*

- No. It is possible to have a short Christian service in the funeral parlour in certain pastoral situations. This should be discussed directly with the priest.



2 O Mary, by that priceless love, which Jesus heart bore Thee  
Pray that my home in life and death that loving heart may be.  
O Jesus open wide Thy heart, and let me rest therein,  
For weary is my stricken soul, of sorrows and of sin.

3 I've sought for rest and found it not, of things of earthly mould,  
One heart alone is worth my love, that heart that grows not cold.  
Yes, Jesus take me to thyself, I'm weary waiting here.  
I long to lean upon Thy Breast, to see and feel Thee near.

Anonymous

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Far above enthroned in glory,  
sweetest saint of Erin's isle,  
we thy children kneel before thee :  
turn on us a mother's smile.  
Sancta Mater hear our pleading  
faith and hope and holy love.  
Sweet St Brigid, Spouse of Jesus  
sent to us from heav'n above.

2 Sweet St Brigid, we thy children  
far and near, o'er land and sea  
'Mid the world and in the cloister  
fondly turn with love to thee.  
Sancta Mater, soothe the mourner,  
shield the weary tempted soul.  
Sweet St Brigid, guide thy children  
To the bright and happy goal.

Anonymous

***Other hymns are permitted.***

***Please discuss your choice of hymns with the priest before finalising your selection***

## EXIT HYMNS

*Be thou my vision* (no. 53)

*Hail Queen of Heaven* (no. 174)

*Jesus, remember me* (no. 595)

*Lord of all hopefulness* (no. 301)

*Immaculate Mary* (no. 221)

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Sweet Saviour, bless us ere we go;  
Thy Word into our minds instill,  
And make our lukewarm hearts to glow  
With lowly love and fervent will.

*Through life's long day and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesus, be our Light.*

2 The day is done, its hours have run,  
And Thou hast taken count of all,  
The scanty triumphs grace hath won,  
The broken vow, the frequent fall.

3 For all we love, the poor, the sad,  
The sinful, unto Thee we call;  
O let Thy mercy make us glad:  
Thou art our Jesus, and our All.

4 Sweet Saviour, bless us; night is come;  
Through night and darkness near us be;  
Good angels watch about our home,  
And we are one day nearer Thee.

Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)

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O take me to Thy Sacred Heart and seal the entrance o'er  
That from that home my wayward soul, may never wander more.  
O Jesus Heart meek, patient, kind, my soul to Thee I turn.  
Thou wilt not crush the bruised reed, the sorrowing spirit spurn.

## *When are Funeral Masses celebrated?*

- The usual practice in the Archdiocese of Glasgow is to celebrate Funeral Masses during the parish weekday morning Mass. This allows the whole parish community to join you in praying for your Loved One, and also ensures that s/he is provided with as dignified a celebration as possible with regards to singing, Mass responses etc. In St Brigid's the morning weekday Mass is celebrated at roam.

## *Can we choose hymns for the Funeral Mass?*

- Yes. There is a guide at the back of this booklet. Please note, however, that some texts are set, some hymns from other Christian traditions are not consistent with Catholic teaching, and that the final choice may be conditioned by the hymns and chants which the roam Mass congregation knows well.

## *Can you provide an organist?*

- Unfortunately, St Brigid's has no resident organist. The priest will be glad to recommend organists to you, but this must be arranged by you. Their fee is usually around £50. Alternatively, the parish has a number of cantors who lead the hymns and chants regularly at Mass. If you wish a cantor to lead the singing, please ask the priest. Whilst they do not charge for this service, it is customary to offer a small donation to those who assist in this way. Finally, if you wish to bring your own musicians this can be arranged, but only with the prior consent of the Parish Priest. Contact numbers of musicians and cantors can be found on the back of this guide.

## *Can we choose readings for the Funeral Mass?*

- Yes. There are a number of options printed later in this guide.

## *Can a family member read at the Funeral Mass?*

- If a family member is a reader in this or another parish, then they may read at the Funeral Mass. However, it is unfair to ask anyone to take on this responsibility if they are not used to reading regularly at Mass. In the event that no family member is a reader in their parish, our own parish readers will proclaim the Scriptural passages you have chosen.

## *If there is no reader in the family, is there a way in which the family members can be more directly involved at the Funeral Mass?*

- Yes. One or two members of the family may bring up the bread and wine to be consecrated at the Funeral Mass during the *Presentation of the Offerings*. Also, there is the option for up to four family members to place the pall cloth on the coffin at the Reception the night before the Funeral Mass, and to remove the pall cloth at the end of Mass, just prior to the *Final Commendation*.

*We would like to place some items which meant a lot to our Loved One on the coffin in the church. Is this permitted?*

- During Catholic funerals we only place Christian symbols on the coffin. Flowers can be placed at the entrance of the Church for all to see, whilst other items which may have been important to your Loved One may be placed inside the coffin with the prior consent of the Funeral Director. If you wish to display a photograph of the deceased, this may be placed at the back of the church with the flowers. It may also be incorporated into the *Order of Mass* booklet, described later in this guide.

*Is it possible to play a CD of my Loved One's favourite music during the Funeral Mass?*

- Only Christian music is permitted during Mass, and live hymns and other chants are to be preferred to "canned" music, since these become prayers for your Loved One offered by those gathered at Mass. If your Loved One had a favourite piece of secular music which s/he wished played at the funeral, this may be used after the crematorium service (on exit), or after the final blessing at the graveside. Recorded sacred music may be used to accompany the procession into the crematorium or to the grave. Please ask the priest about this before arranging anything with the Funeral Directors or crematorium staff.

*A family member would like to say a few words at the Funeral Mass. Can this be done?*

- When we gather to offer the Funeral Mass, we focus our attention not so much on our Loved One's past, but rather on their future hope of heaven. However, it is natural that during the funeral we wish also to recollect something of their past, and of the times that we shared with them. If there is anything specific that you wish to be mentioned at the Funeral Mass then please indicate this to the priest, who will be happy to incorporate what he can into his homily. You may wish to make some notes for him, especially in cases in which your Loved One was unknown to him. If a family member does wish to speak in remembrance, the Archbishop has indicated that this should be done at the Reception the night before, or at the crematorium. This ought to be discussed with the priest prior to the Reception of your Loved One's remains.

*I am a practising Catholic, but my spouse was a baptised member of another Christian denomination. Can s/he be buried from St Brigid's?*

- This may be possible. Please speak to the Parish Priest directly.

*How much does the church charge for a funeral?*

- The Catholic Church does not charge for funerals. However, it is customary to give an offering to the priest. This is done directly by the family and not through the Funeral Director.

## THE FINAL COMMENDATION

Saints of God, come to his (her) aid!

Hasten to meet him (her), angels of the Lord!

℟ *Receive his (her) soul and present him (her) to God the Most High.*

2 May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. ℟

3 Eternal rest grant unto him (her), O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him (her). ℟

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May God the Father look on you with love  
and call you to Himself in bliss above.  
May God the Son, good shepherd of His sheep,  
stretch out his hand and waken you from sleep.  
May God the Spirit breath on you his peace,  
where joys beyond all knowing never cease.

2. May flights of angels lead you on your way  
to paradise and heaven's eternal day!  
May martyrs greet you after death's dark night  
and bid you enter into Zion's light!  
May choirs of angels sing you to your rest  
with once poor Laz'rus, now for ever blest!

James Quinn SJ (1919-2010)

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Go, happy soul: thy days are ended,  
thy pilgrimage on earth below;  
go, by angelic guard attended;  
to God's own Paradise now go.

2 Go, Christ the Shepherd good befriend thee,  
who gave his life thy soul to win;  
'tis even he that shall defend thee,  
thy going out and coming in.

3 Go forth in peace; farewell to sadness;  
may rest in Paradise be thine;  
in Jesus' presence there is gladness,  
light everlasting on thee shine.

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1849-1934)  
and Compilers of the *BBC Hymn Book*

## MUSIC FOR THE FUNERAL LITURGY

Choosing hymns for the liturgy is not an easy task, and takes much consideration. The priest will help you decide. It is sometimes tempting to begin by looking for hymns or songs that were favourites of your Loved One. However, these are not always appropriate for an occasion of mourning, for the liturgy, or for the participation of the gathered faithful.

Catholic funeral music should express the Paschal Mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is at the very heart of the Catholic understanding of death. We believe that our own life - and our hope - is rooted in Christ. This is why pop music, show tunes, or other songs with a secular focus are not suitable for the Funeral Mass. They may be more fitting to play and listen to at smaller, intimate gatherings to commemorate the person.

### A SELECTION OF HYMNS SUITABLE FOR THE FUNERAL MASS

#### ENTRANCE HYMNS

*Abide with me* (Hymn Book no.4)  
*Dear Lord and Father of mankind* (no. 105)  
*Do not be afraid* (no. 107)  
*Morning has broken* (no. 325)  
*Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns adore him* (no. 411)  
*You shall cross the barren desert* (no. 578)

#### OFFERTORY HYMNS

*Be still and know I am with you* (no. 48)  
*Be still and know that I am God* (no. 49)  
*Be still my soul* (no. 51)  
*Make me a channel of your peace* (no. 317)  
*My God, accept my heart this day* (no. 329)  
*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall* (no. 523)  
*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord* (no. 581)

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

*I am the Bread of Life* (no. 209)  
*O Bread of Heaven* (no.345)  
*Peace, perfect peace* (no. 408)  
*Soul of my Saviour* (no. 455)  
*Sweet Heart of Jesus* (no. 463)  
*Sweet Sacrament Divine* (no. 464)  
*The Lord's my shepherd* (no. 492)

## THE FUNERAL BOOKLET (or 'ORDER OF MASS')

*Can we have a booklet printed for use at the Funeral Mass?*

- Yes. Many families opt to have a booklet containing the hymns and chants for Mass, notes of thanks to those who particularly supported their Loved One, or have supported them in their time of grief, and possibly a photograph of the deceased. In this way it serves also as a souvenir, and a permanent reminder to pray for the person who has died. However, only those who hold the correct license(s) may print such booklets since they usually contain copyright texts. Therefore, it is against the law for families to print their own booklets and distribute them publicly. Regrettably, by law, we would be required to withdraw such booklets.

*Who can print the Order of Mass for us?*

- The parish provides the booklets for all funerals which take place in St Brigid's. This gives you the peace of mind that the order is correct, and that the musicians who have composed the hymns and chants will receive the fee due to them. There is no charge for this service.



## PLANNING THE FUNERAL LITURGY

To help you, the loose sheet in the middle of this guide will give you an idea of the Order of the Funeral Mass. The rest of the booklet will help you in your choice of suitable hymns and readings.

### You may wish to consider the following:

- Whether you wish to bring your Loved One home before the funeral, and might like to ask the priest to lead the Holy Rosary in the house.
- Whether you wish the Reception of your Loved One's remains into the church to take place the evening before the Funeral Mass, or on the morning of the Funeral Mass.
- Whether (when the Reception is the evening before the Funeral Mass) you wish to accompany your Loved One from the house to the church, and whether you wish the priest to walk with you. You also should consider whether you wish the coffin to be carried some or all of the way.
- Whether you wish family members of friends to carry the coffin into and out of the church, or prefer that the Funeral Directors to do this.
- Whether you wish family members or friends to place the pall cloth on the coffin at the Reception (4 people), or prefer that the Funeral Directors to do this.
- Whether, during the Funeral Mass, you wish family members or friends to bring the gifts to the altar at the *Procession of the Offerings* (2 people), or prefer that parishioners to do this.
- Whether you wish family members or friends to remove the pall cloth at the end of the Funeral Mass (4 people), or prefer that the Funeral Directors to do this.
- Whether you wish to hire an organist and/or cantor, or prefer that parish cantors lead the singing.



to the voice of my supplications! *℟*  
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
that you may be feared. *℟*

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the LORD  
more than watchmen for the morning. *℟*

More than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is mercy,  
and with him is plenteous redemption. *℟*

And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities. *℟*

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Psalm 143: 1-2, 5-6, 7ab and 8ab, 10

### *℟* O Lord, hear my prayer.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!  
Enter not into judgment with your servant;  
for no man living is righteous before you. *℟*

I remember the days of old,  
I meditate on all you have done;  
I muse on what your hands have wrought.  
I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. *℟*  
Make haste to answer me, O LORD!  
My spirit fails!  
Let me hear in the morning of your merciful love,  
for in you I put my trust. *℟*

Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God!  
Let your good spirit lead me  
on a level path! *℟*

Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.  
O LORD, I am your servant;  
You have loosed my bonds. R̄

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Psalm 122: 1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R̄ **We shall go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"  
Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem! R̄

To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David. R̄

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
"May they prosper who love you!  
Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers!" R̄

For my brethren and companions' sake  
I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good. R̄

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Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8

R̄ **O hope in the Lord, I hope in his word.**

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Read through the Scriptural passages below. There is a wide variety. In all of them God speaks to us, and hopefully by reading his word you will experience his comfort and his peace. As St. Paul tells us, '...with thoughts such as these you should comfort one another...'

**Choose:**

- A first reading from the Old Testament (or from the New Testament in the weeks following Easter until Pentecost)
- A Responsorial Psalm

(The priest will choose a passage from the Holy Gospel)

## FIRST READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

### I

**A reading from the second Book of Maccabees**

**2 Maccabees 12: 43-45**

In those days:  
Judas [the leader of Israel]  
also took up a collection, man by man,  
to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver,  
and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering.  
In doing this he acted very well and honourably,  
taking account of the resurrection.  
For if he were not expecting  
that those who had fallen would rise again,  
it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.  
But if he was looking to the splendid reward  
that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness,  
it was a holy and pious thought.  
Therefore he made atonement for the dead,  
that they might be delivered from their sin.

**The word of the Lord**

**A reading from the Book of Job**

Job answered:

“Oh, that my words were written!  
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh, that with an iron pen and lead  
they were graven in the rock for ever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then from 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****A reading 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 an affliction,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.  
For though in the sight of men 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 elect.

**The word of the Lord****Job 19: 1, 23-27ab**

Psalm 103: 8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

**℟️The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in mercy.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities. ℟️

As a father pities his children,  
so the LORD pities those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust. ℟️

As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more. ℟️

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
upon those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments. ℟️

Psalm 116: 5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac

**℟️I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful. ℟️

The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me. ℟️

I kept my faith, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted";  
I said in my consternation,  
"Men are all a vain hope." ℟️

Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God. ℣

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 saviour and my God. ℣

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Psalm 63: 1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

℣ **My soul thirsts for you, O my God.**

O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where no water is. ℣

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your merciful love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you. ℣

So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. ℣

For you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me. ℣

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**A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

**Wisdom 4: 7-15**

The righteous man, though he die early, will be at rest.  
For old age is not honoured for length of time,  
nor measured by number of years;  
but understanding is grey hair for men,  
and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There was one who pleased God and was loved by him,  
and while living among sinners he was taken up.  
He was caught up lest evil change his understanding  
or guile deceive his soul.  
For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good,  
and roving desire perverts the innocent mind.  
Being perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years;  
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore he took him quickly from the midst of wickedness.  
Yet the peoples saw and did not understand,  
nor take such a thing to heart,  
that God's grace and mercy are with his elect,  
and he watches over his holy ones.

**The word of the Lord**

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**A reading from the Book of Isaiah**

**Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will make for all peoples a feast of fat things.  
And he will destroy on this mountain the covering  
that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
He will swallow up death for ever,  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people  
he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God;  
we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

**The word of the Lord**

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**A reading from the Book of Lamentations**

My soul is bereft of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
so I say, "Gone is my glory,  
and my expectation from the LORD."  
Remember my affliction and my bitterness,  
the wormwood and the gall!  
My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.  
But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."  
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

**The word of the Lord**

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**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel**

[In those days I, Daniel, was mourning  
and I heard this word of the LORD:]  
"At that time shall arise Michael,  
the great prince who has charge of your people.  
And there shall be a time of trouble,  
such as never has been since there was a nation till that time;  
but at that time your people shall be delivered,  
every one whose name shall be found written in the book.  
And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,  
some to everlasting life,  
and some to shame and everlasting contempt.  
And those who are wise shall shine  
like the brightness of the firmament;  
and those who turn many to righteousness,  
like the stars for ever and ever."

**The word of the Lord**

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**Lamentations 3: 17-26**

of whom shall I be afraid? *℟️*  
One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple. *℟️*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
Hide not your face from me. *℟️*

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!  
Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
yes, wait for the LORD! *℟️*

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Psalm 42: 1, 2, 4cdef; 43: 3, 4, 5

***℟️* My soul thirsts for the living God.**

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

My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God? *℟️*

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. *℟️*

Oh send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me,  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling! *℟️*

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for his name's sake. R  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me. R

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

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for ever. R

**2**

Psalm 25: 6 and 7bc, 17-18, 20-21

**R To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Be mindful of your compassion, O LORD, and of your merciful love,  
for they have been from of old.  
According to your mercy remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD! R  
Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distresses.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins. R

Oh, guard my life, and deliver me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you. R

**3**

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7 and 8bc and 9a, 13-14

**R The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**FIRST READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT  
(DURING THE EASTER SEASON)**

**I**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Acts 10: 34-43**

In those days:  
Peter opened his mouth and said:  
"Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality,  
but in every nation  
any one who fears him and does what is right  
is acceptable to him.  
You know the word which he sent to the sons of Israel,  
preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ  
(he is Lord of all),  
the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea,  
beginning from Galilee  
after the baptism which John preached:  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
how he went about doing good  
and healing all that were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.  
And we are witnesses to 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;  
but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest;  
not to all the people  
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
And he commanded us to preach to the people,  
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God  
to be judge of the living and the dead.  
To him all the prophets bear witness  
that every one who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**The word of the Lord**

**A reading from the Book of Revelation****Revelation 14: 13**

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

"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit,  
"that they may rest from their labours,  
for their deeds follow them!"

**The word of the Lord****A reading from the Book of Revelation****Revelation 20: 11 - 21:1**

I, John, saw a great white throne and him who sat upon it;  
from his presence earth and sky fled away,  
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, which is the book of life.  
And the dead were judged by what was written in the books,  
by what they had done.  
And the sea gave up the dead in it,  
Death and Hades gave up the dead in them,  
and all were judged by what they had done.  
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.  
This is the second death, the lake of fire;  
and if any one's name was not found written in the book of life,  
he 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****A reading from the Book of Revelation****Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7**

I, John, 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, 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,  
"Behold, the dwelling of God is with men.  
He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
and death shall be no more,  
neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more,  
for the former things have passed away."

And he who sat upon 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 water without price  
from the fountain of the water of life.  
He who conquers shall have this heritage,  
and I will be his God and he shall be my son."

**The word of the Lord****RESPONSORIAL PSALMS****I**

Psalm 23: 1-3, 4, 5, 6

**℟️ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

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 paths of righteousness