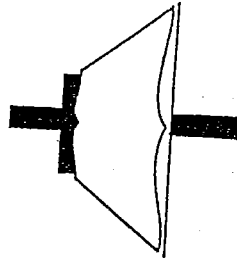


READINGS FOR CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

ALLELUIA VERSES and VERSES BEFORE THE GOSPEL

See Matthew 11.25*
Matthew 25.34
John 3.16
John 6.39*
John 6.40
John 6.51
John 11.25a-26
See Philippians 3.20
2 Timothy 2.11-12a
2 Corinthians 1.3b-4a*
Revelation 1.5a-6b
Revelation 14.13



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Job 19.1, 13-27
I know that my redeemer lives.

Wisdom 3.1-6, 9
He accepted them as a holocaust.

Wisdom 4.7-15
A blameless life is a ripe old age.

Isaiah 9.1-3, 5-6
Wide is the dominion of the Lord, in
a peace that has no end.

Isaiah 25.6a, 7-9*
The Lord God will wipe away the
tears from all faces.

Isaiah 49.8, 13-16
Yet even if these forget, I will never
forget you.

Lamentations 3.17-26*
It is good to wait in silence for the
Lord God to save.

Daniel 12.1-3
Of those who lie sleeping in the dust
of the earth many will awake.

2 Maccabees 12.43-45
It is good and holy to think of the
dead rising again.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Acts 10.34-43
God has appointed Jesus to judge
everyone, living and dead.

Romans 5.5-11
The love of God has been poured into
our hearts.

Romans 6.3-4
Christ was raised from the dead so we
might live a new life.

Romans 6.8-9
Having died with Christ, we shall
return to life with him

Romans 8.14-23
We groan while we wait for the
redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8.37-39
Who can ever come between us and
the love of Christ?

Romans 14.7-9*
The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others.

Colossians 3.3-4
When Christ is revealed, you will be
revealed in glory with him.

1 Corinthians 15.20-23*
All people will be brought to life in
Christ.

* Readings for
Baptized Children

GOSPEL READINGS

1 Corinthians 15.51-57 Death is swallowed up in victory.		42*	Like a deer that yearns for running streams my soul is yearning for God.
1 Corinthians 15.55-57 Death, where is your sting?		51	Have mercy on me God in your kindness.
2 Corinthians 5.1, 6-10 We have an everlasting home in heaven.	Matthew 5.1-12a Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.	63	O God, you are my God for you I long.
Ephesians 5.8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.	Matthew 11.25-30* You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to children.	103	The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
Philippians 3.20 Our true home is in heaven.	Matthew 11.28-30 Come to me and I will give you rest.	116	O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
1 Thessalonians 4.13-14, 18* Jesus died and rose again, and it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus.	Matthew 25.1-13 Come, you whom my Father has blessed.	119	Your word is a lamp for my steps.
2 Timothy 2.11-13 If we have died with him, we shall live with him.	Mark 4.35-41 Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.	122	I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."
1 Peter 1.3-9 You will rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer.	Mark 10.13-16* The kingdom of God belongs to little children.	130	Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord, Lord hear my voice!
1 John 3.1-2 We shall see God as he really is.	Luke 1.46-55 God has lifted up the lowly.	134	O come, bless the Lord, all you who serve the Lord.
Revelation 1.5-6 Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead.	Luke 1.68-79 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come and set us free.	143	Lord, listen to my prayer, turn your ear to my appeal.
Revelation 14.13 Happy are those who die in the Lord.	Luke 2.29-32 Let your servant go in peace.	146	I will praise my God all the days of my life.
Revelation 21.1-5a, 6b-7 There will be no more death.	John 5.24-29 Who ever hears my word and believes, has passed from death to life.	148*	Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
	John 8.12; 12.44-46 Jesus said: I am the light of the world.	150	Let everything that breathes give praise to the Lord.
	John 11.21-24 Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.		
	John 12.23-25 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.		
	John 14.1-3 I am going to prepare a place for you.		
	John 14.1-6 There are many rooms in my Father's house.		

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Psalms

23*	The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
25*	Lord, make me know your ways.
27	The Lord is my light and my help; who shall I fear?