

List of Suggested Scripture Readings - Funeral Services

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Sources: Book of Common Worship, Glory to God hymnal

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 19:23–27 I know that my redeemer lives

Isa. 25:6–9 God will swallow up death forever

Isa. 26:1–4, 19 God will keep them in peace

Isa. 40:1–11, 28–31 Comfort my people

Isa. 40:28–31 Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength

Isa. 43:1–3a, 18–19, 25 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you

Isa. 44:6–8 I am the first and the last

Isa. 55:1–3, 6–13 Ho, everyone who thirsts

Isa. 61:1–4, 10–11 The spirit of the Lord is upon me

Isa. 65:17–25 I create new heavens and a new earth

Lam. 3:19–26, 31b–32 The Lord's steadfast love

Dan. 12:1–3 Many of those who sleep in the dust shall awake

Joel 2:12–13, 23–24, 26–29 Return to the Lord with all your heart

Zech. 8:1–8 Children playing in the streets of the city

Isa. 65:17–25 I create new heavens and a new earth

Eccl. 3:1–15 For everything there is a season

Lam. 3:1–9, 19–23 The Lord's steadfast love

PSALMS

Ps. 16:5–11 The Lord is my chosen portion

Ps. 23 The Lord is my shepherd

Ps. 27:1, 4–9a, 13–14 The Lord is my light and my salvation

Ps. 39: 4–5, 12 Lord, let me know my end

Ps. 42:1–6a As a deer longs for flowing streams

Ps. 43 Give judgment for me, O God

Ps. 46:1–5, 10–11 A very present help in trouble

Ps. 90:1–10, 12 Teach us to number our days

Ps. 91 The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

Ps. 103 Bless the Lord, O my soul

Ps. 106:1–5 O give thanks to the Lord

Ps. 116:1–9, 15 The Lord has heard my voice

Ps. 118 Open the gates of righteousness

Ps. 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills

Ps. 130 Out of the depths I cry to the Lord

Ps. 139:1–12 Where shall I go from your spirit?

Ps. 145 I will extol you, O God my King

Ps. 146 Hallelujah! praise the Lord, O my soul

EPISTLES

Rom. 5:1–11 Hope does not disappoint

Rom. 6:3–9 Baptized into Christ's death, raised to live with him

Rom. 8:14–23, 31–39 Nothing can separate us from the love of God

Rom. 14:7–9, 10b–12 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
 1 Cor. 15:3–8, 12–20a Christ raised from the dead
 1 Cor. 15:20–24a In Christ shall all be made alive
 1 Cor. 15:20–26, 35–38, 42–44, 50, 53–58 Death is swallowed in victory
 1 Cor. 15:35–44 The natural body and the spiritual body
 1 Cor. 15:50–57 We shall all be changed
 2 Cor. 4:16–5:1 Visible things are temporary, invisible things eternal
 2 Cor. 5:1–10 From God we have a house not made with hands
 Eph. 1:11–2:1, 4–10 Saved by grace through faith
 Phil. 3:7–11 Knowing him and the power of his resurrection
 Phil. 3:20–21 Our citizenship is in heaven
 Col. 3:1–17 Set your minds on the things that are above
 1 Thess. 4:13–18 The comfort of Christ's coming
 2 Tim. 2:8–13 If we died with him, we shall also live with him
 Heb. 2:14–18 Christ was tested in every way
 Heb. 11:1–3, 13–16; 12:1–2 Faith, the pilgrimage, the cloud of witnesses
 1 Peter 1:3–9 Without seeing Christ, you love him
 1 Peter 3:18–22; 4:6 Christ's ministry to the spirits in prison
 1 John 3:1–3 We are children of God
 Rev. 7:2–3, 9–17 These are they who have come out of the great tribulation
 Rev. 14:1–3, 6–7, 12–13 Rest for the saints
 Rev. 21:1–4, 22–25; 22:3–5 A new heaven and a new earth
 Rev. 22:1–5 The Lord God will be their light For those whose faith is unknown:
 Rom. 2:12–16 The law written on the heart
 Rom. 14:7–9, 10c–12 None of us live to ourselves

GOSPELS

Matt. 5:1–12a The Beatitudes
 Matt. 11:25–30 Hidden from the wise, revealed to infants
 Matt. 25:1–13 Wise and foolish bridesmaids
 Matt. 25:31–46 The Last Judgment
 Luke 7:11–17 Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain
 Luke 18:15–17 We enter the kingdom only as children
 Luke 23:33, 39–43 Today you will be with me in Paradise
 John 3:16–21 God so loved the world
 John 5:24–29 Whoever hears and believes has eternal life
 John 6:37–40 Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away
 John 6:47–58 Whoever believes in me has eternal life
 John 11:17–27 I am the resurrection and the life
 John 11:38–44 Lazarus raised from the dead
 John 14:1–6, 25–27 Let not your hearts be troubled
 Matt. 18:1–5, 10 The greatest in the kingdom of heaven
 Mark 10:13–16 Let the children come to me
 Matt. 25:31–46 As you did it to one of the least of these

Hymns

For All the Saints
Our God Our Help in Ages Past
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Lift High the Cross
Amazing Grace
It Is Well with My Soul
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)
Abide with Me
For the Beauty of the Earth
The Strife Is O'er
Thine Is the Glory
Lord of the Dance
Be Thou My Vision
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Great is Thy Faithfulness
There is a Balm in Gilead
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)
I'll Praise My Maker
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Now Thank We All Our God
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (veterans, naval hymn)