

Funeral rites for adults use scripture readings chosen from the following:

### **Old Testament readings**

- Job 19:1, 23-27a – I know that my redeemer lives, and I will behold him.
- Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6, 9 – The souls of the just are at peace with God forever.
- Wisdom 4:7-15 – God measures goodness not in length of years, but in understanding of truth.
- Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 – God will destroy death forever and wipe away every tear.
- Lamentations 3:17-26 – Even in the midst of great sorrow, I hope in the Lord.
- Daniel 12:1-3 – The day of final judgment is coming when the dead will awaken.
- 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 – We pray for the dead because we look forward to their resurrection.

### **Responsorial Psalms**

- Psalm 23: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”
- Psalm 25: “To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”
- Psalm 27: “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”
- Psalm 42 & 43: “My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?”
- Psalm 63: “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”
- Psalm 103: “The Lord is kind and merciful.”
- Psalm 116: “I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.”
- Psalm 122: “Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”
- Psalm 130: “Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.”
- Psalm 143: “O Lord, hear my prayer.”

### **New Testament readings**

- Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36, 42-43 – God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.
- Romans 5:5-11 – Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God’s anger through Jesus Christ.
- Romans 5:17-21 – Where sin is great, God’s grace and mercy abound.
- Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9 – Through baptism, we die and rise with Christ.
- Romans 8:14-23 – Even in our present suffering, we wait for the glory to come, the redemption of our bodies.
- Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 – Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
- Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12 – Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-24a, 25-28 or 15:20-23 – Just as in Adam all die, in Christ all are brought to new life.
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 – On the last day, the dead will be raised and death will be swallowed up in victory.
- 2 Corinthians 4:14—5:1 – What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.
- 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 – We have an everlasting home in heaven.
- Philippians 3:20-21 – Jesus will transform our wretched bodies into glorious bodies.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – Do not grieve those who have fallen asleep, for the dead in Christ will rise.
- 2 Timothy 2:8-13 – If we have died with him, we shall live with him.
- 1 John 3:1-2 – We shall see God as he really is.
- 1 John 3:14-16 – We have passed from death to life because we love one another.
- Revelation 14:13 – Happy are those who find rest from their labors in the Lord.
- Revelation 20:11-21:1 – The dead have been judged according to their works.
- Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 – In the new Jerusalem, there will be no death or pain or sorrow.

### **Gospel readings**

- Matthew 5:1-12a – The Beatitudes; rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven.
- Matthew 11:25-30 – Come to me all who are burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Matthew 25:1-13 – Be ready, for you do not know when the bridegroom is coming and you must go to meet him.
- Matthew 25:31-46 – The righteous are those who loved God by caring for the least among them.
- Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 *or* 15:33-39 – Jesus was crucified, died, and rose again.
- Luke 7:11-17 – Jesus amazes the crowds by resurrecting a young man who was dead.
- Luke 12:35-40 – Be vigilant and prepared always.
- Luke 23:33, 39-43 – Jesus tells the criminal, today you will be with me in paradise.
- Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a  
*or* 23:44-46, 50, 52-53 – Jesus died and was buried. The women find his tomb empty.
- Luke 24:13-35 *or* 24:13-16, 28-35 – Jesus meets the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and tells them it was necessary that the Messiah should suffer to enter into his glory.
- John 5:24-29 – Whoever believes in me will pass from death to life.
- John 6:37-40 – I will not reject anyone who comes to me.
- John 6:51-58 – All who eat this bread will live forever and be raised on the last day.
- John 11:17-27 *or* 11:21-27 – I am the resurrection and the life.
- John 11:32-45 – Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
- John 12:23-28 *or* 12:23-26 – If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.
- John 14:1-6 – In my father's house there are many rooms; I have prepared a place for you.
- John 17:24-26 – Father, I want those you have given me to be with me.
- John 19:17-18, 25-29 – Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.