

FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Our condolences to you and your loved ones. On behalf of the entire Holy Spirit community, we express our sympathy at this time of your loss. Please know that your parish family is here for you in your time of need, and it is our honor to assist you in the planning of a Catholic funeral for your loved one. Please utilize this guide to help plan a funeral at Holy Spirit.

Abbreviations for Sources:

OCF: Order of Christian Funerals

CIC: Codex Iuris Canonici (Code of Canon Law)

CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church

PREPARATIONS BEFORE A FUNERAL

Burial vs Cremation?

The Church prefers that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites.

“Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites.” (OCF 413.)

We understand that often due to financial considerations, cremation is chosen instead of casket burial, and thus cremation is now permitted by the Church to accommodate this. Cremation, however, is not permitted by the Church when chosen for reasons contrary to Catholic teaching (CIC 1176.3, CCC 2301).

Most funeral homes provide an option for using a temporary casket at the funeral liturgy, with cremation taking place following the funeral. If it is feasible for your family and the funeral home, this option would be the preferred option of the Church when choosing cremation.

The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the resurrection. Bearing this in mind, autopsies may be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research. The free (not for sale) gift of organs after death may also be permitted.

Choosing a Mortuary/Funeral Home and Cemetery

There are multiple mortuary/funeral home and cemetery options to choose from here in the Phoenix area. We recommend selecting Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery and Funeral Home in Mesa. As a Catholic organization that is directly part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, they are fully knowledgeable and well suited to provide care and support to you, your family, and your deceased loved one in full communion with the norms of the Church.

Even if you choose cremation, a cemetery must still be chosen as a final resting place for your loved one. **It is never permitted to scatter the ashes of one who has been cremated or to keep them at home.** “The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. **The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.**” (OCF 417)

Scheduling a Funeral Liturgy

After selecting and contacting a Funeral Home, please contact the Parish Office here at Holy Spirit to begin the funeral process at the church. The best method of contacting the parish about a death in the family is to call the office number, 480-838-7474, and we will work with you to begin the funeral planning. Please note, we unfortunately cannot guarantee that a date you may have in mind for the funeral will be able to be accommodated. After contacting the Parish Office, we will offer a funeral date to you, dependent on priest and church availability. **Funerals here at Holy Spirit typically only take place Monday-Friday at 11am.**

Although the Funeral Liturgy is ordinarily celebrated in the parish church to which the deceased belonged, it is possible to choose any Catholic church for the Funeral Liturgy, provided the pastor of that church agrees and the pastor of the deceased has been informed (CIC 1177).

Attire

Modest attire must be worn at the funeral. Please no costumes or other inappropriate clothing. Respect for the decedent and our Lord should be demonstrated at all times.

Arrangements for Flowers

Flowers, though not required, can add to the solemnity and beauty of the Funeral Rite and provide a way of offering a memorial for the deceased.

Flowers may be ordered ahead of time through the Mortuary or any local flower shop. If flowers are to be delivered to the church via a local flower shop, please request that they be delivered between 9:00-10:00am the morning of the funeral liturgy.

Flowers are often present at all three parts of the Funeral Rite (Vigil, Funeral, Committal), but may also only be present at the Funeral Liturgy if expedient. When present at all three parts, the mortuary often arranges and provides for their transportation, or if not, the family would be responsible. Please check with your mortuary funeral director for further information on the transportation of flowers.

After the completion of the Funeral Rite, you may do with the flowers as you wish. If you do not wish to leave flowers at the gravesite, keep them at home, or distribute them amongst your family, you may donate them to the church.

Military Honors and Military Cemeteries

If the deceased was a member of the United States Armed Forces and is eligible for military honors at the funeral and/or burial at a military cemetery, please contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs soon to complete arrangements. Please additionally let both your mortuary funeral director, and Holy Spirit funeral coordinator know that your loved one is eligible for military honors and burial and what plans you have arranged with the VA.

The VA National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona is the local military cemetery in Phoenix and has its own special regulations and burial schedules. It is recommended to consult www.cem.va.gov for specific details.

THE PARTS OF A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Overview

The Catholic Funeral Rite is a three-part ritual, focused on praying for the deceased, and laying them to rest. The three parts are the Vigil, the Funeral Liturgy, and the Rite of Committal.

We highly encourage you to follow this two day, three-part ritual plan that the Church over the centuries has formed, as it has been found to be very beneficial in overcoming the grief of loss, however if you elect, the Vigil may be omitted or the timeline of the ritual modified.

The Vigil for the Deceased

The Vigil for the Deceased is the first part of the Funeral Rite, and typically takes place the night prior to the funeral itself but is optional. It is sometimes called a “Wake” or “Visitation”. The Vigil often takes place at the Mortuary and may contain a rosary or scripture prayer service.

A Catholic member of the clergy, typically a Deacon from our parish, can lead the scripture prayer service if you wish to include it in the Vigil. Otherwise, if the scripture prayer service is not to be utilized, a family member may lead a rosary.

The Vigil service is the most appropriate time for a eulogy or sharing of stories and memorial videos. During the Vigil, the remains of the deceased are present, especially if an open casket is feasible.

About the Funeral Liturgy

The Funeral Liturgy, most often taking the form of a Funeral Mass, is celebrated in the morning in the church at the parish. It is the central liturgy, the primary component, of the Funeral Rite of the Catholic Church. Celebrating the Holy Mass during a funeral most perfectly expresses the communion between Christ and those who have died: death with Christ so we may have eternal life with Christ. The Holy Mass is the highest and most efficacious form of prayer we can offer for our deceased loved ones.

There are a few options within the Funeral Mass for you to select prior to the funeral taking place. This includes music and reading selections. Please see the Music and Reading worksheet for more information on these options.

General Guidelines for the Funeral Liturgy

At Holy Spirit, a table can be set up in the Narthex (the entry space of the church) if you wish to set up any mementos, photos, guest book, prayer cards, or booklets. Additionally, a tripod easel is available if you would like to display a large poster-sized image. If you would like either of these options set up for you, please inform your Holy Spirit Funeral Coordinator.

Flower arrangements in vases or pots may be placed on the steps of the Sanctuary (the elevated platform containing the altar), but not inside the Sanctuary. Wreath or standing flower arrangements may be placed on the ground level in front of the Sanctuary. During the liturgical season of Lent (typically Feb-March), flowers arrangements on the steps of the sanctuary are allowed but must be limited and subdued, due to the penitential character of the season.

If your family has chosen cremation prior to the funeral taking place, the urn is placed on a small table at the bottom of the Sanctuary steps prior to the start of the funeral mass. You may have either a flower arrangement or a photo no larger than 8x10 present on the table with the urn. If you would like a rosary or crucifix to accompany the urn on the table, this is permitted.

For a casket, the parish's funeral pall is placed over the casket at the entryway to the church. A cross or rosary may be placed atop the casket during the funeral mass, but no other items may be placed on the casket during the mass. Flags and flowers may be placed on the casket outside the church following the funeral mass.

Pallbearers should be selected by the family for funerals where a casket will be present, and optionally, honorary pallbearers may be named for when cremated remains are present. Six pallbearers should be selected to escort the casket, though they do not carry the casket into or through the church, with it instead being rolled on a wheeled carrier.

Non-Catholics are very welcome to participate and attend the Catholic Funeral Rites. Holy Communion, however, is reserved for practicing Catholics in a state of grace.

Order of the Funeral Mass

At the beginning of the Funeral Mass, the priest will greet those present, and sprinkle the casket or urn with Holy Water to bless it and recall the baptism of the deceased.

In the case of a casket, this takes place at the entryway to the church, with the immediate family gathered around the casket, and then processing down the aisle with the casket towards the altar. In the case of an urn, this takes place at the foot of the sanctuary steps in front of the altar, with everyone already in the pews.

After the priest says the opening prayer of the mass, the First Reading is read. Following the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm is sung by the musician. Following the Psalm, the Second Reading is read. These two readings and Psalm are chosen by you from the list of options further in this packet. Someone from your family or friends should be selected to read the two readings. Following the Second Reading, the Gospel passage is proclaimed by the priest. After the Gospel, the priest will preach his homily, or sermon. When the priest completes his homily, he will go to his chair. Shortly after returning to his chair, the General Intercessions are read by a member of your family or friends. The text for these intercessions is given further in the packet.

After the General Intercessions are prayed, the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins. Shortly after this, the Offertory occurs, when the bread and wine are brought forward to the altar. You may select some members of your family or friends (2-6 people) to be Gift Bearers to bring them forward, or you may elect to omit this participation and have the bread and wine already present at the altar. After the consecration of the Eucharist, Holy Communion is then distributed by the priest to the Catholics in attendance. You do not need to find anyone to help with distribution of Holy Communion.

After the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we reach the Concluding Rites of the Mass. The remains of the deceased are censed by the priest with incense, during the Final Commendation, then the final blessing and dismissal is given, and the priest leads the procession out of the church.

Throughout the Mass, music is provided by our parish musicians utilizing hymns selected by you from the list of options included in this packet.

The Committal

The Committal is the final act of the Funeral Liturgy, when we say our final goodbye to the deceased and lay them to rest. This part takes place at the cemetery at the gravesite or tomb, and typically takes place immediately following the Funeral Mass. It is comprised of a short prayer service is led by a priest or deacon and includes a blessing of the location where the casket or urn will be buried or interred.

Healing after a Loss

The parish offers a bereavement support group that meets monthly to all who have lost a loved one. Please inquire at the Front Desk of the Parish Office to get in contact with the group and find out when they will meet next.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Further Contacts for Funeral Arrangements

Holy Spirit Catholic Church – 1800 E. Libra Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283 480-838-7474

Pastor: Fr. John Clote – jclote@holyspirit-tempe-az.org

Funeral Coordinator: Kathleen Polowski – kpolowski@holyspirit-tempe-az.org

Music Coordinator: Renata DeBates – rdebates@holyspirit-tempe-az.org

Payment for the Funeral Rite

Payments are typically made through the mortuary. Please ask the liaison at the mortuary how they handle this. If not, the payments are due to each party prior to the Funeral Liturgy taking place. You can pay for the Use of the Church, Hall and Tablecloths via a credit card, cash or check at the Parish Office. After your Funeral Coordinator confirms which items and names are applicable, the stipends can be given to the Funeral Coordinator prior to the funeral or day of the funeral, and they will be distributed accordingly.

Use of the Church: \$225 – Parishioner or \$325 Non-Parishioner

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Priest for Mass: Open amount, commonly \$50-\$150

Fr. John Clote or Fr. Joseph Quoc

Deacon for Vigil: \$75

Dcn. Gary Johnson or Dcn. Mark Lishko

Deacon for Committal Service: \$75

Dcn. Gary Johnson or Dcn. Mark Lishko

Music: \$150 each person (vocal+instrument)

Renata DeBates, Christian Nguyen, Jim Bierschbach or Andy Nguyen

Technical Assistance (Mic Set Up/Sound etc for visiting musicians): \$75

Renata DeBates OR Christian Nguyen OR Andy Nguyen

Reception, Social Hall: \$95 per hour. (Includes set up time.)

Reception, Hanley Hall: \$500. (Includes set up time.)

Reception, Tablecloth Rentals: \$8 each

Please check with the Funeral Coordinator for payment options.

Options Worksheet

The last page of this guide contains the Funeral Options Worksheet, which must be filled out and returned to your Funeral Coordinator no later than one week prior to the scheduled funeral date. This worksheet includes your selections for Readings and Music, which are listed on the following pages.

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel,

took up a collection among all his soldiers,

amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,

which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,

inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;

for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,

it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward

that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,

it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead

that they might be freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God]

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them,
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early,
 shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not
 with the passing of time,
 nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
 and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;
 he who lived among sinners was transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
 or deceit beguile his soul;

For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
 and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while,
 he reached the fullness of a long career;
 for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,
 therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,
 nor did they take this into account.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,
 I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
 all that I hoped for from the Lord.

The thought of my homeless poverty
 is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
 leaves my soul downcast within me.

But I will call this to mind,
 as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
 his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
 so great is his faithfulness.

My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
 therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
 to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
 for the saving help of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned

and heard this word of the Lord:

At that time there shall arise

Michael, the great prince

guardian of your people;

It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress

since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape,

everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep

in the dust of the earth shall awake;

Some shall live forever,

other shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly

like the splendor of the firmament,

And those who lead the many to justice

shall be like the stars forever.

The word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one,
death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace
and of the gift of justification
come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
so, through one righteous act,
acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of the one
the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase
but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more so that,
as sin reigned in death,
grace also might reign through justification for eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized
into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, “*Abba, Father!*”

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit

that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation

the revelation of the children of God;
for creation was made subject to futility,
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself
would be set free from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;

and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

 but handed him over for us all,

 will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

 who also is at the right hand of God,

 who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

 or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly

 through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

 nor angels, nor principalities,

 nor present things, nor future things,

 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

 nor any other creature will be able to separate us

 from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God]

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: No one lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself,

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of God;

for it is written:

As I live, says the Lord, every knee

shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God]

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.

For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,

in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,

the dead will be raised incorruptible,

and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,

and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility

and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,

then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God]

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We know that the One who raised the Lord
Jesus will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more
and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God]

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a
descendant of David:

such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those
who are chosen,

so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;

if we persevere
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord. *[Thanks be to God]*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS AT A FUNERAL MASS

Priest:

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader:

For _____ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We pray to the Lord. [All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*]

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord. [All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*]

For the family and friends of our brother/sister Name , that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord. [All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*]

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord. [All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*]

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord. [All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*]

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. [All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*]

Priest:

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters, Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

MUSIC OPTIONS

Below are the list of hymns approved for use in Funerals at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Please enter your selections on the Options Worksheet. All hymns may be found on YouTube if you'd like to hear how they sound. (If you prefer other selections, please speak with the coordinator.)

Entrance Hymn (Choose One)

- Be Thou My Vision
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- Lord of All Hopefulness

Offertory Hymn and Communion Hymn (Choose Two)

- Lead, Kindly Light
- Be Still My Soul
- Abide with Me
- Panis Angelicus
- O Lord, I am Not Worthy
- Jesus My Lord, My God, My All
- The King of Love My Shepard Is
- Ave Maria

Closing Hymn (Choose One)

- In Paradisum
- Now Thank We All Our God
- How Great Thou Art
- Amazing Grace
- The Strife is O'er

FUNERAL OPTIONS WORKSHEET

MUST BE RETURNED ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE FUNERAL

Funeral Mass of:

Day _____ Date _____ Time _____

First Reading: (Circle **one** reading from Old Testament options)

OT-1 OT-3 OT-5 Reader's Name:
OT-2 OT-4 OT-6 _____

Second Reading: (Circle **one** reading from New Testament options)

NT-1 NT-5 NT-9 Reader's Name:
NT-2 NT-6 NT-10 _____
NT-3 NT-7 NT-11
NT-4 NT-8 NT-12

General Intercessions: No options, located at end of the Readings in this Guide

Reader's Name: _____

Gift Bearers for Bread and Wine [*This is an option that may be omitted*]

Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

(Optional)- Additional Names: _____

Entrance Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Closing Hymn: _____

***RETURN THIS WORKSHEET TO YOUR FUNERAL COORDINATOR
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