

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS - FUNERALS

The Funeral Liturgy, whether it takes place during the Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or a Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, consists of four passages of Scripture. One passage comes from the Old Testament, one from the Psalms (the readings in this document), one from the New Testament (excluding the Gospels), and one from the Gospels. The priest celebrant will pick the Gospel Passage.

If the funeral takes place during the Easter Season, the first reading may be taken from the New Testament reading options instead of the Old Testament. It is exceedingly recommended to have the Responsorial Psalm sung, and the ordinary music ministers of the Church will know how this is done. If, for exceptional reasons, it is determined that the Responsorial Psalm will be read, the family may pick up to four (4) lectors. The **(1) First Reading**, the **(2) Responsorial Psalm** (if not sung), and **(3) Second Reading** are available to be read by the laity (non-ordained). The Gospel is reserved to the Priest or Deacon, and therefore will only be read by them. The **(4) petitions**, or prayers of the faithful may be read by a member of the Laity, unless a deacon is present. None of these are mandatory, but available options for members of the family and friends to take part in the liturgy.

The order of the readings are not to be changed and go as follows:

1. First Reading
2. Responsorial Psalm
3. Second Reading
4. Gospel Reading

It is *extremely recommended* that the lectors be Catholic, and also be a lector in the church, as they will more likely have a familiarity with the flow of the liturgy. The lector can use the following pages to practice the readings in advanced of the ceremony. *The lectors will NOT use the practice papers during the liturgy nor any electronic device. The readings and petitions will be in a binder for the liturgy.* The lectors should understand that they *only* read the parts in the black that appear on the following pages. No other words should be added or any words be removed. The readings are to be read as provided. No introductory or dismissal words should be added or subtracted.

If you have any questions, please contact the priest or deacon at your earliest convenience.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

in verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths

for his name sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 2

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

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

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

Relieve the troubles of my heart;
And bring me out of my distress.

Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
and take away all my sins.

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

Preserve my life and rescue me;
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
Because I wait for you, O LORD.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 3

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life.

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
Hide not your face from me.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 4

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

As the hind longs for the running waters,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

I went with the throng and led them in procession
to the house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving,
with the multitude keeping festival.

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Send forth your light and your fidelity;
they shall lead me on
And bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling-place.

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Then will I go in to the altar of God,
the God of my gladness and joy;
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,
O God, my God!

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why do you sigh within me?
Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,
in the presence of my savior and my God

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 5

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 6

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
For he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Man's days are like those of grass;
like a flower of the field he blooms;
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,
and his place knows him no more.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity,
to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant
and remember to fulfill his precepts.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 7

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my alarm,
"No man is dependable."

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant,
you have loosed my bonds.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 8

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Because of my relatives and friends
I will say "Peace be within you!"
Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will pray for your good.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 9

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to my voice in supplication.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,

that you may be revered.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

My soul waits for the LORD

more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn,

let Israel wait for the LORD,

For with the LORD is kindness

and with him is plenteous redemption.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

And he will redeem Israel

from all their iniquities.

R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – OPTION 10

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O LORD, hear my prayer;
hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness;
in your justice answer me.

And enter not into judgment with your servant,
for before you no living man is just.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all your doings;
the works of your hands I ponder.
I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like parched land.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Hasten to answer me, O LORD;
for my spirit fails me.
At dawn let me hear of your mercy,
for in you I trust.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
May your good spirit guide me
on level ground.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.