

Bereavement Binder Funeral Liturgy Planning



St. James Catholic Church
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE: JOHN11:25

On behalf of St. James Catholic Church we wish to extend our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Please know you are not alone in your grief. You, your family and your loved one are in our thoughts and prayers and are remembered at all our Masses. Pain, suffering and death are part of our human existence. It is our hope that through the prayerful support of your church family you experience comfort, healing and peace. Although we know in our hearts that we live eternally through Jesus Christ, it is never easy to say goodbye to someone so significant in our lives.

As you prepare for the funeral liturgy (Mass), we wish to share with you some helpful information. As you review this bereavement binder, please feel free to choose the scripture passages that seem most connected to the life of your loved one. We encourage families to participate in the liturgy as much as they would like. You are invited to proclaim the readings, read the prayers of the faithful and bring up the gifts of Bread and Wine. In this binder you will find the outline of the Mass, the New and Old Testament readings, prayers of the faithful and music selections. Please choose the First Reading, a Second Reading, and the Prayers of the Faithful. You have the selection of music in the last two green pages of the binder.

We hope this guide is a helpful tool as you plan the Funeral mass. A St James Bereavement minister will contact you in the next few days to help you prepare for the service. A St. James Priest will come to the wake and meet with the family to make sure all information is communicated to all concerned members and answer any questions. We pray that during this difficult time our Lord hold you in the palm of his hand.

Please know that we are with you to share in your grief and loss.

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr. Edward Pelrine

Pastor, St. James Parish

Mass of Christian Burial

Mass of Christian Burial can be celebrated

In

Three different formats

1. Mass of Christian Burial (with Casket)
2. Mass of Christian Burial (with Cremated Remains)
3. Memorial Mass (No casket or Remains)

Mass of Christian Burial with Casket

The casket is brought into the Church

(Followed by family members and friends)

Greeting / Sprinkling... Priest

(Done at the back of the church)

The family places the Funeral Pall (white cloth) on the casket

Instrumental Music

Family processes behind the casket and is seated in pews

Entrance song

Opening prayer...(Priest)

First Reading..... family chooses and reads

Responsorial Psalm..... sung by the cantor

Second Reading..... family chooses and reads

(Please note that should the family not feel comfortable reading they are not obligated to do so.)

Gospel and Homily...(Chosen by Priest)

Prayers of the Faithful (family reads)

Presentation of the Gifts (3) (family brings them)

Reception of Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

Incensing the Casket and Prayer of Commendation

Final prayer and Recessional song

Mass of Christian Burial with Cremated Remains

Family process in with cremated remains

Greeting/Sprinkling... Priest

(Done at the back of the church)

Instrumental Music

The family processes up main aisle and

Places remains on table at the foot of the altar.

Family is then seated in the pews

Entrance song

Opening prayer...(Priest)

First Reading...family chooses and reads

Responsorial Psalm.....sung by the cantor

Second Reading.....family chooses and reads

(Please note that should the family not feel comfortable reading they are not obligated to do so.)

Gospel and Homily...(Chosen by Priest)

Prayers of the Faithful (Family reads)

Presentation of the Gifts (3) (Family brings them)

Reception of Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

Incensing the remains and Prayer of Commendation

Final prayer and Recessional song

Memorial Mass (No Casket or Remains)

Family and guests may be seated

Entrance song

Opening prayer...(Priest)

First Reading.... family chooses and reads

Responsorial Psalm..... sung by the cantor

Second Reading..... family chooses and reads

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Gospel and Homily...(Chosen by Priest)

Prayers of the Faithful (Family reads)

Presentation of the Gifts (3) (Family brings them)

Reception of Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

Final prayer and Recessional song

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Job.

(19:1,23-27)

Then Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!

As for me, I know that my vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust.

This will happen when my skin has been stripped off,
and from my flesh I will see God:

I will see for myself,
my own eyes, not another's, will behold him:
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

(3:1-9)

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

They seemed, in the 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the LORD shall be their King forever.

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 the elect.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

(4:7-15)

But the just one, 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 passes for gray hair,
and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved,
living 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 that consideration into account.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

(3:1-8)

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

(31:10-30)

Who can find a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value. Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack income. She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life. She seeks out wool and flax and weaves with skillful hands. Like a merchant fleet, she secures her provisions from afar. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household, a portion to her maidservants.

She picks out a field and acquires it; from her earnings she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength; she exerts her arms with vigor. She enjoys the profit from her dealings; her lamp is never extinguished at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.

She is not concerned for her household when it snows—all her charges are doubly clothed. She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing.

Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land. She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: “Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.”

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

(25:6a,7-9)

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:
“Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD to whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

(49:13-16)

Sing out, heavens, and rejoice, earth,
break forth into song, you mountains,
For the LORD comforts his people
and shows mercy to his afflicted.

But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me.”

Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?

Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you;*
your walls are ever before me.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

(1:4-8)

The word of the LORD came to me:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

before you were born I dedicated you,

a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

“Ah, Lord GOD!” I said,

“I do not know how to speak. I am too young!”

But the LORD answered me,

Do not say, “I am too young.”

To whomever I send you, you shall go;

whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you—oracle of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

(3:17-20)

My son, conduct your affairs with humility,
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.
Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find mercy in the sight of God.
For great is the power of the Lord;
by the humble he is glorified.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Sirach.

(44:1,7,10-15)

I will now praise the godly, our ancestors, in their own time. All these were glorious in their time, illustrious in their day. Yet these also were godly; their virtues have not been forgotten.

Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants. Through God's covenant their family endures, and their offspring for their sake.

And for all time their progeny will endure, their glory will never be blotted out; Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on and on. At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praises.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

(3:17-26)

My life is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
My enduring hope, I said,
has perished before the LORD.
The thought of my wretched homelessness
is wormwood and poison;
Remembering it over and over,
my soul is downcast.
But this I will call to mind;
therefore I will hope:
The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted,
his compassion is not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
great is your faithfulness!
The LORD is my portion, I tell myself,
therefore I will hope in him.
The LORD is good to those who trust in him,
to the one that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the LORD's deliverance.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel.

(12:1-3)

“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;

It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since the nation 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 to everlasting life,
others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.

But those with insight 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.

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Maccabees.

(12:43-46)

He then 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 in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.

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 absolved from their sin.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Sirach.

(3:2-6, 12-14)

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

(10:34-43)

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

(5:5-11)

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet 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.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

(5:17-21)

For if, by the transgression of one person, 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 person 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 one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of 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.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

(6:3-9)

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.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin. 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.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

(8:14-23)

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children 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 firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

(8:31b-35,37-39)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how 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.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

(14:7-9,10b-12)

None of us 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. For we shall all stand before the judgment 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 account of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

(15:20-23, 24b-28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. 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; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.” But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

(15:51-57)

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.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

(4:14—5:1)

Knowing 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.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

(5:1,6-10)

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.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

(3:20-21)

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

(4:4-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Second reading

A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

(4:13-18)

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, 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.

Second reading

A reading from the Second letter of Paul to Timothy.

(2:8-13)

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.

Second Reading

A reading from the First letter of John.

(3:1-2)

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.

Second Reading

A reading from the First letter of John.

(3:14-16)

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

(14:13)

I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”

The word of the Lord.

Second reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

(20:11–21:1)

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.)

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord.

Second reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

(21:1-5a, 6b-7)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor* will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

Readings for Baptized Children

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

(1:4-8)

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;
And before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not

know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”

But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

For I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

(3:22-26.)

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.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

(31:15-17)

Thus says the Lord:

A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation and bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted for her children,
Because they are no more.

Thus says the Lord:

Refrain your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord,
And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope in your future, says the Lord,
That your children shall come back to their own border.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

(25:6a, 7-9)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
A feast of rich foods.

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.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

(1:3-5)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavens, as he chose us in him,
before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him.
In love he destined us for adoption to himself
through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

(4:13-14, 18)

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.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

(21:1a, 3-5a)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people

and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,

and there shall be no more death or mourning,

wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The one who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new.”

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

(15:20-23)

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.
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.

General Intercessions:.....Option (A)

Priest begins with the opening prayer:

Reader: Your response, “Lord, hear our Prayer”

For _____, may S(he) find the rewards of her/his life in the arms of our loving God. We pray to the Lord.....

For _____ (if there is a surviving spouse), may S(he) find peace and comfort in the memory of their married years together, we pray to the Lord.....

For _____ (if there are children) _____, _____, _____,
and their families, may the goodness of their Mother/ Father’s life continue to influence their future, we pray to the Lord.....

For all Family members and Friends, may we continue to support and comfort one another, we pray to the Lord.....

For the sick, the elderly and the poor, may our concern for them be a source of comfort, we pray to the lord.....

For all who have gone before us to be with God, especially _____ (mention the names of parents, grandparents of the deceased and close family members), we pray to the Lord.....

We pause now in silence with prayers that each of us has brought to this funeral mass.....(pause).....,we pray to the Lord.

The Priest will conclude the Prayers.

General Intercessions:.....Option (B)

Priest begins with the opening prayer:

Reader: Your response, “Lord, hear our Prayer”

In Baptism_____received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord in your mercy:.....

Our brother/sister.....(Name) was nourished at the table of the savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord in your mercy:.....

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord in your mercy.....

Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. Lord in your mercy.....

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord in your mercy.....

The family and friends of (_____) seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. Lord in your mercy.....

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our sister/brother (____). Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son’s coming. Lord in your mercy.....

The Priest will Conclude the Prayers.

General Intercessions:.....Option (C)

Priest begins with the opening prayer:

Reader: Your response, “ Lord, Hear our Prayer .”

For (_____) who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.....

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.....

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.....

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.....

For the Family and Friends of (_____) 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.....

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.....

The Priest will conclude the Prayers.

St. James Church
Music for Funeral Liturgies

St. James is a parish that honors a wide variety of musical styles and tastes. This list has been created to offer several hymns and songs that are especially appropriate for funeral liturgies. Many of these songs are interchangeable; the headings are offered only as recommended placements. Most of the selections are found in the Gather hymnals in the church. However, this is not an exhaustive list; several other songs in the Gather hymnal would also be appropriate. Additionally, if you have any special requests, please let us know and we will try our best to honor them. Our Music Director and Bereavement Minister will be glad to address any concerns you may have, or answer any questions. Our Music Director, Tamaron Conseur can be reached at 224.345.7204 or tconseur@stjamesah.org.

Extra Musicians - violin, cello, oboe, flute -are available as well. Though this is an additional cost, their presence adds another layer of beauty to your liturgy. The Music Director will be happy to hire and provide these musicians for you.

Entrance Hymn

√	Song	Where to find it
	Amazing Grace	Gather 586
	How Firm a Foundation	Gather 587
	I Know that My Redeemer Lives	Gather 454
	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Gather 588
	Shall We Gather at the River	Gather 761
	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	Gather 631
	What Wondrous Love Is This	Gather 614
	Love Divine, All Love's Excelling	Gather 613
	We Walk By Faith	Gather 583
	Come Thou Fount	<i>Solo</i>
	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	<i>Solo</i>

Responsorial Psalm

√	Psalm	Where to find it
	23: Shepherd Me, O God	Gather 23
	23: The Lord is My Shepherd	Spirit and Psalm
	23: The Lord is My Shepherd	Lumen Christi Missal
	25: To You, O Lord	Gather 26
	27: The Lord is My Light	Burns
	33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us	Gather 32
	62: In God Alone is My Soul at Rest	Ritual Song 88
	91: Be With Me, Lord	Gather 50
	103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful	Gather 58

	116: I will walk in the presence	WLP
	130: Out of the Depths	WLP
	147: Bless the Lord, My Soul	Gather 77

Gospel Acclamation

Note: During Lent we will sing the assigned Lenten Gospel Acclamation

√	Song	Where to find it
	Plainchant Alleluia (<i>Chant Mode VI</i>)	Gather 158
	Celtic Alleluia (<i>Walker</i>)	Gather 266
	O Sons and Daughters (<i>vs. 8</i>)	Gather 446
	Easter Alleluia (<i>vs. 2 or 4</i>)	Gather 447

Preparation of the Gifts

√	Song	Where to find it
	Instrumental (<i>Various</i>)	
	Ave Maria (<i>Bach/Gounod</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Ave Maria (<i>Schubert</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life	<i>Solo</i>
	Pie Jesu (<i>Andrew Lloyd Webber</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Pie Jesu (<i>Faure</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Amazing Grace	Gather 586
	Eye Has Not Seen	Gather 616
	How Great Thou Art	Gather 496
	I Have Loved You	Gather 504
	Prayer of Saint Francis/Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	Gather 721
	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	Gather 631
	There Is a Balm in Gilead	Gather 617

Sung Mass Parts *Mass of Creation - Haugen*

Lamb of God *Mass of Creation – Haugen or Agnus Dei – Plainchant 320*

Communion

√	Song	Where to find it
	Panis Angelicus (<i>Franck</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Be Thou My Vision	<i>Solo</i>
	Be Still My Soul (<i>Finlandia</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Servant Song	Gather 661
	You Satisfy The Hungry Heart	Gather 816
	I Am the Bread of Life/Yo Soy el Pan de Vida	Gather 822

	I Will be With You (<i>Moore</i>)	Ritual Song 603
	One Bread, One Body	Gather 813
	Pan de Vida Eterna/Bread of Life From Heaven	Gather 803
	Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling	Gather 850
	Steal Away to Jesus	Gather 766
	Take and Eat	Gather 812
	There is a Place	Gather 869
	Draw Near	Gather 829
	Song of the Body of Christ	Gather 807
	Without Seeing You	Gather 842
	Jesus My Lord, My God, My All	<i>Solo</i>
	O Sacrament Most Holy	<i>Solo</i>
	Adoration (<i>Maher</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	What a Beautiful Name (<i>Hillsong</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Lord, I Need You (<i>Maher</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	O Come to the Altar (<i>Elevation</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	To Where You Are (<i>Groban</i>)	<i>Solo</i>

Final Commendation

√	Song	Where to find it
	I Know That My Redeemer Lives (<i>Hughes</i>)	Gather 866
	In Paradisum/May Choirs of Angels	Gather 865
	Saints of God (<i>Janco</i>)	Gather 120
	Celtic Song Of Farewell (<i>Schaubel</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Blessing (<i>Bart</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	May The Road Rise to Meet You (<i>Lori True</i>)	<i>Solo</i>
	Gaelic Blessing (<i>Rutter</i>)	<i>Solo</i>

Recessional Hymn

√	Song	Where to find it
	Go Silent Friend-O <i>Danny Boy</i>	Gather 868
	How Can I Keep from Singing	Gather 598
	How Great Thou Art	Gather 496
	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Gather 513
	In Paradisum/May Choirs of Angels	Gather 865
	Jerusalem, My Happy Home	Gather 764
	Lord of All Hopefulness	Gather 560
	May the Angels Lead You into Paradise	Gather 861
	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Gather 847
	Sing With All The Saints in Glory	Gather 442
	Soon and Very Soon	Gather 758

	Steal Away	Gather 766
	Salve Regina	Gather 780
	O God Beyond All Praising	<i>Solo</i>
	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	<i>Solo</i>