



Funeral Liturgy Preparation

St. Paul Parish

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Dear Family Member/Friend,

Please know that the Augustinian Community and staff at St. Paul Parish are here to help you during this difficult time. Let us know what we can do for you and those who are most impacted by the passing of your loved one. We will keep you in our prayers and continue to support you as best we can in the days and months ahead.

Through private prayer and public funeral rites, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn and bury the remains of our beloved deceased with care. It is our sincerest desire that this liturgy will represent a celebration of your loved one's life.

May the peace and consolation of our loving God help you through this time of reflection and grace.

Sincerely,

Fr. Paul W. Galetto, OSA, Ph.D.

Pastor

Funerals at St. Paul Parish

Use this booklet to choose appropriate readings and hymns for the Funeral Liturgy.

- The funeral home will coordinate with our office to book your loved one's funeral.
- To prepare the funeral liturgy, please complete the enclosed form with your reading and hymn selections. You may use this booklet to make your choices, then call the Parish Office to let us know your selections. Alternatively, you may provide this sheet to the priest presider when you meet with him.
- Please refer to this booklet for Eulogy guidelines for funerals at St. Paul Parish.
- The priest presider for your loved one's funeral liturgy will contact you directly to discuss the funeral arrangements and to learn about the deceased from you.

If you have any questions or further needs, please contact the Parish Office and our staff will be pleased to assist you. We are here for you.



Your Email Address for contact: _____

Your Cell phone for contact: _____

During the funeral liturgy, if you agree, we will display a photo of your loved one. Please send a photo to: St.Paul.Philly@gmail.com. By sending the photo, you agree to its display in the church during the funeral.

If a viewing is held in the church, you may display multiple photos during the viewing (until 15 minutes before the funeral Mass). **Please bring your own laptop to connect to the TV.**

FUNERAL LITURGY OUTLINE

NAME OF DECEASED _____

What name does the deceased go by? _____

EULOGY – Words of Remembrance

Before the start of the funeral, a eulogy can be given.

Name of Person giving eulogy: _____

**The speaker should have the eulogy written out (or at least have notes).
The eulogy should be no more than 5 minutes.**

The Priest will introduce the speaker.

Procession/Entrance into church

A. For a **Casket**

Name(s) of Person(s) covering the casket with “Pall” (white covering):

Religious Symbols on Casket (choose none, one or both): ____ Crucifix ____ Bible

B. For an **Urn/Ashes** (choose one option)

a. The urn will be placed on a table before the start of the Mass ____

b. The urn will be carried in procession ____

Person carrying the urn: _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A. Person doing the First Reading (selections pages 6-8): _____

B. Responsorial Psalm – **Sung by Cantor** (Please choose one)

- a. My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.
- b. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- c. The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?
- d. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.
- e. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

C. Person doing the Second Reading (selections pages 9-14): _____

D. Person doing the Prayer of the Faithful: _____

E. **Two** people Presenting Offertory Gifts _____

F. Blessed Mother Presentation: Name(s) of Person(s) putting flowers on Mary's Altar:



HYMNS

1. Entrance: Choose One:

Be Not Afraid
Christ Be Our Light
Here I Am, Lord
Save Your People

Morning Has Broken
We Remember
For All the Saints

2. Presentation of Gifts: Choose One:

You Are Mine
Prayer of St. Francis
I Have Loved You
You are Near
Come to the Water
O God, You Search Me

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Servant Song
Hosea
There is a Longing
Like a Shepherd
Blest Are They

4. Communion: Choose One:

Amazing Grace
Blest Are They
Gift of Finest Wheat
I Am the Bread of Life
In Remembrance of Me
This Bread that We Share
Behold the Lamb
Soul of My Savior

My Tribute (How can I say thanks)
One Bread, One Body
Only a Shadow
Panis Angelicus
The Supper of the Lord
Eat This Bread
Taste and See
Jesus My Lord, My God, My All

5. Communion Meditation (Optional): Choose One:

Ave Maria
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

On This Day, O Beautiful Mother
Mother, at your Feet is Kneeling

6. Closing: Choose One

City of God
How Great Thou Art
Soon and Very Soon
Let There Be Peace on Earth
Jesus, Remember Me
For All the Saints

On Eagle's Wings
We Will Rise Again
We are Going to See the Lord
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
We Walk by Faith

First Reading: Old Testament

A. Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

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.

B. Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6.

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 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 before 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. 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.



C. Job 19:1, 23-27

A reading from the book of Job

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! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

D. Wisdom 4:7-14

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

But 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.

E. Isaiah 25: 6. 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines. 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!"

F. Lamentations 3:17-26

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.

G. Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the book of Daniel.

I, Daniel, mourned and I 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; others 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.



Second Reading: New Testament

H. Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36. 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 (that) he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, 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."

J. Romans 5:1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

K. Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

L. Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

M. Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4. 8-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

N. Romans 14:7-9. 10-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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).

O. Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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 first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

P. Romans 8:31-35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then shall we say to this? 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.

R. 1 Corinthians 15:20-24. 25-28

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

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits 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 first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. 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.

S. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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

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.



T. 2 Corinthians 5:1. 6-10

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

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.

U. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

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.

V. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

W. 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

X. 1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

Y. Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, 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."

Z. Revelation 21:1-5. 6-7

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, 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.

Funeral Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Let us place our needs before our Creator.

Lector: Our response will be **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. In baptism, _____ received the light of Christ; we ask God to scatter the darkness of death and lead _____ to the light of everlasting life. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For our family and friends who mourn that they may be consoled. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For ourselves, that we may take what was great and beautiful in the life of _____ and continue to share those blessings with others. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all the sick and suffering that we know that we may offer them the compassion they deserve. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For all who are present in this church, that this liturgy of healing one another will continue throughout the entire year. Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant those petitions that are pleasing to your plan of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



