

FUNERALS FOR BAPTIZED CHILDREN

1017. READING I FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

1.

He will destroy death forever.

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:

“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.

2.

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

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.

1018. READING I FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER

1.

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

A reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9–10, 15–17)

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice:
“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,
and from the Lamb.
“For this reason they stand before God’s throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.
The One who sits on the throne will shelter them.
They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.
For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

2.

There shall be no more death.

A reading from the Book of Revelation (21:1a, 3–5a)

I, John, 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 away 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.

1019. RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. (23:1–3, 4, 5, 6)

R. (1) 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’s 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.

2. (25:4–5ab, 6 and 7bc, 20–21)

R. (1) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

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

3. (42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5)

R. (42:3) 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 so 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.

4. 148:1–2, 11–13a, 13c–14

R. (13a) Let all praise the name of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia

Praise the LORD from the heavens,

praise him in the heights;

Praise him, all you his angels,
praise him, all you his hosts.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,
the princes and all the judges of the earth,
Young men too, and maidens,
old men and boys,
Praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia

His majesty is above earth and heaven,
and he has lifted up the horn of his people.
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,
from the children of Israel, the people close to him. Alleluia.

R. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia

1020. READING II FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1.

We believe that we shall also live with him.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (6:3-4, 8-9)

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.

2.

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (14:7–9)

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.

The word of the Lord.

3.

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (15:20–23)

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 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.

4.

He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy.

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

5.

We shall be with the Lord forever.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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.

1021. ALLELUIA VERSE AND VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

1. See [Matthew 11:25](#)

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to the childlike the mysteries of the Kingdom.

2. [John 6:39](#)

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

3. [2 Corinthians 1:3b–4a](#)

Blessed be the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement,
who encourages us in our every affliction.

1022. GOSPEL

1.

You have hidden these things from the wise and the learned and have revealed them to the childlike.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew ([11:25–30](#))

At that time Jesus answered:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

2.

The Kingdom of heaven belongs to little children.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:13–16)

People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them,
but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this he became indignant, and said to them,

“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Amen, I say to you,

whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child
will not enter it.”

Then he embraced the children and blessed them,
placing his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

3.

LONG FORM

This is the will of my Father, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (6:37–40)

Jesus said to the crowds:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

OR

SHORT FORM

This is the will of my Father, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (6:37–39)

Jesus said to the crowds:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

4.

(For a child who had already received the Eucharist)

Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise him up on the last day.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (6:51–58)

Jesus said to the Jews:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh
for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,

“How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.
For my Flesh is true food,
and my Blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

5.

If you believe, you will see the glory of God.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:32–38, 40)

When Mary [the sister of Lazarus]
came to where Jesus was and saw him,
she fell at his feet and said to him,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.”
When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,
he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,
“Where have you laid him?”
They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”
And Jesus wept.
So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”
But some of them said,
“Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.
Jesus said to her,
“Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

6.

Behold, your mother.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (19:25–30)

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother
and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.
When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved
he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.”
Then he said to the disciple,
“Behold, your mother.”
And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,
Jesus said, “I thirst.”
There was a vessel filled with common wine.
So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop
and put it up to his mouth.
When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,
“It is finished.”
And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.