

Recommended Propers and Hymns for a Funeral

At the Procession Readings and Psalms

Psalm 23*	<i>The LORD is my shepherd</i>
Psalm 90	<i>Our dwelling place in all generations</i>
Psalm 118	<i>God's steadfast love endures forever</i>
Psalm 130	<i>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD</i>
Isaiah 41:9b-10	<i>Do not be afraid, for I am with you</i>
Matthew 11:28-29	<i>I will give you rest</i>
John 11:25-26	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
John 14:27	<i>Peace I leave with you</i>
Romans 14:7-9	<i>Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's</i>
Revelation 1:17-18	<i>Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last</i>
Revelation 14:13	<i>Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord</i>

In the Service

First Reading

Job 19:23-27a	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	<i>For everything there is a season</i>
Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>God will swallow up death forever</i>
Isaiah 40:1, 6-11*	<i>God will gather the lambs</i>
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31	<i>Comfort my people, says your God</i>
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7*	<i>I have called you by name</i>
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19	<i>I am about to do a new thing</i>
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	<i>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters</i>
Isaiah 61:1-3	<i>The spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me</i>
Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25*	<i>A new heaven and a new earth</i>
Isaiah 66:10-14*	<i>As a mother comforts her child</i>
Jeremiah 31:8-13	<i>I will turn their mourning into joy</i>
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33	<i>The steadfast love of the LORD</i>

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23*	<i>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want (v. 1)</i>
Psalm 42:1-5*	<i>I thirst for God, for the living God (v.2)</i>
Psalm 46:1-7	<i>God is our refuge and strength (v. 1)</i>
Psalm 121*	<i>I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD (v.1,2)</i>
Psalm 139:7-12*	<i>Your hand will lead me and hold me fast (v. 10)</i>

Psalm 142:1-6*
Psalm 143

*I cry out to you, O LORD; listen to my cry (v.5,6)
LORD, hear my prayer; answer me in your righteousness (v. 1)*

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11	<i>Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39*	<i>Who will separate us from the love of Christ?</i>
1 Corinthians 15:12-26	<i>Christ, the first fruits, has been raised</i>
2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18	<i>Treasure in clay jars</i>
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18*	<i>Teaching about those who have died</i>
Hebrews 12:1-2	<i>Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses</i>
1 Peter 1:3-9	<i>A living hope through Jesus' resurrection</i>
1 John 3:1-2*	<i>See what love the Father has given us</i>
Revelation 7:9-17	<i>God will wipe away every tear</i>
Revelation 21:2-7	<i>I say a holy city, the new Jerusalem</i>
Revelation 22:1-5	<i>The Lord God will be their light</i>

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-10*	<i>Blessed are those who mourn</i>
Matthew 11:25-30	<i>I will give you rest</i>
Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14*	<i>A child is the greatest in the kingdom</i>
Mark 10:13-16*	<i>Let the little children come</i>
Mark 16:1-7	<i>The resurrection of Christ</i>
Luke 24:1-9	<i>The resurrection of Christ</i>
John 1:1-5, 9-14	<i>The light shines in the darkness</i>
John 6:37-40	<i>I will raise them up on the last day</i>
John 10:11-16*	<i>I am the good shepherd</i>
John 11:21-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
John 14:1-6	<i>I prepare a place for you</i>
John 14:25-27	<i>Peace I leave with you</i>

*These readings of scripture are useful for a funeral of a child.

Hymns

308	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
313	O Lord, Now Let Your Servant
351, 352	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
377	Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!
381	Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes
391	This Joyful Eastertide
409	Kyrie! God, Father
422	For All the Saints

423	Shall We Gather at the River
429	In Our Day of Thanksgiving
447	O Blessed Spring
483	Here Is Bread
500	Now We Remain
502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
531	The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
595*	Jesus Loves Me!
613*	Thy Holy Wings
621	Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense
622	Neither Death nor Life
629	Abide with Me
636	How Small Our Span of Life
637	Holy God, Holy and Gracious
639	When We Are Living
721	Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
730	Lord Our God, with Praise We Come
750	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
759	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
760	O Christ the Same
770	Give Me Jesus
773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
778	The Lord's My Shepherd
786	O Holy Spirit, Enter In
787	On Eagle's Wings
815*	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
826	Thine the Amen

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