

New Testament Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Peter proceeded to address the people in the words: "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, 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 Lord....*

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 Lord....*

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.....

Romans 8:14-23

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 himself 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 Lord....*

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 Lord....*

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 Lord....*

Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23) by Marry Haugen
*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.*

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want.
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness will follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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Shelter Me, O God (Psalm 16) by Bob Hurd
Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

- You alone are my hope.*
1. When my foes surround me, set me high above their reach.
Hear me when I call your name.
 2. As a mother gathers her young beneath her care
gather me into your arms.
 3. Though I walk in darkness, through the needle's eye of death,
you will never leave my side.

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This Alone (Psalm 27) by Tim Mannion

- One thing I ask, this alone I seek,
To dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.
For one day within your temple heads ev'ry day alone.*
- O Lord, bring me to your dwelling.*
1. Hear, O Lord, the sound of my calling.
Hear, I Lord, and show me your way.
 2. The Lord is my light and hope of salvation.
The Lord is my refuge, whom should I fear?
 3. Wait on the Lord, and hope in his mercy.
Wait on the Lord, and live in his love.

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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 Lord....*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. 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 Lord....*

2 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 Lord....*

1 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 Lord....*

1 John 3:14-16

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. 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 Lord....*

Communion Songs

Awesome in This Place by Dave Billington

As I come into your presence Past the gates of praise
Into your sanctuary Till we're standing face to face.
I look upon your countenance I see the fullness of your grace.
I can only bow down and say: You are awesome in this place,
mighty God.

You are awesome in this place, Abba, Father. You are worthy of all
praise To you our lives we raise
You are awesome in this place, mighty God.

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I am the Bread of Life by Susan Toolan, RSM

1. I am the Bread of Life; You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
And I will raise you up, raise you up on the last day.
The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever. *Refrain*
2. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even
though you die, you shall live forever. *Refrain*
3. Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
who has come into the world. *Refrain*

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Here I Am, Lord by Daniel L. Schutte

1. I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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Responsorial Psalms (sung)

Be with Me (Psalm 91)

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, Be with me Lord, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High, who abide in the
shadow of our God, say to the Lord: "My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust."
2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, for the angels stand close by
your side, guarding you always and bearing you gently,
watching over your life.

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I Lift Up My Soul (Psalm 25)

by Tim Manion

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

1. O Lord, show your ways to me. Teach me your paths and keep me in
the ways of your truth, For you are the God that saves me.
2. The Lord is so good, so holy, Sinners find the way, and in all that is right
he guides the humble. The poor he leads in his pathways.
3. All day long I hope in your goodness Remember your love, the love that
you promised long ago, And the kindness that you gave
from the old.

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The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 18)

by John Foley, S.J.

*The Lord is my light, the Lord is my shield. Praise the Lord and the love he
reveals. Safe journey shelter and home, safe in the Lord alone.*

1. Hear, O Lord, my cry to you. Turn not away for you are my life.
Turn not your face from me.
2. Seek your face, you said, O Lord, my heart says:
"Your face, Lord, I seek." Hide not your face from me.

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Let Your Mercy Be on Us (Psalm 33) by Marty Haugen

Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

1. In your words, O God, are truth indeed,
and all your works are ever faithful;
you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.
2. See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope,
to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine!
3. Exult, you just, in the Lord, for praise is the song of the righteous!
How happy the people of God, the ones whom God has chosen!
4. Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield,
May your kindness, O God, be upon us who place our hope in you.

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Scripture Readings

For generations of Jews and Christians, God's message in the Bible has been a source of comfort and strength in time of sorrow. The following parts of the Bible are offered to you in this time of your loss. Through the words of hope and promise, the Lord desires to share his Spirit of comfort with you. You are invited to read them and choose one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament to be used at the funeral Mass. Either or both may be read by a family member or friend, if you so desire. The Responsorial Psalm between the two readings is usually sung. Musical pieces based on the Psalms in the Bible are included.

Old Testament Readings

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 Lord...*

Job 19:1, 23-27

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. *The Word of the Lord...*

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 before men, indeed, they shall 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 his elect. The word of the Lord.

We Have Come

by Jacques DesShetler

1. You give waters in the wilderness, rivers in the desert places;
Fresh drink to the people of God, we have come,
we have come to your well.

*We have come to the waters to drink deep of your pleasures;
We have come to the waters to be satisfied.*

*We have come to the waters to drink deep of your pleasures;
We have come to the waters, in you we delight.*

2. In your presence is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore;
We drink from the waters that will never fail
life eternal springs from this well.

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How Great Thou Art

by Stuart Hine, Carl Boberg, Eugene Thomas

1. O Lord, my God When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout The universe displayed.
*Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee.
How great Thou art How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee.
How great Thou art How great Thou art.*
2. And when I think That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died To take away my sin.
3. When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And there proclaim My God how great Thou art.

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy moon shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Nearer My God to Thee

by Sarah F. Adams, & Lowell Mason

1. Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee; Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
2. There let the way appear, Steps unto heaven,
All that Thou sendest me, In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me,
3. Or if, on joyful wing Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upward I fly, Still all my song shall be,

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Song of the Angels

by Robert Dufford, S.J.

1. May songs of the angels welcome you
And guide you along your way.
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own
As darkness turns to day.
2. Every fear will be undone And death will be no more,
As songs of the angels bring you home
Before the face of God.

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Song of Farewell

by Ernest Sands

- May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.
May you find eternal life.*
1. The Lord is my light and my help, It is he who protects me from
harm. The Lord is the strength of my days.
Before whom should I tremble with fear?
 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, That he grant me my heart felt
desire To dwell in the courts of our God, Every day of my life in
his presence.
 3. O Lord, hear my voice when I cry, Have mercy on me and give
answer. Do not cast me away in your anger, For you are the God of
my help.
 4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness.
I shall dwell in the land of the living. Hope in God, stand firm and
take heart. Place all your trust in the Lord.

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Our Prayers are with You

St. Margaret's parish family wishes to offer our prayers and sincere condolences to you and your loved ones. We want very much to assist you during this sad time with planning the Funeral Liturgy. This Mass is not only a prayer for your departed loved one. It is a time when the Lord can offer you his comfort and support.

In this booklet, you will find appropriate scripture readings and music selections. We ask that you choose:

- An Entrance Hymn, pp. 3-6.
- An Old Testament Reading, pp. 7-9. (*This reading may be read by a family member or friend.*)
- A Responsorial Psalm, pp. 9-12.
(*This is led by our Music Ministry.*)
- A New Testament Reading, pp. 13-17. (*This reading may also be read by a family member or friend.*)
- [A Gospel will be selected by the Priest.]
- A Communion Hymn, pp. 18-20.
- A Hymn during the Incensing of the Body, pp. 21-22.
(*Omitted if the body has been cremated, or if this is a Memorial Mass.*)
- A Recessional Hymn, p. 23.

Feel free to make notes or write questions in this booklet—it is yours. Our Ministry of Hope team will assist you in finalizing your choices by filling out a Funeral Planner with you. They will also invite you to share some biographical information to make the funeral Mass more personal.

Our parish's music ministry will make every effort to use the selections you have chosen. Sometimes, however, changes are unavoidable, e.g., a visiting musician who does not know a particular hymn. In such cases, please be assured that we have tried to use your choices but the unexpected may have prevented us from doing so.

In addition, we hope you understand that last minute changes on the morning of the Mass, especially with music selections, are very hard to do. We will always try our best, however, to serve you during this difficult time.

Lastly, please note that eulogies are not permitted during Mass.
Families wishing to offer a eulogy should plan on doing so during the Vigil Wake Service or at the cemetery.

How Great Thou Art

(see Entrance Songs)

Nearer My God, to Thee

(see Entrance Songs)

On Eagle's Wings

(see Entrance Songs)

Where You Lead Me

by Jaque DeShelter, Shawn Craig

Where you lead me, I will follow
With your rod and staff to guide me
Over mountains, through the valleys
You will bring my heart through safely.
And I will rest in the shadow of your wings.
My soul follows hard after thee.
*O my God, you are my keeper
And you have everything I need.
You're my shepherd. My soul follows hard after thee.*

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