

*Planning Guide
for Rite of Christian Burial*



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.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

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. 3-5.
- An Old Testament Reading, pp. 6-7.
- A Responsorial Psalm, pp. 8-11.
(This is led by our Music Ministry.)
- A New Testament Reading, pp. 12-16.
[A Gospel will be selected by the Priest.]
- A Communion Hymn, pp. 17-19.
- A Hymn during the Incensing of the Body, pp. 20-21.
*(Omitted if the body has been cremated,
or if this is a Memorial Mass.)*
- A Recessional Hymn, pp. 22-23.

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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Recessional Hymns

Amazing Grace

(see Entrance Songs)

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Song

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Nought be all else to me,
save that thou art, Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word, I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord, Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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Go In Peace

by Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

1. There will be no more darkness, no more night.
There will be no more sadness, only joy and light.
Lift your eyes beyond the hills and see the dawn.
There is beautiful mercy in the arms of the Holy One.
*Go in peace, God be with you. Go in peace, be at rest
with the saints and the angels, now you are free. Go in peace.*
2. See the Father is waiting with a robe of purest white.
Go and feast at his table with the Bread of Life.
Lift your heart, rejoice and sing, for you are home
Home, at last and forever, in the arms of the Holy One.

Refrain

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Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark the glad celestial hymn, angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.
3. Lo! the apostolic train joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, the white-robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set of sun, thruthe church the song goes on.

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Entrance Hymns

Amazing Grace

by John Newton & John Rees

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.
3. Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we first begun.

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Be Not Afraid

by Bob Dufford, SJ

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
you shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.
*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*
2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

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How Great Is Your Love

by Mark Altrogge

1. No eye has seen, No ear has heard,
And no mind has ever conceived
The glorious things, that you have prepared
For everyone who has believed.
You brought us near and you called us your own,
And made us joint heirs with Your Son.
*How high and how wide, How deep and how long,
How sweet and how strong Is Your love.
How lavish Your grace, How faithful Your ways,
How great is Your love, O Lord.*
2. Objects of mercy, who should have known wrath,
We're filled with unspeakable joy,
Riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,
And the wonder of knowing your voice,
You are our treasure and our great reward,
Our hope and our glorious King.

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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
And take me home What joy shall fill my heart.
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 lifegiving 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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Hymns during the Incensing of the Body

He Knows My Name by Tommy Walker

I have a Maker, he formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in his hand.

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call.*

I have a Father. He calls me his own.
He'll never leave me no matter where I go.

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I Know That My Redeemer Lives by Scott Soper

I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again.

1. I know that my Redeemer lives, The One who calls me home.
I long to see God face to face, To see with my own eyes.
2. I know that I shall one day see The goodness of the Lord,
When God will wipe away our tears,
and death will be no more.
3. The last day I shall rise again, Shall be remade like God.
My home shall be by God's own side, The dying, rising Lord.

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand by Thomas Dorsey

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

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In the Garden

by C. Austine Miles

1. I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.
*And He walks with me, And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.*
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet,
The birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing.
3. I'd stay in the garden with Him, Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; Through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.
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On Eagle's Wings

by Michael Joncas

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for
life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*
2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring
you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by
day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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Power of Your Love

by Geoff Bullock

1. Lord, I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the pow'r of your love.
*Hold me close, let your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to your side. And as I wait,
I'll rise up like the eagle And I will soar with you,
your Spirit leads me on In the pow'r of your love.*
2. Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face,
The knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life,
In living ev'ry day in the pow'r of your love.

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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 choose one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament to be used at the funeral Mass. Either the lector from the parish or the celebrant will read them.

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 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 Jacque DeShetter

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 Is Your Love (see Entrance Songs)

Lord, I Come *by Billy Funk*

Lord, I come, take my life I offer it to you, a living sacrifice;
By your grace, by your blood I come into the Holy of Holies.
All I want to do is dwell in your presence
And drink from the well that never runs dry;
All I want to see is the light of your glory,
Just one glimpse, just one drink and my soul is satisfied.

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On Eagle's Wings (see Entrance Songs)

One Bread, One Body *by John Foley*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, Woman or man, no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord of all.
3. Grain for the field, scattered and grown, Gathered to one, for all.

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Only This I Want *By Dan Schutte*

*Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.*

1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,
For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
So to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.
3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord,
So to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

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This Alone (see Responsorial Psalms)

Wisdom 4:7-15

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. *The Word of Lord....*

Lamentations 3:17-26

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. *The Word of Lord....*

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 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. *The Word of Lord....*”

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

Judas [the ruler of Israel] 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 of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. 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 freed from this sin. *The Word of Lord...*

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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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.

2. 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.
3. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even
though you die, you shall live forever.
4. Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
who has come into the world.

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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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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 Lord....*

Revelation 20:11-21:1

Next 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 Lord....*

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

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. 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 Lord....*

Only in God (Psalm 71)

by John Michael Talbot

1. Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation.
He, only, is my rock, my strength and my salvation.
2. Only in God is found safety when my enemy pursues me.
Only in God is found glory when I am found meek and found lowly.

My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all.

My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.

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My Soul is Thirsting (Psalm 63)

by Bob Hurd

*My soul is thirsting, my body pines. For you my heart is longing.
Your love is better than life itself. You are the God who
upholds me. You are the God whom I seek.*

1. Like a dry weary land without water, so my flesh pines for you.
Parched and lifeless is my spirit without you
2. I will bless you as long as I live; I will sing songs of praise.
In your presence I will feast and be filled.
3. In the watches of night I remember; you, my God, you, my help.
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice

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My Shepherd is the Lord (Psalm 23)

by Joseph Gelineau, SJ

My Shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want

My Shepherd is the Lord, there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right paths, he is true to his name.

*If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are
there with your crook and your staff. With these you give me comfort.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me, all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23)

by Marty 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 Manion

*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 heals 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 the 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 the 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....*

1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28

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 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 Lord....*

1 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 Lord....*

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

We know 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 Lord....*

2 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 Lord....*

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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 the 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 the 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. *The Word of the Lord....*

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 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....*

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....*

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....*