

## FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

*12:43-45*

Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from them individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmas, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

*19:1,23-27*

Job spoke next. He said:

Ah, would that these words of mine were written down,  
inscribed on some monument  
with iron chisel and engraving tool,  
cut into the rock for ever.

This I know: that my Avenger lives,  
and he, the Last, will take his stand on earth.

After my awakening, he will set me close to him,  
and from my flesh I shall look on God.

He whom I shall see will take my part:  
these eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.  
My heart within me sinks.

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

3:1-6, 9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,  
no torment shall ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,  
their going looked like a disaster,  
their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace.  
If they experienced punishment as men see it,  
their hope was rich with immortality;  
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.  
God has put them to the test  
and has proved them worthy to be with him;  
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,  
and accepted them as a holocaust.  
When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;  
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.  
They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will be their king for ever.  
They who trust in him will understand the truth,  
those who are faithful will live with him in love;  
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

25:6-9

On this mountain,  
Yahweh Sabaoth will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy death for ever.  
Lord Yahweh will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for Yahweh has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
Yahweh is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us.'

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Lamentations

3:22-26

The favour of God is not all past,  
his kindnesses are not exhausted;  
every morning they are renewed;  
great is his faithfulness.  
‘My portion is God’s says my soul  
‘and so I will hope in him.’  
God is good to those who trust him,  
to the soul that searches for him.  
It is good to wait in silence  
for Yahweh to save.

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*10:34-36, 42-43*

Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

‘It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ—but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men, and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Revelation

*7:9-10, 15-17*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

They now stand in front of God's throne and serving him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun and scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Revelation

*14:13*

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, ‘Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.’

The word of the Lord.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Revelation

21:1-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, ‘You see the city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.’

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke. ‘Now, I am making the whole of creation new’ he said. ‘Write this: that what I am saying is sure and will come true.’ And then he said, ‘It is already done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 22*

***R.*** *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
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.

***R.***

He guides me along the right path;  
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.

***R.***

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

***R.***

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.

***R.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 26*

***R.*** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

***R.***

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

***R.***

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.

***R.***

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

***R.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 121*

***R.*** *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***R.***

Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

***R.***

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

***R.***

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
In your palaces, peace!'

***R.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 142*

***R.*** *O Lord, hear my prayer.*

Lord, listen to my prayer:  
turn your ear to my appeal.  
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.  
Do not call your servant to judgement  
for no one is just in your sight.

***R.***

I remember the days that are past:  
I ponder all your works.  
I muse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.  
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

***R.***

Lord, make haste and give me answer:  
for my spirit fails within me.  
In the morning let me know your love  
for I put my trust in you.

***R.***

Teach me to do your will  
for you, O Lord, are my God.  
Let your good spirit guide me  
in ways that are level and smooth.

***R.***

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul  
to the Romans

*6:3-4, 8-9*

You have been taught that when we were baptised into Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul  
To the Romans

*8:31b-35, 37-39*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us—he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothing, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or the depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

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

*15:20-23*

Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits, and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

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

*15:51-57*

Now I am going to tell you a mystery: we are not all going to fall asleep, but we are all going to be changed, instantly, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. The trumpet is going to sound, and then the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed, because this perishable nature of ours must put on imperishability, this mortal nature must put on immortality.

And after this perishable nature has put on imperishability and this mortal nature has put on immortality, then will the words of scripture come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin comes from the Law. Thank God, then, for giving us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul  
to the Ephesians

*1:3-5*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in  
Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,  
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,  
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus  
Christ.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul  
to the Philippians

*3:20-21*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole of the universe.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul  
to Timothy

*2:8-13*

Remember the Good News that I carry, ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal—but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

3:1-2

You must see what great love the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children—  
which is what we are!

The reason why the world does not acknowledge us is that it did not acknowledge him.

My dear friends, we are already God's children, but what we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed. We are well aware that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

*3:14-16*

We are well aware that we have passed over from death to life because we love one another.

Whoever does not love, remains in death.

All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you are well aware that murderers do not have eternal life remaining in them.

This is the proof of love, that he laid down his life for us, and we too ought to lay down our lives for one another.

The word of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How blessed are the poor in spirit:  
the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are the gentle:  
they shall have the earth as inheritance.

Blessed are those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness:  
they shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be recognised as children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted  
in the cause of uprightness:  
the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

‘Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

*11:25-30*

At that time Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to little children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

*11:25-30*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

‘The kingdom of Heaven will be like this: Ten wedding attendants took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones, though they took their lamps, took no oil with them, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, “Look! The bridegroom! Go out and meet him.” Then all those wedding attendants woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” But they replied, “There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.” They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other attendants arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us.” But he replied, “In truth I tell you, I do not know you.” So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

# **GOSPEL**

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark

*10:13-16*

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples scolded them, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. In truth I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he embraced them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*7:11-17*

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. Now when he was near the gate of the town there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople was with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her and said to her, 'Don't cry.' Then he went up and touched the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you: get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and glorified God saying, 'A great prophet has risen up among us; God has visited his people.' And this view of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*12:35-40*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you have your belts done up and your lamps lit. Be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. In truth I tell you, he will do up his belt, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch that he comes, or in the third, but blessed are those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*23:33, 39-43*

When they reached the place called The Skull, there they crucified him and the two criminals, one on his right, the other on his left.

One of the criminals hanging there abused him: 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He answered him, 'In truth I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*24:13-16, 28-35*

Now that very same day, two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. And it happened that as they were talking together and discussing it, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but their eyes were prevented from recognising him.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them saying, 'It is nearly evening, and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'The Lord has indeed risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘Everyone whom the Father gives me  
will come to me;  
I will certainly not reject anyone who comes to me, because  
I have come from heaven,  
not to do my own will,  
but to do the will of him who sent me.  
Now the will of him who sent me  
is that I should lose nothing  
of all that he has given to me,  
but that I should raise it up on the last day.  
It is my Father’s will  
that whoever sees the Son and believes in him  
should have eternal life,  
and that I should raise that person up on the last day.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread  
that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing among themselves, ‘How can this  
man give us his flesh to eat?’ Jesus replied to them:

‘In all truth I tell you,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man  
and drink his blood,  
you have no life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has  
eternal life,  
and I shall raise that person up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me and I live in that person.  
As the living Father sent me  
and I draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will also draw life from me.  
This is the bread which has come down from heaven; it is  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*11:21-27*

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection.

Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies,  
will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you  
believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*11:32-45*

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who had come with her, Jesus was greatly distressed, and with a profound sigh he said, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man. Could he not have prevented this man's death?' Sighing again, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day since he died.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took the stone away. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.  
I myself knew that you hear me always, but I speak  
for the sake of all these who are standing around me, so that  
they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with strips of material, and a cloth over his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*12:23-26*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Now the hour has come  
for the Son of man to be glorified.  
In all truth I tell you,  
unless a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.  
Anyone who loves their life loses it;  
anyone who hates their life in this world  
will keep it for eternal life.  
Whoever serves me, must follow me,  
and my servant will be with me wherever I am.  
Whoever serves me, my Father will honour.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*14:1-6*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
You trust in God, trust also in me.  
In my Father’s house there are many places to live in;  
otherwise I would have told you.  
I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you to myself,  
so that you may be with me  
where I am.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how  
can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way; I am Truth and Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

# GOSPEL

*(Read by the priest)*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*17:24-26*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Father, I want those you have given me  
to be with me where I am,  
so that they may always see my glory  
which you have given me  
because you loved me  
before the foundation of the world.  
Father, Upright One,  
the world has not known you,  
but I have known you,  
and these have known  
that you have sent me.  
I have made your name known to them  
and will continue to make it known,  
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,  
and so that I may be in them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*(Suggestions)*

1. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N..... Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord hear us:

2. For N..... who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted into the company of the saints.

Lord hear us:

3. In baptism N..... received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord hear us:

4. Our brother/sister N..... was nourished at the Altar of the Lord. Welcome him/her into halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord hear us:

5. For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.

Lord hear us:

6. For the family and friends of our brother/sister N....., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord hear us:

7. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord hear us:

8. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.

Lord hear us:

9. Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord hear us:

10. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord hear us:

11. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord hear us:

12. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life.

Lord hear us:

*For a deceased child*

13. For N....., child of God, that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

Lord hear us.

14. For N.....'s family, especially his/her mother and father, [his/her brother(s) and sister(s)], that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

Lord hear us.

15. For N.....'s friends, those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another.

Lord hear us:

16. For all parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God.

Lord hear us:

17. For children who have died of hunger and disease, that these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table.

Lord hear us: