

## Epistle Readings

The following readings may be used in the funeral service.

### Romans 5:1-11 –

“Christ died for us.”

### Romans 6:3-10 –

“Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection.”

### Romans 8:14-23 –

“We share in Christ’s suffering and glory.”

### Romans 8:31-39 –

“Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.”

### Romans 14:7-9 –

“Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”

### 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 –

“In Christ we will be made alive.”

### 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 –

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

### 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 –

“Away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

### Philippians 3:20-21 –

“Our citizenship is in heaven.”

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 –

“The dead in Christ will rise first.”

### 2 Timothy 4:6-8 –

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race.”

### 1 John 3:1-2 –

“We shall be like him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

### Revelation 7:9-17 –

“Standing before the throne in front of the Lamb.”

### Revelation 14:13 –

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

## Gospel Readings

The followings Gospel readings may be used in the funeral.

### Matthew 5:1-12 –

“God’s saints are blessed.”

### Matthew 25:1-13 –

“Jesus the heavenly bridegroom comes.”

### Mark 10:13-16 –

“Little children are brought to Jesus.”

### Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6 –

“Jesus’ death and resurrection.”

### Luke 2:25-32 –

“Lord, let your servant go in peace.”

### Luke 23:33, 39-43 –

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

### John 3:16-18 –

“God so loved the World.”

### John 5:24-30 –

“He has crossed over from death to life.”

### John 6:27-40 –

“And I will raise him up on the last day.”

### John 10:11-16 –

“I am the Good Shepherd.”

### John 11:17-27 –

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

### John 14:1-6 –

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

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# Resources for the Burial of the Dead



“I am the resurrection and the life”

John 11:25

## Psalmody

The following Psalms may be used in the funeral service.

### Psalm 16 –

“You have made known to me the path of life”

### Psalm 17:6-15 –

“When I awake I will be satisfied.”

### Psalm 23 –

“I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.”

### Psalm 25:1-5, 15-20 –

“Guard my life and rescue me.”

### Psalm 27 –

“I will see the goodness of the Lord.”

### Psalm 31:7-24 –

“Into your hands I commit my spirit.”

### Psalm 39:4-13 –

“What do I look for? My hope is in you.”

### Psalm 42 –

“Let them bring me to Your Holy Mountain.”

### Psalm 65:1-8 –

“Blessed is the man You choose and bring near.”

### Psalm 73:23-28 –

“Afterward you will take me into glory.”

### Psalm 84 –

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house.”

### Psalm 118:1-21 –

“This is the gate of the Lord.”

### Psalm 121 –

“My help comes from the Lord.”

### Psalm 130 –

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.”

## Hymnody

The following hymns may be used in the funeral service.

A lamb goes uncomplaining Forth

Abide with Me

All who believe and are baptized

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Awake My Heart With Gladness

Behold A Host Arrayed In White

Children of the Heavenly Father

Christ, the Life of All the Living

For All the Saints

From Depths of Woe I cry to You

I am But a Stranger Here

I am Jesus' Little Lamb

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

In God, My Faithful God

In the Midst of Earthly Life

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

Jesus Christ My Sure Defense

Jesus Lives! The Victory Won

Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

Oh, How Blest Are You Whose

The Day is Surely Drawing Near

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want

## Old Testament Readings

The following Readings may be used in the funeral service.

### 2 Samuel 12:15-23 –

“King David looks to the resurrection of his son.”

### 1 Kings 17:17-24 –

“Elijah raises the widow's son.”

### Job 5:6-7, 17-26 –

“Job's friend speaks of the Lord's wounding and healing.”

### Job 19:21-27 –

“Job confesses his faith in the resurrection.”

### Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 –

“Remember your creator.”

### Isaiah 25:6-9 –

“The Lord will swallow up death forever.”

### Isaiah 26:1-4, 19 –

“Your Dead will live.”

### Isaiah 35:3-10 –

“Sorrow and sighing will flee away.”

### Isaiah 43:1-3a, 25 –

“Fear not you are mine.”

### Isaiah 57:1-2 –

“The righteous find rest.”

### Isaiah 61:1-3, 10 –

“To comfort all who mourn.”

### Lamentations 3:22-33 –

“His compassion never fails.”

### Daniel 12:1-3 –

“Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake.”

