Funeral Mass
Liturgy Selections

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**Processional Songs**

**Amazing Grace**
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.
[Click for the lyrics to the entire song]

**Be Not Afraid**
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.
[Click for the lyrics to the entire song]

**Here I am, Lord**
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.
[Click for the lyrics to the entire song]

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus**
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.
[Click for the lyrics to the entire song]

**Prayer of St. Francis**
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
[Click for the lyrics to the entire song]
First Reading Selections

Daniel 12:1-3
… Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Optional omission: v.7-15)
…There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Isaiah 25:6-9
…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…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Isaiah 40:1-11
…Though the grass withers and the flower wilts, the word of our God stands forever… Like a shepherd he feeds his flock…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Isaiah 40:28-31
… they will soar as with eagle’s wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Isaiah 41:9-13
…Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Isaiah 43:1-7
…I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Isaiah 49:13-16
… See upon the palms of my hands I have written your name; your walls are ever before me…
Click for the text of the entire reading
Job 19:1, 23-27
…I know that my vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Lamentations 3:17-26
...My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

2 Maccabees 12:43-46
...Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Micah 6:6-8
...You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Proverbs 31:10-31
...Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
...My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives...
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Solomon 2:8-12
...For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23
...God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*
Wisdom 3:1-9 *(Optional omission: v.7-8)*
…The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Wisdom 4:7-15
…The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest...
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Zephaniah 3:16-20
…At that time I bring you home, and at that time I will gather you. For you I will give you renown and praise, among all the peoples on the earth…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*
Psalm Selections

**Shepherd Me O God: Psalm 23**
Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

**The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: Psalm 27**
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**My Soul Thirsts for You, O Lord: Psalm 63**
My soul thirsts for you, O lord.

**Loving and Forgiving: Psalm 103**
Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

**The Lord is Kind and Merciful: Psalm 103**
The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful. Slow to anger, rich in kindness; the Lord is kind and merciful.

**I Will Walk Before the Lord: Psalm 116**
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**My Soul Is Still: Psalm 131**
In you, O Lord, I have found my peace, I have found my peace.

**You Are Near: Psalm 139**
Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

**Bless the Lord, My Soul: Psalm 147**
Bless the Lord, my soul who heals the broken hearted.

*Click here for an extended list of Psalm selections*
Second Reading Selections

...everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Colossians 3:12-17
...let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body…
Click for the text of the entire reading

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-13
...As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ…
Click for the text of the entire reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8
...Love is patient; love is kind...There is no limit to love’s forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never fails…
Click for the text of the entire reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58
...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…
Click for the text of the entire reading

...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…
Click for the text of the entire reading

1 John 4:11-16
...God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him…
Click for the text of the entire reading
1 Peter 1:3-9
...Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you
do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an
indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of (your)
faith, the salvation of your souls…
[Click for the text of the entire reading]

Philippians 2:2-4, 14-16
...hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ
may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain…
[Click for the text of the entire reading]

Philippians 4:4-9
...Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God...
[Click for the text of the entire reading]

Revelation 14:13
...Happy now are the dead who die in the Lord!...
[Click for the text of the entire reading]

Revelation 21:1-7
...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…
[Click for the text of the entire reading]

Romans 5:1-5
...And this hope will not have us disappointed, because the love of
God has been poured in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us…
[Click for the text of the entire reading]

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…
[Click for the text of the entire reading]
Romans 5: 17-21
...just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Romans 6:3-9 *(Optional omission: v.5-7)*
...We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39
...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…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Romans 10: 8-13
...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Romans 14:7-12
...For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord…
Click for the text of the entire reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
...For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep…
Click for the text of the entire reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 *(Optional omission: v.16-18)*
...From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance…
Click for the text of the entire reading
1 John 3: 1-2
…We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is…
Click for the text of the entire reading
Gospel Reading Selections

Matthew 5:1-12
...Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted...
Click for the text of the entire reading

Matthew 11:25-30 (Optional omission: v.25-27)
...Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Matthew 18:19-20
... where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Matthew 22:31-40
...He is not the God of the dead but of the living…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Matthew 25:1-13
...Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Mark 10: 13-16
...Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these…
Click for the text of the entire reading

Mark 15:33-39
...Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last…
Click for the text of the entire reading

...My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior…
Click for the text of the entire reading
Luke 7:11-17
...He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Luke 12:22-34
... Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

Luke 12:35-40
... You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

John 3:16-18
...For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

John 5:24-30
...Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

John 6:35-40
...For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*

John 6:51-58
...Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day…
*Click for the text of the entire reading*
John 10:10b-11, 14-18
... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine knows me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep…
Click for the text of the entire reading

John 11:1-45 (Optional omission: v.1-20, 28-45 OR v.1-2, 8-16, 18-19, 28-33a)
...I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die…
Click for the text of the entire reading

John 12:23-26
...Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life…
Click for the text of the entire reading

John 14:1-6
...I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me…
Click for the text of the entire reading

John 15:9-18
...As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love…
Click for the text of the entire reading

John 17:1-5
...Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ…
Click for the text of the entire reading

John 17:24-26
...I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them…
Click for the text of the entire reading

John 20:24-31
...Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed…
Click for the text of the entire reading
John 21:15-19

...when you were young, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch our your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go…

Click for the text of the entire reading
Presentation of Gifts

Eye Has Not Seen
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, What God has ready for those who love Him; Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus, Teach us the wisdom of God.

*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*

I Can Only Imagine
I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side. I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before me. I can only imagine. Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?

*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*

We Will Rise Again
We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*

You Are Mine
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*

You Raise Me Up
You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains; you raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong, when I am on your shoulders; you raise me up: To more than I can be.

*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*
Communion Songs

Come Into My House
Come into my house, come under my roof. May I share your feast, the fullness of truth. Your presence heals, Your Spirit renews, and draws my soul closer to you.

Click for the lyrics to the entire song

I Am the Bread of Life
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…on the last day.

Click for the lyrics to the entire song

O Lord, I Am Not Worthy
O Lord, I am not worthy that thou should’st come to me; But speak the word of comfort, my spirit healed shall be.

Click for the lyrics to the entire song

One Bread, One Body
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.

Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Panis Angelicus
Latin text: Bread of Angels…

Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Taste and See
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Ubi Caritas
Ubi caritas est vera, est vera: Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est. The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return.

Click for the lyrics to the entire song
Meditation Hymns

Ave Maria
[Latin text]: Hail Mary, full of grace…
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Goin’ Home
Goin’ home, goin’ home, I’m a goin’ home; Quiet-like, some still day, I’m just goin’ home. It’s not far, just close by, through an open door; Work all done, care laid by, Goin’ to fear no more.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Salve Regina
[Latin text]: Hail Holy Queen…
Click for the lyrics to the entire song
Commendation

In Paradisum
[Latin text]: May angels guide you and bring you into paradise: and may all the martyrs come forth to welcome you home; and may they lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the angel chorus sing to welcome you, and like Lazarus forgotten and poor, you shall have everlasting rest.

May Holy Angels (“O Danny Boy”)
May holy angels lead you forth to paradise, and may the martyrs greet your coming home. May you find welcome there within God’s dwelling-place, the radiant city, New Jerusalem.

Saints of God
Saints of God, come to his/her aid! Come to meet him/her, angels of the Lord! Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God, present this soul, to God most high. May Christ who called you, take you home; May angels lead you to our parent’s side! Give eternal rest O Lord! And may your light shine on him/her forever!
Recessional

Hail, Holy Queen
Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us, ye seraphim! Heav'n and earth resound the hymn: salve, salve, salve Regina!
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain, Ever lasting is Thy reign.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Jerusalem, My Destiny
I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!
Tho' I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.
Let no-one walk alone. The journey makes us one.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Let There Be Peace On Earth
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

On Eagle’s Wings
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.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song
Other Songs

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone
My chains are gone; I’ve been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, Amazing Grace.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Be With Me, Lord
Be with me Lord, be with me my Lord
When I’m in trouble and I don’t know where to go
Be with me Lord
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

For All the Saints
For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who you by faith before the world confessed, Your Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Healer of my Soul
I am tired, astray and stumbling, shield my soul from the snare of sin.

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives my ever living head!
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

I Shall Not Want
When the day is long and temptation strong and the cords of death encompass me, I cry out in need of deliverance. You take my hand and give me rest. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song
I Will Lift My Eyes
I will lift my eyes to the Maker of mountains I can’t climb.
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild.
I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside,
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You.
*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*

I Will Rise
And I will rise when He calls my name. No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagle’s wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise, I will rise.
*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*

In Every Age
Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night, through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be. In ev’ry age, O God, you have been our refuge. In ev’ry age, O God, you have been our hope.
*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*

May the Road Rise to Meet You
May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rain fall softly on your fields, and until we meet again, may you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.

Nella Fantasia
In my fantasy I see a just world, where everyone lives in peace and honesty. I dream of souls that are always free like the clouds that float full of humanity in the depths of the soul.

Only a Shadow
Our lives are in your hands, our lives are in your hands. Our love for you will grow, O Lord; your light in us will shine.
*Click for the lyrics to the entire song*
Only This I Want
Only this I want: but to know the Lord, And to bear His cross, so to wear the crown He wore.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Open the Eyes of My Heart
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You, I want to see You.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
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.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Shout to the Lord
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the king. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands. Forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

Strength for the Journey
I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

There is a Balm
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song

We Give You Thanks
We give you thanks, we give you thanks for the grace to receive, in you we believe. We give you thanks, we give you thanks. With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.
Click for the lyrics to the entire song
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First Readings

Daniel 12:1-3
A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

[I Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord:]

"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.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Click to return to first reading selections

Ecclesiastes 3:1-6
A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11-13
A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; A time to embrace, and a time to
be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; A time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.

God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men’s ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil – this is a gift of God.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to give birth, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; A time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil – this is a gift of God. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is: God retrieves what has gone by.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Click to return to first reading selections
Isaiah 25:6-9
A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

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!”

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Click to return to first reading selections

Isaiah 40:1-11
A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; Indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. A voice says, "Cry out!" I answer, "What shall I cry out?" "All mankind is grass, and all their glory like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower wilts, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it. (So then, the people is the grass.) Though the grass withers and the flower wilts, the word of our God stands forever." Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; Cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a
shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

*Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

Do you not know or have you not heard? The Lord is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagle’s wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

*Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Isaiah 41:9-13**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and summoned from its far-off places, you whom I have called my servant, whom I have chosen and will not cast off--

Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice. Yes, all shall be put to shame and disgrace who vent their anger against you; Those shall perish and come to nought who offer resistance. You shall seek out, but shall not find, those who strive against you; They shall be as nothing at all who do battle with you. For I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

*Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

But now, thus, says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through the
water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give you Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in return for you. Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you, I give men in return for you and peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; from the east I will bring back your descendants from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north: Give them up! And to the south: Hold not back! Bring back my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth: Everyone who is named mine, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 49:13-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song, you mountains. For the Lord comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted. But Zion said, “The Lord has forgotten me.” Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See upon the palms of my hands I have written your name; your walls are ever before me.

Look about and see, they are all gathering and coming to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall be arrayed with them all as with adornments, like a bride you shall fasten them on you.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Job 19:1, 23-27

A reading from the book of Job

Then 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! As for me, I know that my vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust. This will happen when my skin has been stripped off, and from my flesh I will see God: I will see for
myself, my own eyes, not another’s, will behold him: my inmost being is consumed with longing.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Lamentations 3:17-26
A reading from the book of Lamentations

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.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

2 Maccabees 12:43-46
A reading from the second book of Maccabees

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.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Micah 6:6-8
A reading from the book of the prophet Micah

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow before God most high? Shall I come before him with holocausts, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with myriad streams of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my crime, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Proverbs 31:10-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs

Who can find a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value. Her husband trusts her judgment; he does not lack income. She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life. She seeks out wool and flax and weaves with skillful hands. Like a merchant fleet, she secures her provisions from afar. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household, a portion to her maidservants. She picks out a field and acquires it; from her earnings she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength; she exerts her arms with vigor. She enjoys the profit from her dealings; her lamp is never extinguished at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is not concerned for her household when it snows—all her charges are doubly clothed. She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing. Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land. She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: “Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.” Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
A reading from the book of Sirach

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children; a mother’s authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. He who honors his father is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard. He who reveres his father will live a long life; he obeys the Lord who brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering – it will take lasting root.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Solomon 2:8-12
A reading from the Song of Solomon

Hark! my lover—here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills.

My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices.

My lover speaks; he says to me, "Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!" For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

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Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23

A reading from the book of Wisdom

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them, nor any domain of the nether world on earth. For justice is undying. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him.

Word of the Lord.  

Thanks be to God.

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Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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.

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 the elect.

Word of the Lord.  

Thanks be to God.

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Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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 me, 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. 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. 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.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Wisdom 4:7-15
A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Zephaniah 3:16-20
A reading from the book of Zephaniah

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty Savior; God will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love. God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. I will remove disaster from among you. Yes, at the time I will deal with all who oppress you: I will save the lame, and assemble the outcasts. I will give them praise and renown in all the earth, when I bring about their restoration. At that time I bring you
home, and at that time I will gather you. For you I will give you renown and praise, among all the peoples on the earth.

*Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God*
Second Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to address the people in these 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. 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.”

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3:12-17
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-13
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now in regard to spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them
in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gift of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Set your hearts on the greater gifts. I will show you the way, which surpasses all the others.

If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give everything to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love’s forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Love never fails.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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2 Corinthians 4:13-18, 5:1-9

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and place us with you into 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. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly habitation if indeed, when we have taken it off, we shall not be found naked. For while we are in this tent we groan and are weighed down, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a first
installment. 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.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians
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Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

1 John 4:11-16
A reading from the first letter of John
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
1 Peter 1:3-9
A reading from the first letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of (your) faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Philippians 2:2-4, 14-16
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory: rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Click to return to second reading selections.
Philippians 4:4-9
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Revelation 14:13
A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John heard a voice from heaven say to me: “Write this down: Happy now are the dead who die in the Lord!” The spirit added, “Yes, they shall find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them.”

Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

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Revelation 21:1-7
A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, saw new heavens 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. 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.” Then he said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.” He said to me, “They are accomplished. 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.”

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Romans 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand, and we boast of our hope for the glory of God. But not only that – even boast of our afflictions! We know that affliction makes for endurance and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not have us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through they 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.

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.  
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Romans 5: 17-21
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.  
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Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

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.

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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.

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39  
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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Romans 10: 8-13
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” that is, the word of faith that we preach, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Romans 14:7-12
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? 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.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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2 Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

Word of the Lord.  
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2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of John

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.

Word of the Lord. 

Thanks be to God.

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Gospels

Matthew 5:1-12
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 11:25-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said in reply, “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 11:28-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 18:19-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said: “If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 22:31-40
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

And concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God,

'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together; and one of them, a lawyer, tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 25:1-13
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Mark 10: 13-16
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

*Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Mark 15:33-39
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “Look, he is calling Elijah.” One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.” Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."
Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!” The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, “A great prophet has arisen in our midst,” and “God has visited his people. This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Luke 12:22-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds!

Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest? Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them.
Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides.

Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

_Gospel of the Lord._  
_Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ._

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**Luke 12:35-40**

_A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke_

Jesus told his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

_Gospel of the Lord._  
_Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ._

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**John 3:16-18**

_A reading from the holy Gospel according to John_

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

_Gospel of the Lord._  
_Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ._

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John 5:24-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation. "I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me. 

Gospel of the Lord. 

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 6:35-40
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

Gospel of the Lord. 

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 6:51-58
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

Gospel of the Lord. 

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:10b-11, 14-18
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine knows me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 11:1-45
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed Oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him, saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.”

When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (But) even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the
world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (short version of above)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 11:21-27 (shortest version of above)
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

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*Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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John 12:23-26
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus told his disciples: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

*Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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John 14:1-6
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in Me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am you also may be. You know the way that leads where I go."

“Lord”, said Thomas, "we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him: "I am the Way,
and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 15:9-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another. "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first.

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 17:1-5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son so that your Son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him.

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.
Now glorify me Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

Gospel of the Lord.  

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 17:24-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

Gospel of the Lord.  

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 20:24-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book.
But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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John 21:15-19
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was distressed that he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch our your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Amazing Grace
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.
“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
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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Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone
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.
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Refrain: My chains are gone; I’ve been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (R)
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, who call’d me here below, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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**Ave Maria**
Ave, María, grátia plena, Dóminus tecum, benedíctatu in muliéribus, et benedictus fractus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta María, Mater Dei, ora prno bis pecca tóribus, nucet in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

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**Be Not Afraid**
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.

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 pow'r of hell and death is at your side, Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of Me, Blessed, blessed are you!

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**Be With Me Lord**
Be with me Lord, be with me my Lord
When I’m in trouble and I don’t know where to go
Be with me Lord

When I’m blind when I cannot see
When all life’s trouble sweeps over me
When I’m in darkness and all I see is me
Be with me Lord (R)
When I refuse to hear Your word
When I hear Your voice and do not follow
When I’m in trouble and I don’t know where to go
Be with me Lord (R)

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**Bread of Life**

I myself am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life, taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ that the world might live.

This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker’s love, and we who share it know that we can be one: a living sign of God in Christ.

Here is God’s kingdom given to us as food. This is our body, this is our blood: a living sign of God in Christ.

Lives broken open, stories shared aloud, become a banquet, a shelter for the world: a living sign of God in Christ.

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**Come Follow Me**

**Refrain:** Come follow me, come follow me, leave all behind and follow me.

They left their nets on the shore one day, they left the tables where the taxes are paid. They left their homes and their families to follow a man from Galilee. He said (R)

If you follow me you’ll be fishers of men. If you follow me you must be born again. Light to the world and salt of the earth, bearing the good news proclaiming my word. So (R)

Now I must go up to Jerusalem to suffer and die for the sins of men. Will you come with me for the sacrifice? Stand by my side as I pay the price.

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Come Into My House
Come into my house, come under my roof. May I share your feast, the fullness of truth.
Your presence heals, Your Spirit renews, and draws my soul closer to you.

I am worthy of less than you offer. Grace upon grace, love upon love. Still you come to me, Lamb of God, and so I pray. (R)

Receiving your body and blood, Oh Lord, will not bring me judgment or condemnation.
Your healing remedy saves my soul, and so I pray. (R)

If you just say the word you will heal me and free me by your mercy, O Lord.
Yet you offer your very self, and so I pray. (R)

Before I ask you to enter, to come under my roof, into my home.
You hasten to knock on the door of my heart, and so I pray. (R)

By the will of the Father you heal us, by the work of your Spirit we are invited
to the banquet of everlasting life, by your sacrifice so (R)


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Come to the Water
O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

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**City of God**
Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing! For the Lord, our light and our love, Has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for His people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in Him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in His light, His children one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to My city the day of her birth.

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**Covenant Hymn**

Wherever you go, I will follow, Wherever you live is my home.
Though days be of blessing or sorrow, Though house be of canvas or stone, Though Eden be lost to the past, Though mountains before us be vast, Wherever you go, I am with you, I never will leave you alone.

Whatever you dream, I am with you, When stars call your name in the night. Though shadows and mist cloud the future, Together we bear there a light. Like Abram and Sarah we stand, With only a promise in hand. But lead where you dream: I will follow, To dream with you is my delight.

And though you should fall, you will find me, When no other friend can you claim, When foes beat you down or betray you and others desert you in shame. When home and dreams aren’t enough, And you run away from my love, I’ll raise you from where you have fallen. Faithful to you is my name.

Wherever you die, I will be there to sing you to sleep with a psalm,
To soothe you with tales of our journey, Your fears and your doubts I will calm. We’ll live when journeys are done forever in mem’ry as one. And we will be buried together, And waken to greet a new dawn.

Wherever you go, I will follow, Behold! The horizon shines clear. The possible gleams like a city: Together we’ve nothing to fear. So speak with words bold and true the message my heart speaks to you. You won’t be alone, I have promised. Wherever you go, I am here.


Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

Refrain: Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you, then I’ll come back to take you with me, that where I am, you may also be.

In God’s house there are many places for you alone to dwell in safety. You know the way to where I’ll lead you, if you are lost, I will show the way. (R)

I am the way, the truth and the life, only through me can you know what I know. If you knew me, you would see the vision, if you see me, you see your God. (R)

The words I speak are not only of myself, it is your God who lives within me. If you believe that your God and I are one, I will provide when you call my name. (R)

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Do Not Fear to Hope

Refrain: Do not fear to hope tho’ the wicked rage and rise, our God sees not as we see, success is not the prize. Do not fear to hope for tho’ the night be long, the race shall not be to the swift, the fight not to the strong.

Look to God when you are sure your sin is greater than grace. Look to God whose love is gift. Believe and you can behold him face to face.
Look to God when victory seems out of justice’ sight. Look to God whose mighty hand brought forth the day from the chaos of the night.

Look to God when cynics say our planet’s doom is sealed. Look upon the crucified and see beyond into Easter’s dawning light.

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**Eye Has Not Seen**

*Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,*  
*What God has ready for those who love Him;*  
*Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus,*  
*Teach us the wisdom of God.*

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us O Lord,  
Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within Your peaceful word.

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,  
Yet all our days are in Your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,  
Reflected in the faces, of all the poor and lowly of the world.

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**For All the Saints**

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who you by faith before the world confessed, Your Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*  

*O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;*  
*Yet all are one within your great design. Alleluia! Alleluia!*  

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon to the loyal faithful comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of Paradise so blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!  

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, Through gates of heav’n streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Go Rest High On that Mountain
I know your life on earth was troubled, and only you could know the pain. You weren’t afraid to face the devil; you were no stranger to the rain.

Go rest high on that mountain. For your work on earth is done. Go to heaven a shoutin’, love for the Father and the Son.

Oh, how we cried the day you left us. We gathered round your grave to grieve. I wish I could see the angels’ faces when they hear your sweet voice sing.

Go rest high on that mountain. For your work on earth is done. Go to heaven a shoutin’, love for the Father and the Son.

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God Be With You
God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, When life’s perils thick confound you, Put His arms unfailing round you, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, Keep love’s banner floating o’er you, Smite death’s threat’ning wave before you, God be with you till we meet again.

**Goin’ Home**
Goin’ home, goin’ home, I’m a goin’ home; Quiet-like, some still day, I’m just goin’ home.
It’s not far, just close by, through an open door; Work all done, care laid by, Goin’ to fear no more.
Mother’s there expecting me, Father’s waiting; too Lots of folk gather’d there, All the friends I knew, All the friends I knew.
Home, I’m goin’ home.
Nothing lost, all’s gain, no more fret nor pain. No more stumbling on the way, no more longing for the day. Going to roam no more!
Morning’s star lights the way. Restless dream all done; shadows gone, break of day, Real life just begun. There’s no break, there’s no end,
Just a living on; wide awake, with a smile. Going on and on.
Goin’ home, goin’ home, I’m just goin’ home, It’s not far, just close by through an open door.
I’m a goin’ home, I’m just goin’ goin’ home, goin’ home, Goin’ home, goin’ home, goin’ home!

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**Hail Mary, Gentle Woman**
Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.
You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.
Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits, Blessed they with gentle hearts.
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**Hail, Holy Queen**
Hail, holy Queen enthroned above; O Maria! Hail, mother of mercy and of love. O Maria!
Refrain: Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us, ye seraphim!
Heav’n and earth resound the hymn: salve, salve, salve Regina!
Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria! Our hope in sorrow and in woe. O Maria! (R)
And when our life breath leaves us, O Maria! Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus, O Maria. (R)

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**Here I am, Lord**
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.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a-way.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?


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**Holy Darkness**

*Refrain:* Holy darkness, blessed night, heaven’s answer hidden from our sight. As we await you, O God of silence, we embrace your holy night.

I have tried you in fires of affliction; I have taught your soul to grieve.
In the barren soil of your loneliness there I will plant my seed.
I have taught you the price of compassion; you have stood before the grave. Though my love can seem like a raging storm, this is the love that saves.

Were you there when I raised up the mountains? Can you guide the morning star?
Does the hawk take flight when you give command? Why do you doubt my pow’r?

In your deepest hour of darkness I will give you wealth untold. When the silence stills your spirit, will my riches fill your soul.
As the watchman waits for morning, and the bride awaits her groom,
so we wait to hear your footsteps as we rest beneath your moon.


Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain, Ever lasting is Thy reign.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Ever lasting is Thy reign

Hark! The loud celestial hymn, Angel choirs, above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord.
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

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Holy is His Name
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exalts in God my Savior. For he has looked with mercy on my lowliness, and my name will be forever exalted. For the mighty God has done great things for me, and his mercy will reach from age to age.

(Refrain) And holy, holy, holy is his name.

He has mercy in ev’ry generation. He has revealed his power and his glory. He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance, and has lifted up the meek and the lowly. He has come to help his servant Israel; he remembers his promise to our fathers.

(Refrain) And holy, holy, holy is his name.


Hosea
Come back to me with all your heart. Don’t let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others’ call.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.
The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know. (R)

You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

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**How Great Thou Art**
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 pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

**Refrain:** 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!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

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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**Humbly Lord We Worship You**
Humbly, Lord, we worship you, our eternal King. You who died to give us life, hear us as we sing.

Jesus, Lord, we offer you ev’ry act this day. May we live our love for you and your will obey.

Lord, forgive us all our faults, others we forgive. May we strive with all our souls, Christian lives to live.

May we love you in each soul and each soul in you; One in our eternal goal, one in all we do.

**Refrain:** Jesus, God the Lord of all, come to us, we pray. Thus united in your love, may we live this day.

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I Am the Bread of Life
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, and I will raise you up, And I will 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. You shall live forever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood; You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in Me, Even though you die, you shall live forever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, The Son of God, Who have come into the world.

I Am the Living Bread
Refrain: See this bread; take and eat and live, live in me.

See this cup; take and drink, remember me.

I am the living bread come down from heaven. All who eat my flesh and drink my blood will live, will live forever.

I am the living bread; you shall not hunger. If you believe in me you shall not thirst, but live, but live forever.

I am the living bread risen among you. If you believe in me, though you die, you will live; you will live forever.

You are the living bread; life for the world. O Lord, to whom shall we go? Your words, they live forever.

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I Can Only Imagine
I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side. I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before
me. I can only imagine. Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?

Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine, I can only imagine,
I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son.

I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship You. I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

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I Have Loved You
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus
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.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop 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.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark work’s light; Look unto me, thy morn 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.

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I’ll Walk with God
I’ll walk with God from this day on. His helping hand I’ll lean upon.
This is my prayer, my humble plea. May the Lord be ever with me.
I’ll lean on Him forever, and He’ll forsake me never.
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong. Whatever road I may walk along, I’ll walk with God. I’ll take His hand. I’ll talk with God, He’ll understand.
I’ll pray to Him, each day to Him and He’ll hear the words that I say. His hand will guide my throne and rod and I’ll never walk alone, while I walk with God.

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I Know that My Redeemer Lives
I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives my ever living head!
He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; he lives in majesty above; he lives to guide his church in love.
He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
He lives all glory to his name! He lives my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

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I Say Yes My Lord
To the God who cannot die: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
To the One who hears me cry: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
To the God of the oppressed: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
To the God of all justice: I say “Yes,” my Lord.

I say “Yes,” my Lord, in all the good times, through all the bad times, I say “Yes,” my Lord to ev’ry word you speak.

I am a servant of the Lord: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
I’m a worker in the fields: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
I’m a prisoner of their wars: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
Like a politician, inevitably: I say “Yes,” my Lord.


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I Shall Not Want
Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

When the day is long and temptation strong and the cords of death encompass me, I cry out in need of deliverance. You take my hand and give me rest.

Even though I walk in the dark of night, I fear not, for you are God. And you care for me like the sparrow.

At my side you give me strength.

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I, the Lord
Refrain: I, the Lord, am with you, always by your side. Come and take my hand, for I will lead you home. Follow me, follow me.

I am the resurrection, and I am the life; if you believe in me, you shall live forever.

You shall have new life and live it to the full. Turn your sorrow into joy, for life has just begun.

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I Will Lift My Eyes
God my God I cry out your beloved needs you now. God be near, calm my fear and take my doubt. Your kindness is what pulls me up. Your love is all that draws me in.
Refrain: I will lift my eyes to the Maker of mountains I can’t climb. I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild. I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You.

God my God let mercy sing her melody over me. God right here, all I bring is all of me. Your kindness is what pulls me up. You love is all that draws me in.

‘Cause You are and you were and you will be forever the Lover I need to save me. ‘Cause You fashioned the earth and You hold it together God so hold me now. (R)

I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You. God my God, I cry out your beloved needs You now.
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I Will Rise
There’s a peace I’ve come to know though my heart and flesh may fail. There’s an anchor for my soul, I can say it is well.
Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

Refrain: And I will rise when He calls my name. No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagle’s wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise, I will rise.

There’s a day that’s drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light. And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

Bridge: And I hear the voice of many angels sing. Worthy is the Lamb. And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart, worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. I will rise. I will rise.
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In Every Age
Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night, through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be.

Refrain: In ev’ry age, O God, you have been our refuge. In ev’ry age, O God, you have been our hope.
Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind. A thousand years are like a single moment gone, as the light that fades at the end of day.

Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait. Teach us to embrace our ev’ry joy and pain. To sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong.

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Jerusalem, My Destiny
I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!
Tho' I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.
Let no-one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

Other spirits, lesser gods have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise.

See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee. Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays. Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are Thine,
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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**Just A Closer Walk with Thee**

Refrain:  Just a closer walk with thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
Daily walking close to thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I’ll be satisfied as long,  As I walk;  let me walk close to thee.

Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  None but thee, dear Lord,  
one but thee.

When my feeble life is o’er, Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o’er To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.  
Traditional

**Let There Be Peace On Earth**

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
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**Lord of All Hopefulness**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever  
childlike, no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking and give us,  
we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were  
skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our labors, and give us,  
we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to  
welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give  
us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.


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Lord, You Have Come

Lord you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow.

(R:) O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name; all I longed for I have found by the water, at your side, I will seek other shores.

Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth. Will you accept, then, my nets and labor? (R:)

Lord, take my hands and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost, Returning love for the love you gave me. (R:)

Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart, My life’s companion, my friend and refuge. (R:)

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More Than Gold

Lord, I love Your commands, more than gold is Your word, so precious to me.

I have said, O Lord, that my part is in the keeping of Your word.
The law of Your mouth is more precious to me,
Than thousands of pieces of gold, than thousands of pieces of gold.

Let Your kindness comfort me, according to Your word.
Let Your compassion give life to my soul,
For Your law is my delight, for Your law is my delight.

For I love Your commands more than gold, however fine,
For in Your precepts I will go forth.
Every false way I hate, every false way I hate.

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Morning Has Broken
Morning has broken like the first morning, Black bird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain’s new fall, Sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

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Nearer, My God, to Thee
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

Tho’ like a wanderer, the sun goes down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams shall be, nearer, my God to Thee…

There let the way appear, steps unto heav’n,
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv’n
Angels to beckon me, nearer my God to Thee…

Then with my waking thoughts, bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I’ll raise,
So by my woes to be nearer my God to Thee…

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No Greater Love
Refrain: There is no greater love, says the Lord, than to lay down your life for a friend; there is no greater love, no greater love, than to lay down your life for a friend.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commands, even as I have kept my Father’s.

All this I tell you that my joy may be ours and your joy may be complete. Love one another as I have loved you: This is my command.
You are my friends if you keep my commands; no longer slaves but friends to me. All I heard from my Father, I have made known to you: Now I call you friends.

It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you, chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so you will receive all you ask the Father in my name.


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**O God, You Search Me**

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, And with love everlasting you besiege me: In ev’ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you discern my purpose from afar, You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, Still I search for shelter from your light. There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, Gave me life within my mother’s womb. For the wonder of who I am I praise you: Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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**O Lord, I am Not Worthy**

O Lord, I am not worthy that thou should’st come to me; But speak the word of comfort, my spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I’ll receive thee, the bridegroom of my soul, No more by sin to grieve thee or fly thy sweet control.

Eternal Holy Spirit, unworthy though I be, Prepare me to receive him and trust the Word to me.
Increase my faith, dear Jesus, in thy real presence here,
And make me feel most deeply that thou to me art near.
Music Anon. In Catholic Youth Hymnal, 1871.

On Eagle’s Wings
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.

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.

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.

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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One Bread, One Body
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.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

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Only a Shadow
The love we have for you, O Lord, is only a shadow of your love for us: only a shadow of your love for us; your deep abiding love
The bread we take and eat, O Lord, is your body broken and shared with us; your body broken and shared with us; the gift of your great love.  (R)

**Our lives are in your hands, our lives are in your hands. Our love for you will grow, O Lord; your light in us will shine.**

Our own belief in you, O Lord, is only a shadow of your faith in us; only a shadow of your faith in us; your deep and lasting faith. The dreams we share today, O Lord, are only a shadow of your dreams for us; only a shadow of your dreams for us; if we but follow you.  (R)

The joy we share today, O Lord, is only a shadow of your joys for us; only a shadow of your joys for us, when we meet face to face.

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**Only This I Want**

**Only this I want: but to know the Lord, And to bear His cross, so to wear the crown He wore.**

All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me, For to gain the Lord, is to gain all I need.

I will run the race, I will fight the good fight. So to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.

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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**Open My Eyes**

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.  

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.  
I live within you. Rest now in me.  

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Open the Eyes of My Heart
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

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O Sanctissima
O sanctíssima, O piíssima, Dulcis Virgo María! Mater amáta, Intemeráta,

Refrain: Ora, ora pro nobis
Tu, solátium Et refúgium, Virgo Mater María! Quidquid optámus, Per te sperámus (R)
Ecce débiles, Perquam flébiles, Salva nos, O María! Tolle languóres, Sana dolóres (R)
Virgo, réspice, Mater, áspice, Audi nos, O María! Tu, medicínam, Portas divínam (R)

Pan De Vida
Refrain: Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord. At this table the last shall be first. Poder es server, porque Dios es amor.

We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak. We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.

You call me Teacher and Lord, I, who have washed your feet. So you must do as I do, so the greatest must become the least.

There is no Jew or Greek; there is no slave or free; There is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.

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**Panis Angelicus**

Panis angélicus, fit panis hóminum, Dat panis cáelicus figúris términum. O res mirábilis mandúcat Dóminum, Pauper, servus, et húmilis.

Te, trina Déitas unaque, póscimus, Sic nos tu vísitā, sicut te cólimus; Per tuas sémitas duc nos quo téndimus, Ad lucem quam inhábitas.

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**Parable**

To ev’ry thing, there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time for harvest; a time to meet and a time to part.

A sower went out to sow the seed. Some of it fell upon the path, some fell on shallow, rocky soil, and some among choking thorns.

To ev’ry thing, there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time to speak, and a time for silence; a time to wound and a time to heal.

Nothing can grow in barren soil; briars and ravens take their toll; still thee is grain a hundred fold, from seed that took root and grew.

To ev’ry thing, there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time for joy, and a time for grieving; a time to seek and a time to lose.

God’s word is like the farmer’s seed, rooted in joyful, loving hearts, growing like grain in fertile ground, a harvest that overflows.

To ev’ry thing, there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. Time to plant, and a time for harvest; a time to meet and a time to part.

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Prayer of St. Francis
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek. So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.
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Precious Lord, Take My Hand
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.

When the 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: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
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Remember Your Love
Remember Your love and Your faithfulness, O Lord.
Remember Your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call He hears.

If You dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness then who could stand? But with You there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.
O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.
My heart cries out for Your presence; it is You I seek.

Salve Regina
(Latin)

(English)
Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Seek Ye First
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev’ry word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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Shepherd Me O God
Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

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.
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.

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.

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**Shout to the Lord**

My Jesus, my Savior; Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev’ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the king. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands. Forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.


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**Song of Farewell**

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.

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?

There is one think I ask of the Lord; that he grant me my heartfelt desire. To dwell in the courts of our God every day of my life in his presence.

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.

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Song of the Body of Christ
Refrain: We come to share our story, we come to break the bread, we come to know our rising from the dead.

We come as your people, we come as your own, united with each other, love finds a home. (R)

We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor, we are called to feed the hungry at our door. (R)

Bread of life and cup of promise, in this meal we all are one. In our dying and our rising, may your kingdom come. (R)

You will lead and we shall follow, you will be the breath of life; living water, we are thirsting for your light.

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Strength for the Journey
Refrain: I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey.

There is a road meant for you to travel. Narrow and steep is the shepherd’s way, And as you say, “Yes,” letting me guide you, I will be strength for the journey.

There is a cross meant for you to carry. There is a cross meant for you alone, And as you bow down in humble surrender, I will be strength for the journey.

How many times have you doubted my word? How many times must I call your name? And as you say, “Yes,” letting me love you, I will be strength for the journey.


Taste and See
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God’s name. I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.
Worship the Lord, all you people. You’ll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

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The Cry of the Poor
The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, With praise ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.

Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas; And to hearts broken, God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor.

Ev’ry spirit crushed, God will save; will be ransom for their lives; Will be safe shelter for their fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.

We proclaim your greatness, O God, your praise ever in our mouth; Ev’ry face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor.

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The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns
The King of Kings, Christ Jesus reigns the Lord of ev’ry nation; In loving wisdom he ordains the course of all creation!

Christ, we adore you! Christ, we implore you: Christ, keep us ever before you!

Eternal King, Christ is God’s Word from endless ages spoken; Enfleshed on earth, his voice was heard and Satan’s might was broken!

O risen King, you light the way to heaven’s glorious portal; If in our hearts your truth has sway, we too have life immortal!

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The Old Rugged Cross
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, ‘Twas the emblem of suffering and shame; But I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, ‘til my trophies at last I lay down; And I’ll cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, Til my trophies at last I lay down; And I’ll cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

Words and Music: George Bennar, 1913
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The Supper of the Lord
Precious body, precious blood, here in bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.

This is the bread of God coming down from heav’n, giving life to us, to all the world.

“I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again.”

“I am the bread of heav’n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die.”

“All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God.”

All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast; in this bread we share in one life, one Lord.

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There is a Balm
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, “He died for all!”

Don’t ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend; And if you lack for knowledge He’ll ne’er refuse to lend.

**To You O, Lord**

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.

For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander, gently leading the poor and the humble.

To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God’s word, who live God’s love, God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

**Ubi Caritas**

Ubi caritas est vera, est vera: Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.

The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return.

In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.

For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might.

Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.

May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face, rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise.

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We Are One Body
Refrain: We are one body, one body in Christ; and we do not stand alone. We are one body, one body in Christ; and he came that we might have life.

For he tells us:
When you eat my body and you drink my blood, I will live in you and you will live in my love. When you eat my body and you drink my blood, I will live in you and you will live in my love. (R)

Can you hear them crying, can you feel their pain? Will you feed my hungry, will you help my lame? See the unborn baby, the forgotten one, they are not forsaken, they are not unloved. (R)

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, I am the Final Sacrifice, I am the Way, the Truth the Life; he who believes in me will have eternal life. I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, I am the Final Sacrifice, I am the Way, the Truth the Life; he who believes in me will have eternal life. (R)

I have come, your Savior, that you might have life, through the tears and sorrow, through the toils and strife. Listen when I call you, for I know your need, come to me, your shepherd, for my flock I feed. (R)

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bend; Jesus is the Lord and he will come again. At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bend; Jesus is the Lord and he will come again. Yea! (R)

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We Give You Thanks
For the bread and wine we share here, for the friends that we embrace, for the peace we find in healing, for all who gather in this place, for the faith of those around us, for the dead and all those here, for the hope we find in mem’ry, for the love that draws us near:

We give you thanks, we give you thanks for the grace to receive, in you we believe. We give you thanks, we give you thanks. With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.

For the movement deep within us, for the stories that we bring, for the signs of God’s compassion, for the journey that we sing, for the
Word that holds our promise, for the gifts that we can claim, for the wonders that surround us, for the song that sings our name:

For the water bringing new life, for the fragrance of release, for the fire that blazes forward, for the call to bring forth peace, for the blindness now enlightened, for the bound that are now free, for the brightness of your new day, for the kingdom we will be:

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We Will Rise Again
Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care.  I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

Refrain: We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

I am strength to the weary; to the weak I am new life.  Though the young may grow weary, I will be their hope.

Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars.  I lead you, and I Know you, I call you each by name.

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Where You Are
Who can say for certain? Maybe you’re still here. I feel you all around me, your memory’s so clear. Deep in the stillness, I can hear you speak. You’re still an inspiration. Can it be that you are my forever love, and you are watching over me from up above?

Refrain: Fly me up to where you are beyond the distant star. I wish upon tonight to see you smile, if only for awhile to know you’re there. A breath away’s not far to where you are.

Are you gently sleeping here inside my dream? And isn’t faith believing all power can’t be seen? As my heart holds you just one beat away, I cherish all you gave me ev’ry day. ‘Cause you are my forever love watching me from up above. And I believe that angels breathe and that love will live on and never leave.


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You Are Mine
I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My name.

I am the word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk and live!

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You Are Near
Refrain: Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand. Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heavens you are there; if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I’d find you there.

You know my heart and its ways, you who formed me before I was born, in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun, in my mother’s womb.

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You Raise Me Up
When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary; when troubles come and my heart burdened be. Then, I am still and wait here in the silence, until you come and sit awhile with me.
Refrain: You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains; you raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong, when I am on your shoulders; you raise me up: To more than I can be.

There is no life – no life without its hunger; each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when you come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity. (R)

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Extended List of Funeral Psalms

**Center of my Life (Psalm 16)**
O Lord, you are the center of my life; I will always praise you,
I will always serve you, I will always keep you in my sight.
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**The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23)**
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing that I shall want.
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**Shepherd Me O God (Psalm 23)**
Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.
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**I Lift Up My Soul (Psalm 25)**
To you, Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God.

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**Remember Your Love (Psalm 27)**
Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord.
Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

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**The Lord is My Light and My Salvation (Psalm 27)**
The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should
I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?
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**Taste and See (Psalm 34)**
Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the
goodness of God.
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Taste and See (Psalm 34)
Taste and see the goodness, taste and see the goodness, taste and see the goodness, the goodness of God.

Forever I will Sing (Psalm 89)
Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.
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As the Deer Longs (Psalm 42)
As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long, so I long for you.
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My Soul Thirsts for you, O Lord (Psalm 63)
My soul thirsts for you, O lord.
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If Today You Hear God’s Voice (Psalm 95)
If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.
If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.

Loving and Forgiving (Psalm 103)
Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.
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The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Psalm 103)
The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.
Slow to anger, rich in kindness; the Lord is kind and merciful.
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I Will Walk Before the Lord (Psalm 116)
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
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Let us Go Rejoicing (Psalm 122)
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
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With the Lord There is Mercy (Psalm 130)
With the Lord, there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.
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We Praise You (Psalm 135)
We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are wonderful.
We praise you, O Lord, forever is your love.
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You Are Near (Psalm 139)
Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.
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Bless the Lord, My Soul (Psalm 146)
Bless the Lord, my soul who heals the broken hearted.
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