

Isaiah 60:19

A reading from the book of Isaiah

No Longer shall the sun be your light by day,
Nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night;
The Lord shall be your light forever,
Your God shall be your glory.
No longer shall your sun go down,
Or your moon withdraw,
For the Lord will be your light forever.
And the days of your mourning shall be at end.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Micah 6:8

A reading from the book of Micah

“This is what God asks of you, only this:

To act justly,
To love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.”

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

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 nor 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 eagles' wings;
They will run and not grow weary,
walk and not grow faint.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing 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.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3: 1-6, 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 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 people 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.

Those who trust in God shall understand truth, and the
faithful shall abide with god in love: Because grace and
mercy are with God's holy ones, and God's care is with his
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As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
And as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the
time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about
as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule
over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever.

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(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 43: 1-5

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
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 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.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

(pause)

The Word of the Lord

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

A reading from the Book of Sirach

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father 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 fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord

Sirach 4:11-16

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Wisdom instructs her children
and admonishes those who seek her.
He who loves her loves life;
Those who seek her out win her favor.
He who holds her fast inherits glory;
Wherever he dwells, the Lord bestows blessings.
Those who serve her serve the Holy One;
Those who love her, the Lord loves.
He who obeys her judges nations,
He who harkens to her dwells in her inmost chambers.
If one trusts her, he will possess her;
His descendants too will inherit her.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.

Her husband, entrusting his heart to her
Has an unfailing prize.

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs
at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue
is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household, and eats
Not her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too extols
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.
Give her a reward of her labors.
And let her works praise her at the city gates.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

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.

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(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

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.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," said the Spirit,
"let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them."

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1-4

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or
pain,
for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 13:1 -8a, 13

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

If I speak in human and angelic tongues
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
And if I have the gift of prophecy
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it
does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

So Faith, Hope, Love remain, these three;
But the greatest of these is Love.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

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.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are lead by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "ABBA, Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. If we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we await for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

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.

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified Body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

(pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

“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 of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 6:51-59

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"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.

He who 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 whoever 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,
he who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 12:23-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to 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 will lose 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."

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?" 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 14:1-6

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus says:

"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 to where I go."

"Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus told him:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life;

no one comes to the Father but through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful #1

READER: Our Response is: *Lord, hear our Prayer.*
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For N. , who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of saints.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For our brother/sister, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.
We pray to the Lord....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of His friend Lazarus.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom.
We pray to the Lord....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful #2

READER: Our Response is: *Lord, hear our Prayer.*
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: In Baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Lord. Welcome him/her into the halls of Your heavenly banquet.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For the family and friends of N. who seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness.
We pray to the Lord....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N.
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful #3

READER: Our Response is: *Lord, hear our Prayer.*
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That our (brother/sister) in Christ, n. , who was made a child of God through Baptism, may enter into the fullness of life with all the saints, *we pray to the Lord.....*

That n's. family may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their grief, *we pray to the Lord....*

That n's friends may cherish (her/his) memory while keeping (his/her) spirit alive, *we pray to the Lord.....*

That n's parents(?) relatives and friends, who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, may see God face to face, *we pray to the Lord.....*

That we follow n's example of caring for and helping those who suffer unjustly, *we pray to the Lord....*

That each of us gathered here today to celebrate n's new life in Christ, may feel the power and the joy of Jesus' resurrection, *we pray to the Lord....*