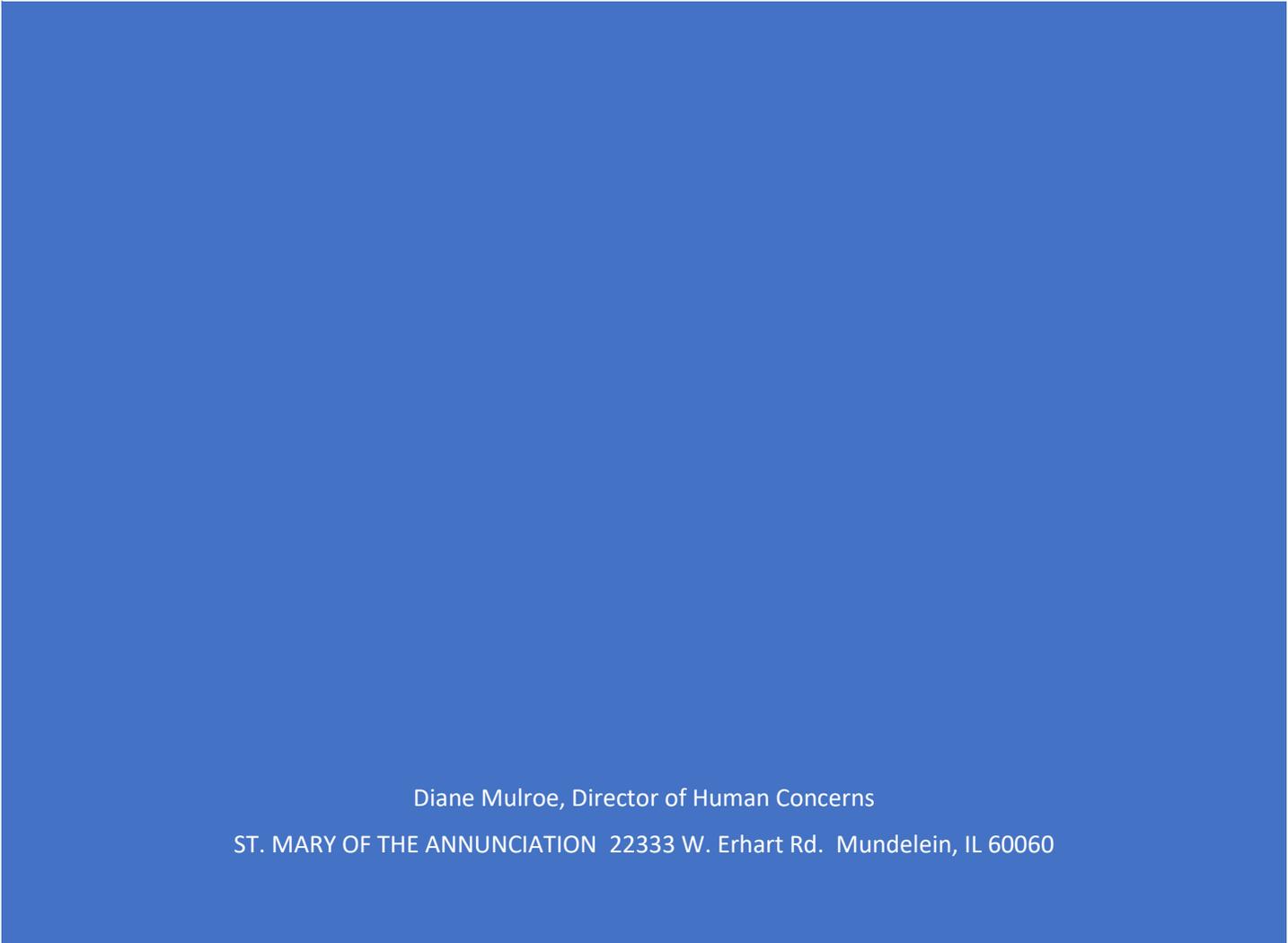




# ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION FUNERAL MASS SCRIPTURE CHOICES

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# **OLD TESTAMENT READINGS:**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel,  
took up a collection among all his soldiers,  
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,  
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory  
sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,  
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;  
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,  
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in  
death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward  
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,  
it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead  
that they might be freed from this sin.

### The Word of the Lord.

[2 Maccabees 12:43-46]

C1

## **A reading from the book of Job.**

Oh, would that my words were written down!  
    Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead  
    they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
    and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see:  
    my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,  
And from my flesh I shall see God;  
    my inmost being is consumed with longing.

**The word of the Lord.**

[Job19: 1, 23-27]  
C2

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.**

For everything there is a season,  
And a time for every matter under the heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal:  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones,  
and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time of love, and a time of hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; it is Gods gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in their toil.

**The word of the Lord.**

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-13]

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
**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 men, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;  
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples  
and the Lord shall be their King forever.  
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

**The word of the Lord.**

[Wisdom 3:1-9]  
C3 long version

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**The word of the Lord.**

[Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9]  
C3 short version

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
**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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
**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!”

**The word of the Lord.**

[Isaiah 25:6, 7-9]  
C5

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased;  
I have grasped you by the hand.

Do not be afraid,  
for I have called you by name and you are mine.

You are precious in my eyes,  
you are honored, and, I love you.

You are my witness,  
my servant whom I have chosen,  
that people may know and believe me and  
understand that it is I.

I am the Lord, there is no savior but me.

I have formed you for myself,  
to sing my praises, and I am your God.

**The word of the Lord.**

[Isaiah 43:2,4,10-11,21]

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
**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.

**The word of the Lord.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### A reading from the prophet Daniel.

In those days, 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.

**The word of the Lord.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **A reading from the book of Proverbs.**

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you have surpassed them all.”

Charm is deceitful, and beauty vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works be praised at the city gates.

### **The word of the Lord.**

**NEW TESTAMENT  
READINGS:**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Then Peter began to speak to them: “ I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **The word of the Lord.**

[Acts 10: 34-36, 42-43]  
C8 First Reading during Easter Season

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,  
though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

In that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood  
Will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if while we were enemies,  
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

But we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## The Word of the Lord.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one,  
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 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 the one man  
the many were made sinners,  
so through the obedience of the 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.

### The Word of the Lord

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### 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.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more: death no longer has power over him.

**The word of the Lord.**

[Romans 6: 3-9]  
E3 long version

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**The word of the Lord.**

[Romans 6:3-4, 8-9]  
Short version E3

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led 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 only we suffer with him  
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation  
the revelation of the children of God;  
for creation was made subject to futility,  
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that creation itself  
would be set free from slavery to corruption  
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now,  
and not only that, but we ourselves,  
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan within ourselves  
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

### The Word of the Lord

[Romans 8:14-23]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### 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.

### **The word of the Lord.**

[Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### **A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.**

Brothers and sisters:

No one 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 whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, so 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 accounting of himself to God.

### **The word of the Lord**

[Romans 14: 7-9, 10-12]

E6

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just  
as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life.  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ, the first fruits,  
then at his coming those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,  
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.  
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,  
For “he subjected everything under his feet.”  
But when it says that everything has been subjected,  
it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to  
him.  
When everything is subjected to him,  
Then the Son himself will also be subjected  
To the one who subjected everything to him,  
So that God may be all in all.

### **The word of the Lord.**

[1 Corinthians 15: 20-28]  
Long Version E7

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then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

[1 Corinthians 15: 20-23]  
Short Version E7

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Behold, I tell you a mystery!  
We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,  
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.  
For the trumpet will sound,  
and the dead will be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.  
For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with  
incorruptibility,  
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with  
immortality.  
And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with  
incorruptibility  
And this which is mortal clothes itself with  
immortality,  
Then the word that is written shall come about:  
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”  
“Where O death, is your victory?  
Where O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

[1 Corinthians 15: 51-57]  
E8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**  
**A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the**  
**Corinthians.**

Brothers and Sisters:

We know 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.

**The word of the Lord.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord -- for we walk by faith, and not by sight.

Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether it be good or evil.

### **The word of the Lord.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**  
**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 that Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ  
will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air;  
thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore console one another with these words.

**The word of the Lord.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:

Such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,  
Even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him;  
we shall also live with him;  
If we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him  
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful  
He remains faithful,  
For he cannot deny himself.

**The word of the Lord.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**The word of the Lord.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### A reading from the first letter of Saint John.

Beloved:

See what love the Father has given 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 will be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

**The word of the Lord.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### A reading from the first letter of Saint John.

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life  
because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,  
and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining  
in him.

The way we came to know love  
was that he laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

**The word of the Lord.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **A reading from the book of Revelation.**

I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labors, for their deeds will follow them.”

### **The word of the Lord.**

[Revelation 14: 13]

C9

First Reading during Easter Season

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

I John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence  
and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.  
The dead were judged according to their deeds,  
by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead;  
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.

(This pool of fire is the second death.)

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away  
And the sea was no more.

### **The Word of the Lord**

Revelation 20:11-21:1

C10

First Reading during Easter Season

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **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, “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.”

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 will be his God and he will be my son.”

### **The word of the Lord.**

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

C11

First Reading during Easter Season

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

### **The word of the Lord.**

[Philippians 4:4-9]