

# FUNERAL PLANNING BOOKLET



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During this difficult time it is normal to be overwhelmed with grief. It is our hope that this booklet will streamline your decisions and answer specific questions about the funeral mass for your loved one. We are deeply sorry for your loss and hope to support you through this difficult time. At any time feel free to call the parish office with any questions 410-255-3677.

**Funeral Planning Checklist**

**Hymns**

(Please choose from the hymns listed on pages 16 & 17.)

Entrance Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of the Gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion: \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign of the Cross, Greeting and Sprinkling**

**Placing of the Pall on the Casket** (Up to *four* names can be listed):

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**Pre-Mass Reflection** (Eulogy) – (You may choose *one* person to speak for 3 to 5 minutes about the deceased. You may have additional family members or friends wishing to memorialize the deceased. The most appropriate time is at the post-mass gathering.

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**Liturgy of the Word**

**1st Reading** (You may chose *one* from the readings found on pages 5 & 6).  
EASTER SEASON ONLY (pages 6 & 7):

**Text:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Reading** (*Optional*) – (You may choose *one* from the readings found on pages 7 - 11):

**Text:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel Reading:** (You may choose *one* from the Gospels found on pages 12 -15.) *The Gospel will be read by the priest or deacon:*

**If you have a recommendation for a scripture passage from the Bible that you would prefer to use, please let us know.**

**\*\*When choosing readers, it is best to have clear, loud, confident speakers. If you are in doubt, our deacon or priest will read for you.**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Gifts Bearers** (You may choose up to *four* people to bring up the gifts):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer after Communion**

**Final Commendation**

**Invitation to Prayer**

## **Prayer of Commendation**

## **Procession to the Place of Committal (Cemetery)**

### **Funeral Luncheons**

The Gathering Place is sometimes available for luncheons following a funeral Mass.

Our Bereavement Ministry will provide paper products, set up, clean up, help serving, soft drinks and in most cases desserts. If you are interested in this service, please let us know as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

**Please Note:** Although there is no specific fee for this service, a monetary donation payable to Our Lady of the Chesapeake to support this ministry would be appreciated.

### **A Word about the Readings**

The Word of God is of great importance in the funeral rite. The readings proclaim the meaning that Christ Himself gave to death, teach us to remember the dead, nourish our hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom, and encourage us to live the Christian life. Above all, the readings tell of God's design for a world in which suffering and death will be destroyed. In the readings all present have an opportunity to hear God speak to them in their needs, sorrows, fears, and hopes.

To make this *easier* for the family, the Catholic Church has *pre-selected* a number of Biblical passages which are appropriate for the occasion of a funeral. Please look over these passages as part of your funeral preparations, and find those words which speak to your heart.

**Note:** *In the celebration of the Word of God at the Funeral Liturgy, the Biblical readings may not be replaced. However, an additional reading, inspired by faith, could be appropriate as a meditation after the homily.*

## **Old Testament Readings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Readings**

**Wisdom 3:1-6, 9** – *As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Wisdom 4:7-15** – *An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*

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.

**Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9** – *He will destroy death forever.*

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.

**Lamentations 3:17-26** – *It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.*

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.

### **EASTER SEASON ONLY – Additional Reading Options for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43** – (Short Form) *He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Revelation 14:13** – *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.*

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

### **New Testament Readings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Romans 5:5-11** – *Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.*

A reading from Saint Paul’s Letter 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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Romans 5:17-21** – *Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.*

A reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Romans 6:3-4, 8-9** – (Short Form) *We too might live in newness of life.*

A reading from Saint Paul's Letter 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Romans 8:14-23** – *We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.*

A reading from Saint Paul's Letter 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 first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

**Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39** – *What will separate us from the love of Christ?*

A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12** – *Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

A reading from Saint Paul's Letter 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23** – (Short Form) *So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.*

A reading from Saint Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-57** – *Death is swallowed up in victory.*

A reading from Saint Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: 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, 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.

**2 Corinthians 4:14–5:1** – *What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.*

A reading from Saint Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter 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 in 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 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10** – *We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.*

A reading from Saint Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter 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. 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. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

**Philippians 3:20-21** – *He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.*

A reading from Saint Paul's Letter 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.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** – *Thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

A reading from Saint Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**1 John 3:1-2** – *We shall see him as he is.*

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12a** – *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

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.

**Matthew 11:25-30** – *Come to me and I will give you rest.*

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."

**Matthew 25:31-46** – *Come, you who are blessed by my Father.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least

brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Luke 7:11-17** – *Young man, I tell you, arise!*

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.

**Luke 24:13-16, 28-35** – *Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?*

That very day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**John 6:37-40** – *Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day.*

Jesus said to the crowd: “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.”

**John 6:51-59** – *Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

Jesus said to the crowd: “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.”

**John 11:17-27** – *I am the resurrection and the life.*

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, 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."

**John 11:32-45** – *Lazarus, come out!*

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.

**John 12:23-26** – (Short Form) *If it dies, it produces much fruit.*

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."

**John 14:1-6** – *In my Father's house there are many dwellings.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, 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 except through me."

## Music for Funerals

Music is essential to the Funeral Mass. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. Music has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith. The Cantor and Pianist of Our Lady of the Chesapeake supply the music for the Funeral Mass. All music is sacred in nature.

Below is a list of music that families have found helpful and at what times they are appropriate to be sung.

*Please note that hymns should not contain any “Alleluia” references during Lent.*

### **Entrance:** (Choose One)

Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Gather Your People  
I am the Bread of Life  
Lift High the Cross  
The Strife is O'er

### **Responsorial Psalm:** (Choose One)

Shepherd Me, O God  
The Lord is My Light and My Salvation  
To You, O Lord, I Lift up My Soul

### **Concluding Hymn:** (Choose One)

How Great Thou Art  
Jesus Christ is Risen Today (*Not During Lent*)  
Lift High the Cross  
The Strife is O'er  
We Will Rise Again

### **Presentation of the Gifts** (Choose One)

Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Prayer of St. Francis  
You Are Near

### **Communion:** (Choose One)

Be Not Afraid  
Blest Are They  
Gift of Finest Wheat  
I Am the Bread of Life  
Taste & See  
On Eagles' Wings  
You are Mine

**If you have additional requests, we will make every effort to include them.  
Please contact our Music Director, Rodney Armero at 410-255-3677 or  
Email: armerofamily@verizon.net as soon as you are able.**