

# **Texts of Sacred Scripture for Funerals of Adults**

## **1. First Reading (Old Testament) – choose one [Lector: .....]**

**2 Maccabees 12:43-46** “He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had he resurrection of the dead in view.”

**Job 19:1, 23-27a** “I know that my Vindicator lives.”

**Wisdom 3:1-9** “A sacrificial offering he took them to himself.” / “The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them”

**Wisdom 4:7-15** “An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.” / “The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.”

**Isaiah 25:6a,7-9** “He will destroy death for ever.” / “On this mountain, the Lord of Hosts will provide for all peoples...he will destroy death forever.”

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

**Daniel 12:1-3** “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.”

## **1. First Reading (New Testament - During Easter Time) – choose one [Lector: .....]**

**Acts 10:34-43** “He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.”

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

**Revelation 20:11-21:1** “The dead were judged according to their deeds.”

**Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7** “There shall be no more death.”

## **Responsorial Psalm – choose one (usually sung by cantor)**

**Psalm 23** “The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing shall I want.” / “Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.”

**Psalm 25** “To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.” / “No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.”

**Psalm 27** “The Lord is my light and my salvation.” / “I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the Land of the living.”

**Psalm 42** “My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?”

**Psalm 63** “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”

**Psalm 103** “The Lord is kind and merciful” / “The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.”

**Psalm 116** "I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the Living."

**Psalm 122** "I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to the house of the Lord." / "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

**Psalm 130** "Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord." / "I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word."

**Psalm 143** "O Lord, hear my prayer."

## **2. Second Reading (New Testament) – choose one [Lector: .....]**

**Romans 5:5-11** "Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath." / "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts."

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

**Romans 6:3-9** "We too might live in newness of life."

**Romans 8:14-23** "We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies." / "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared to the glory to be revealed for us."

**Romans 8:31-35, 37-39** "What will separate us from the love of Christ?" / "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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

**1 Cor 15:20-28** "For just as in Adam all men die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life."

**1 Cor 15:51-57** "Death is swallowed up in victory." / "Behold, I tell you a mystery: the trumpet will sound, the dead shall be raised, and we shall all be changed."

**2 Cor 4:14-5:1** "What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal" / "This momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison."

**2 Cor 5:1, 6-10** "We have a building from God, eternal in heaven."

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

**2 Timothy 2:8-13** "If we have died with him we shall also live with him."

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** "Thus we shall always be with the Lord" / "You may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope."

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

**1 John 3:14-16** "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers."

### **3. Gospel** – (Read by the Priest)

**Matt 5:1-12** "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven" / "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

**Matt 11:25-30** "Come to me, and I will give you rest."

**Matt 25:1-13** "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to him."

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

**Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6** "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last."

**Luke 7:11-17** "Young man, I tell you, arise."

**Luke 12:35-40** "You also must be prepared" / "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return."

**Luke 23:33, 39-43** "Today you will be with me in paradise."

**Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6** "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

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

**John 5:24-29** "Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life."

**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."

**John 6:51-58** "Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day."

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

**John 11:32-45** "Lazarus, come out."

**John 12:23-28** "If it dies, it produces much fruit."

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

**John 17:24-26** "I wish that where I am they also may be with me."

**John 19:17-18, 25-39** "And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit."

