



St. Liborius Parish
Funeral Mass / Service Planning Sheet

Name of the deceased: _____

Date/Time of Funeral: _____

I. Select the Readings

Please refer to the list of readings attached. Choose the readings with which the life of the deceased correlates or which speak to the family's need for comfort, strength and peace at this point in time. You may also refer to the booklet, *Through Death to Life*, by Joseph M. Champlin to read the whole text of the readings you are considering – a copy is available in the Church Office.

A. Reading I (from the Old Testament)

(Sample: # C-1, 2 Maccabees, 12:43-46; Read by Peter Smith)

_____, _____; Read by: _____

B. Reading II (from the New Testament)

_____, _____; Read by: _____

C. Gospel

_____, _____; Read by: Fr. Stephen Eickhoff

II. Select the Songs

Please refer to the list of songs attached and write down your selections below.

A. Opening Song: _____

B. Responsorial Psalm: (You may leave the choice to the vocalist unless you have a particular preference.) Responsorial Psalm Preference: _____

C. Presentation Song: _____

D. Communion Song: _____

E. Communion Meditation: _____

F. Closing Song: _____

Eulogy or Remarks of Remembrance

In compliance with the guideline the Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois has on giving eulogies or remarks of remembrance in funeral masses, St. Liborius Parish prefers that eulogies are not given in funeral masses. It is preferred that eulogies or remarks of remembrance be done in vigil or wake services at the funeral homes.

St. Liborius Church Funeral Readings

A. Reading I from the Old Testament – p. 26-30

C-1 “He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.”

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

C-2 “I know that my vindicator lives.”

Job 19:1, 23-27a

C-3 “As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.”

Wisdom 3:1-9

C-4 “An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.”

Wisdom 4:7-15

C-5 “He will destroy death forever.”

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

C-6 “It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.”

Lamentations 3:17-26

C-7 “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.”

Daniel 12:1-4

“There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12, 13

“When one finds a valiant woman, her value is beyond pearls.”

Proverbs 31:10-12, 19-20, 25-26, 28-31

Reading I from the New Testament during the Season of Easter – p. 31-33

C-8 “He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.”

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

C-9 “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

Revelation 14:13

C-10 “The dead were judged according to their deeds.”

Revelation 20:11-21:1

C-11 “There shall be no more death.”

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

B. Reading II from the New Testament p. 45-55

E-1 “Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.”

Romans 5:5-11

E-2 “Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.”

Romans 5:17-21

E-3 “We too might live in newness of life.”

Romans 6:3-9

E-4 “We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.”

Romans 8:14-23

E-5 “What will separate us from the love of Christ?”

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

E-6 “Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

E-7 “So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

E-8 “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

E-9 “What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

E-10 “We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.”

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

E-11 “He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.”

Philippians 3:20-21

E-12 “Thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

E-13 “If we have died with him we shall also live with him.”

2 Timothy 2:8-13

E-14 “We shall see him as he is.”

1 John 3:1-2

E-15 “We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers’

1 John 3:14-16

C. Gospel – p. 59-77

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

G-2 “Come to me and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:25-30

G-3 “Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!”
Matthew 25:1-13

G-4 “Come, you who are blessed by my Father.”
Matthew 25:31-46

G-5 “Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.”
Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6

G-6 “Young man, I tell you, arise!”
Luke 7:11-17

G-7 “You also must be prepared.”
Luke 12:35-40

G-8 “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”
Luke 23:33, 39-43

G-9 “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”
Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a

G-10 “Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”
Luke 24:13-35

G-11 “Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.”
John 5:24-29

G-12 “Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day.”
John 6:37-40

G-13 “Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.”
John 6:51-59

G-14 “I am the resurrection and the life.”
John 11:17-27

G-15 “Lazarus, come out!”
John 11:32-45

G-16 “If it dies, it produces much fruit.”
John 12:23-28

G-17 “In my Father’s house there are many dwellings.”
John 14:1-6

G-18 “I wish that where I am they also may be with me.”
John 17:24-26

G-19 “And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.”
John 19:17-18, 25-39

Funeral Songs

Families are welcome to mix and match songs from the lists below when planning the liturgy and may suggest other liturgical hymns.

A. Opening Song

All Creatures of Our God and King
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
For All the Saints
Gather Us In
Glory and Praise to Our God
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)
Holy, Holy, Holy
Hosea (Come Back to Me)
Lord of All Hopefulness
Praise to the Lord
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

B. Responsorial Psalm

Blest Are Those Who Love You (Ps. 128) (Haugen)
I Have Loved You
Isaiah 49 (I Will Never Forget You)
My Soul In Stillness Waits
Shepherd Me, O God (Ps. 23) (Haugen)
Taste and See (Ps. 34)
The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Ps. 103)
The Lord is My Light (Ps. 27) (Haas)
The Lord is My Shepherd (Ps. 23) (psalm tone)
To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul (Ps. 25)
You Are Mine

C. Presentation Song

Amazing Grace
Ave Maria
Come To Me
For All the Saints
Hosea (Come Back to Me)
How Great Thou Art
I Have Loved You
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Lord When You Come to the Seashore
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace/Prayer of
St. Francis
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
You Are Near (Schutte)

D. Communion Song

Amazing Grace
Blest Are They
Day is Done
Eat This Bread
Eye Has Not Seen
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace/Prayer of St.
Francis
O God Our Help in Ages Past
On Eagle's Wings
One Bread, One Body
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Taste and See (Moore)
We Are Many Parts
We Have Been Told
We Remember
You Are Mine
You Are Near

E. Communion Meditation (soloist)

Ave Maria (Schubert)
Beautiful Isle of Somewhere
Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Panis Angelicus
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Surely the Presence

F. Closing

America the Beautiful
Be Not Afraid (Dufford)
Canticle of the Sun
Celtic Farewell (O Danny Boy)
Day is Done
Eye Has Not Seen
For All the Saints
Glory and Praise to our God
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
How Great Thou Art
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Duke Street)
Isaiah 49 (I Will Never Forget You)
Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Let There Be Peace on Earth
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
Now Thank We All Our God
On Eagles Wings
O God, Our Help in Ages Past