

# Scripture Readings for Funerals



The Church of St. Patrick  
Bay Shore, New York

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**FIRST READINGS:  
During Easter Time**

*"He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead."*

## **NTE-1 (Long Form)**

*Acts 10:34-43*

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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 children of Israel  
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord of all,  
what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the Devil,  
for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by handing him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,  
not to all people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

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.

*"He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead."*

## **NTE-1 (Short Form)**

*Acts 10:34-36, 42-43*

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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 children of Israel  
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.

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."*

## **NTE-2**

*Revelation 14:13*

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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.

*"The dead were judged according to their deeds."*

## **NTE-3**

*Revelation 20:11-21:1*

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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.

*"There shall be no more death."*

## **NTE-4**

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

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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."

The word of the Lord.

## **SECOND READINGS**

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

## **NT-1**

*Romans 5:5-11*

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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.

*"Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more."*

**NT-2**

*Romans 5:17-21*

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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 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.

*"We too might live in newness of life."*

## **NT-3 (Long Form)**

*Romans 6:3-9*

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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.

*"We too might live in newness of life."*

### **NT-3 (Short Form)**

*Romans 6:3-4, 8-9*

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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.

The word of the Lord.

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

## **NT-4**

*Romans 8:14-23*

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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 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.

*"What will separate us from the love of Christ?"*

**NT-5**

*Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39*

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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.

*"Whether we live or die we are the Lord's."*

**NT-6**

*Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12*

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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 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 accounting of himself  
to God.

The word of the Lord.

*“So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”*

## **NT-7 (Long Form)**

*1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through a 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 firstfruits;  
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.

*“So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”*

## **NT-7 (Short Form)**

*1 Corinthians 15:20-23*

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through a 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 firstfruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The word of the Lord.

*"Death is swallowed up in victory."*

**NT-8**

*1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

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A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul 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.

*“What is seen is transitory but what is unseen is eternal.”*

**NT-9**

*2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1*

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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 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.

*"We have a building from God, eternal in heaven."*

## **NT-10**

*2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10*

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A reading from the second 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.

The word of the Lord.

*"He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory."*

**NT-11**

*Philippians 3:20-21*

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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.

*"Thus we shall always be with the Lord."*

**NT-12**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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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.

The word of the Lord.

*"If we have died with him we shall also live with him."*

## **NT-13**

*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint 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.

*"I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."*

## **NT-14**

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well;

I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day,  
and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

*"We shall see him as he is."*

**NT-15**

*1 John 3:1-2*

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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.

The word of the Lord.

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

## **NT-16**

*1 John 3:14-16*

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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.

# Universal Prayer

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*The priest will introduce the Universal Prayer with a brief statement. Then the reader begins:*

Our response is: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

1. For our brothers and sisters who are suffering affliction. May God graciously help and comfort them. Let us pray to the Lord. **℟**
2. For those in public office. May they work to promote justice and peace. Let us pray to the Lord. **℟**
3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped in this time of need. May they have the reward of their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord. **℟**
4. For (***name of deceased***) who was given the pledge of eternal life in baptism and was fed at the eucharistic table. May he/she now be admitted to the company of the Saints. Let us pray to the Lord. **℟**
5. For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again. May they see God face to face. Let us pray to the Lord. **℟**
6. For all of us gathered here in faith. May our hope be strengthened so that we may live in the expectation of Christ’s coming. Let us pray to the Lord. **℟**
7. For the needs spoken in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord. **℟**

*The reader remains in place until after the priest reads the concluding prayer, then returns to his/her seat.*