

Saint Benedict Parish

Funeral & Memorial Mass Worksheet - Updated 2020



GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Deceased: _____

Funeral Date: _____ Time: _____ Presider: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Funeral Home: _____ Phone: _____

FEES

The parish will provide an organist and a cantor. Additional instrumentalists may be added for an additional fee, which will depend on the type of instrument and their availability. Please make all payments to the individual musicians as indicated. Friends and family members that are musicians are welcome to participate if desired in addition to the cantor and organist.

Donation to St. Benedict Parish:

____ Registered Parishioner - \$250 ____ Non-Parishioner - \$350

Organist - \$125 _____

Cantor - \$125 _____

Additional Musician _____

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All fees should be dropped off at the St. Benedict rectory on or before the day of the funeral. The rectory is located at 2215 W. Irving Park.

PLANNING THE LITURGY

Planning the funeral liturgy can be difficult. The following section will walk you through all the parts of a funeral Mass, and provide suggestions for readings and music. It can be helpful to keep in mind that though we gather with heavy hearts for the loss of a loved one, we are also gathered to celebrate this person's life and transition into eternal paradise.

OPENING RITE

As the body enters the church and the priest makes his way to meet the procession, the following antiphon is sung. If there is no casket, this portion is omitted.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

The priest says a brief prayer at the casket. After the initial rites the procession makes its way into the church. During the procession a song is sung.

Entrance Song: _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the opening rites the Liturgy of the Word begins with a reading from the Old Testament. This reading may be read by a friend or family member, or by the priest.

First Reading: _____ Reader: _____

After the first reading the responsorial psalm is proclaimed (sung) by the cantor.

Responsorial Psalm: _____

After the psalm a second reading is proclaimed from the New Testament. This reading may be read by a family member, friend, or by the priest.

Second Reading: _____ Reader: _____

After the second reading, the Gospel is proclaimed by the priest. The priest will choose the Gospel reading. After the Gospel the priest will offer a homily.

After the homily we recite the Prayer of the faithful (Intercessions). These may be read by a friend, family member, or by the priest.

Reader of intercessions: _____

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the Offertory we offer gifts of bread and wine to be transformed in the body and blood of Christ. Friends and family members are invited to bring forth these gifts. As the gifts are offered, an antiphon is sung.

Gift Bearers: _____

Song or Antiphon: _____

Life is changed, not ended, for those who live by faith.

Or

He/She will live in your dwelling place, and rest on your holy mountain.

After the consecration of the bread and wine, the church is invited to take part in Holy Communion. As Catholics, our worship centers around the mystery of the Eucharist and this part of the Mass is the most central and sacred part of our worship. Because of this, we ask that only those who are Catholic and prepared to receive the Body and Blood of Christ take part in this sacrament. All those who are not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing with their arms crossed. As the assembly comes forward, a song is sung.

Family & Friends that are trained Eucharistic ministers may assist the presider in distributing communion.

Eucharistic Ministers: _____

Communion Song: _____

EULOGY

If desired, a friend or family member may offer a short reflection after communion. This reflection should be no longer than 3 to 4 minutes.

Eulogy ___ yes ___ no

Name: _____

FINAL COMMENDATION & DISMISSAL

The presider will invite everyone to pray one last time for the deceased. After the prayer of final commendation, a song is sung as the casket or urn is incensed. If there are no remains, this portion is omitted.

After the final commendation, the presider will say the final blessing and send the assembly forth to accompany the deceased to the place of interment. As the assembly leaves the church, a song or antiphon is sung.

Recessional Hymn: _____

Or

Antiphon: *“In Paradisum” (sung in Latin) - May choirs of angels escort you into paradise: and at your arrival may the martyrs receive and welcome you; may they bring you home into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the holy angels welcome you, and may you have everlasting rest.*

Additional notes

Attached to this worksheet is a packet with suggested readings and music selections. If choosing a reading other than those attached, please reference www.usccb.org for the correct translation.

SUGGESTED MUSIC

Numbers correspond to *Worship IV*.

PROCESSIONAL/RECESSIONAL HYMNS

- 650 Amazing Grace
- 676 A Living Faith
- 837 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
- 473 Attende Domine
- 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- 680 Be Not Afraid
- 962 Come You Sinners, Poor and Needy
- 713 Eye Has Not Seen
- 854 God of Day and God of Darkness
- 641 What Wondrous Love
- 614 Holy God We Praise Your Name
- 578 How Great Thou Art
- 777 I Danced in the Morning
- 686 Lord of All Hopefulness
- 627 O God, Beyond All Praising
In Your Blessed Resurrection
- 864 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
- 645 There's a Wideness In God's Mercy
- 690 On Eagles Wings
- 953 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
- 886 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

- 26 Have Mercy, Lord - Ps.4
- 31 In You, My God, My Body Will Rest - Ps.16
- 37 The Lord is My Shepherd - Ps. 23
- 39 To You, O Lord - Ps. 25
- 41 The Lord Is My Light - Ps. 27
- 45 Let Your Mercy Be On Us - Ps. 33
- 46 The Cry of the Poor - Ps. 34
- 54 Be Merciful, O Lord - Ps. 51
- 80 The Lord Is Kind - Ps. 103
- 103 Out of the Depths - Ps. 130

COMMUNION & OFFERTORY SONGS

- 915 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death
- 680 Be Not Afraid
- 962 Come You Sinners, Poor and Needy
- 713 Eye Has Not Seen
- 965 Healer of Our Every Ill
- 760 Pescador de Hombres (bilingual)
- 690 On Eagles Wings
- 950 I am the Bread of Life
- 923 I Received the Living God
- 931 One Bread, One Body
- 940 Take and Eat
- 939 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
- 980 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- 861 Soon and Very Soon

ARIAS & SPECIAL SACRED SONGS

- Pie Jesu - Faure (Offertory)
- Ave Maria - Schubert (Offertory)
- Pie Jesu - Lloyd Webber (Offerotry)
- Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart (Communion)
- Panis Angelicus - Franck (Communion)
- Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod (Offertory)
- The Celtic Song of Farewell (Recessional)

Most sacred music, especially titles distributed by any of the major Catholic publishers, is acceptable. We will do our best to accommodate special requests. There may be an additional fee to obtain the scores for titles that are not part of our parish music library.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Options for the 1st Reading, From the Old Testament*

1. Job 19:1,23-27
2. Wisdom 3:1-9
3. Wisdom 4:7-15
4. Isaiah 25: 6-9
5. Lamentations 3:17-26
6. Daniel 12:1-3
7. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

**During the Easter season the first two readings should come from the New Testament, with the first reading coming from options 1, 17, 18, or 19 below.*

Options for the 2nd Reading, From the New Testament

1. Acts 10:34-43
2. Romans 5:5-11
3. Romans 5:17-21
4. Romans 6: 2- 9
5. Romans 8:14-23
6. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
7. Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12
8. 1 Corinthians 12:20-28
9. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
10. 2 Corinthians 4:12 - 5:1
11. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
12. Philippians 3:20-21
13. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
14. 2 Timothy 2:8-13
15. 1 John 3:1-2
16. 1 John 3:14-16
17. Revelations 14:13
18. Revelations 20:11 - 21:1
19. Revelations 21:1-7

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

1. A Reading from the book of Job

Then Job answered and said:

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!

As for me, I know that my vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust.

This will happen when my skin has been stripped off,
and from my flesh I will see God: I will see for myself,
my own eyes, not another's, will behold him:
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

2. A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 offering he took them to himself.

In the time of their judgment they shall shine
and 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 the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

3. A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.
But the righteous one, 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 passes for gray hair,
and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved,
living 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 that consideration into account.
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
And his care is with the elect.
The Word of the Lord.

4. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
On this mountain* the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
A feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.
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:
“Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”
The Word of the Lord.

5. A reading from the book of Lamentations.

My life is deprived of peace,

I have forgotten what happiness is;

My enduring hope, I said,

has perished before the LORD.

The thought of my wretched homelessness

is wormwood and poison;

Remembering it over and over,

my soul is downcast.

But this I will call to mind;

therefore I will hope:

The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted,

his compassion is not spent;

They are renewed each morning—

great is your faithfulness!

The LORD is my portion, I tell myself,

therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who trust in him,

to the one that seeks him;

It is good to hope in silence for the LORD's deliverance.

The Word of the Lord

6. A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel.

“At that time there shall arise Michael,

the great prince, guardian of your people;

It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress

since the nation 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 to everlasting life,

others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.

But those with insight 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

7. A Reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas [the ruler of Israel] then 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 in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. 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 absolved from their sin.

The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

1. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the word [that] he sent to the Israelites 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 hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the 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.

2. A reading from the book of Romans.

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.

3. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

4. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

How can we who died to sin yet live in it? Or 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.⁸If, 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.

5. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

those who are led by the Spirit of God are children 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.

6. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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 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.

7. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.⁸For 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.

8. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 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, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. 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.

9. A reading from the first letter of 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, 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.

10. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing 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.

11. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.¹⁰ 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.

12. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

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.

13. A reading from the first letter of Paul 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.

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

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.

15. A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

16. A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

17. A reading from the book of Revelation.

I 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.

18. A reading from the book of Revelation.

I 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.

19. A reading from the book of Revelation.

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. 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." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." He said to me, "They are accomplished. 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.