



FUNERAL READINGS

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

The Word of the Lord.



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Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know
that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into
death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.

But if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The word of the Lord.



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OPTIONAL: Prayer of the Faithful

Opening Prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (brother/sister)
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We
pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for _____'s family, that the Lord will fill the present emptiness in
their hearts with the love and prayerful support of many friends. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all those people who ministered to _____ during (his/her) illness, that
they may be blessed in abundance with God's love for them. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For each of us with whom _____ so generously shared (his/her many
gifts, may we, too, grow in the ability to share our gifts and lighten the burdens of
others. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all those who loved and were loved by _____, that we may find
comfort in our belief in the Lord's promise to us of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For each of us here present that God will bless us richly with the gifts He knows we
need to fully celebrate life and recognize the new beginning which he offers us each
day. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For a moment, let us be with our own memories of _____. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.