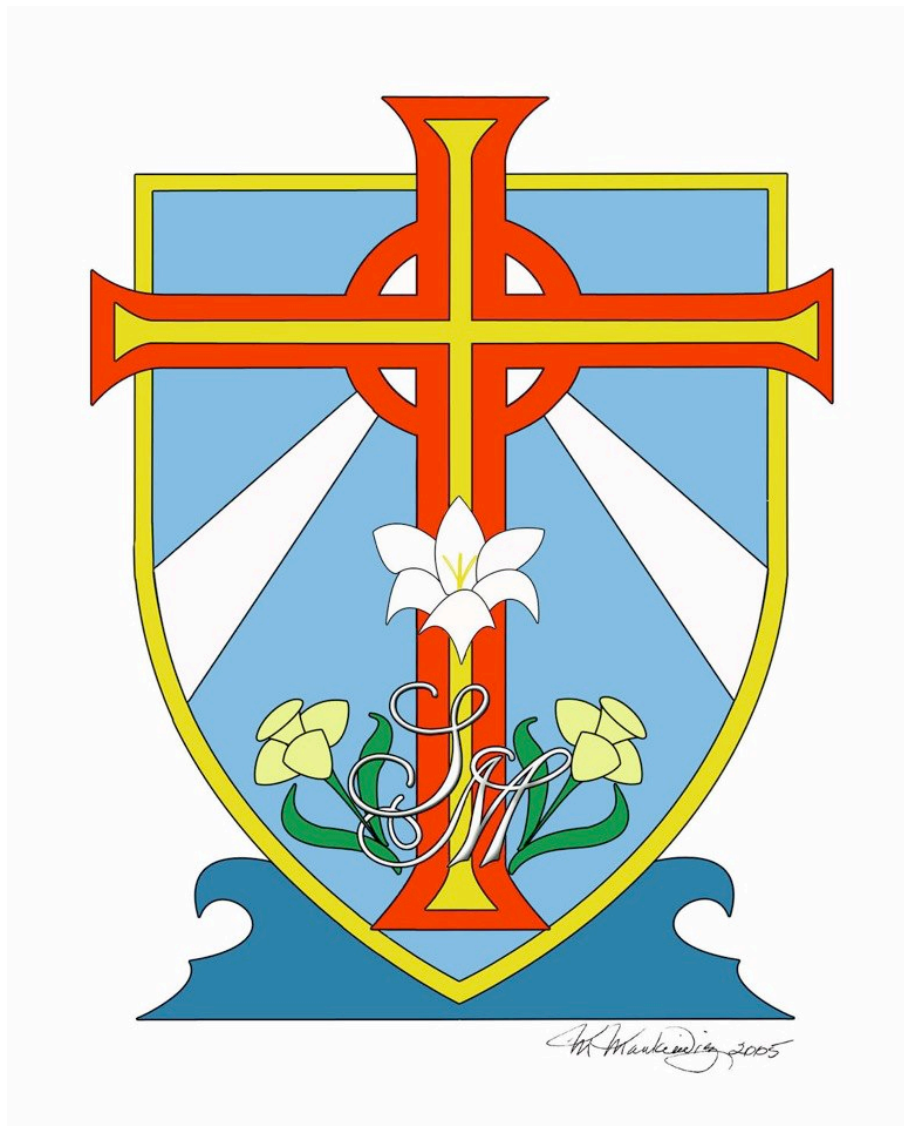


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The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”. This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 507

The death of a member of the church should be reported to the clergy of the parish as soon as possible (**church office: 508-362-3977**). The **pastoral care emergency line (774-208-1819)** may be used at any hour to reach the clergy on call. The Rector and staff are ready to be of assistance and can be with the family at the time of death, or immediately afterward, if desired. The clergy should be consulted before a date and time is set for the funeral or memorial service.

Planning the service

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service is called a “funeral” when the body or cremains (ashes) are present, and a “memorial service” when they are buried during a separate service. A member of the clergy will meet with the family to plan and shape the service according to the needs of the family and the wishes of the deceased (if known). Some resources related to the service planning are included here.

Lessons: For most services, one lesson is chosen from each of the following four groups: Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel lesson. You must include a gospel lesson in the service. Full texts of the readings are available at the end of this document.

From the Old Testament (see page 6 of this booklet)

Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death in victory)

Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort all that mourn)

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good unto them that wait for him)

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God)

Job 19: 21-27 (I know that my redeemer lives)

From the Psalter (page 7 of this booklet)

Psalm 23

Psalm 27

Psalm 42:1-7

Psalm 46

Psalm 90:1-12

Psalm 106:1-5

Psalm 116

Psalm 121

Psalm 130

Psalm 139:1-11

From the New Testament (page 12 of this booklet)

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)

1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)

Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear)

Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

From the Gospels (page 14 of this booklet)

John 5:24-27 (He who believes has everlasting life)

John 6:37-40 (All that the Father gives me will come to you)

John 10:11-16 (I am the good shepherd)

John 11:21-27 (I am the resurrection and the life)

John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house are many rooms)

Readers: Family members are encouraged to identify people to read the lessons chosen from the Old Testament, Psalter, and New Testament. A priest will read the Gospel lesson.

Eulogies: Family and friends are encouraged to offer personal remembrances as part of the service. The *total* length of the remembrances should be 15 minutes, and it is recommended that no more than three people speak. Our clergy can provide additional guidance on this matter.

Music

Christian hymns for funeral services are generally taken from *The Hymnal 1982*. If the family wishes to help choose the music, the church organist will be happy to work with the family in choosing appropriate hymns and/or anthems with final approval being given by the Rector. Please notify the clergy as soon as possible if the services of the organist will be needed.

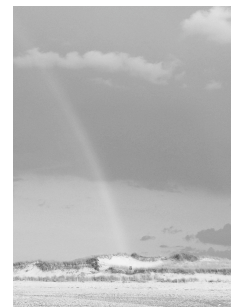
Hymns selected should be ones well familiar to the congregation that will be assembled. Hymns that are well known across various denominations that also appear in the Hymnal 1982 include (but are not limited to):

- #482 Lord of All Hopefulness
- #671 Amazing Grace
- #488 Be thou my vision
- #663 The Lord my God my Shepherd Is
- #287 For all the Saints
- #208 The Strife is O'er
- #335 I am the Bread of Life
- #711 Seek ye first
- #380 From all that dwells below the skies
- #362 Holy, Holy, Holy
- #390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- #662 Abide with me
- #608 Eternal Father, strong to save (the Navy hymn)
- #562 Onward, Christian soldiers
- #558 Faith of our fathers!
- #423 Immortal, invisible

Additional Details

Cover of the Bulletin

The cover of the bulletin can include an image that best celebrates the life of your loved one. Below are some sample images, and we have also used pictures of the person being honored.



Flowers

Flowers are not necessary for the casket or urn, as the casket or urn will be draped with a beautiful pall. The family should plan to arrange for flowers to be displayed on the table behind the altar, and most local florists are familiar with the space.

Receptions

The parish hall may be used for a reception after the service. For active parishioners, members of our hospitality team will provide simple refreshments such as lemonade, coffee, and cookies. If you would like to plan a more substantial meal, we are happy to recommend the following local caterers who are familiar with our kitchen. Non-parishioners may use the hall for a fee (see below), and must arrange for outside catering.

Barnstable Market: 508-362-4457

The Casual Gourmet: 508-775-4946

St. Mary's Memorial Garden:

St. Mary's memorial garden is available to active parishioners for the direct interment of ashes. This may be reserved prior to or at the time of death, and the fee per plot is \$650. Those interred in the garden are remembered with a brass plaque that is ordered by the church. The cost of the plaque is \$200 and is ordered at the time of death. Please see the parish administrator for more information.

Fees and Donations

Funeral fees

The full-time clergy at St. Mary's do not charge a fee for the funeral or memorial service itself, but gratefully accept donations for their participation in the service. If retired clergy officiate at the service, we ask families to compensate them for their services. If music is desired as part of the service, there is a fee for the services of our organist and any desired soloists. All fees should be paid prior to the start of the service. If you would like to use the parish hall for a reception, there is an additional fee to cover the services of our sexton and other set-up and clean-up duties. If ashes will be interred in our memorial garden, there is a fee for the opening of the grave.

Summary of Fees	Active Members	Non-Members
Stipend for St. Mary's clergy	Varies	Varies
- <i>Or</i> stipend for retired clergy (paid to clergy)	\$250	\$250
Music (paid to organist)	\$200	\$200
Administrative Costs (paid to St. Mary's)	\$100	\$250
Reception in Parish Hall (paid to St. Mary's)	\$100	\$250
Opening the grave (if buried at St. Mary's)	\$100	\$100

Funeral Donations

Many families also choose to make an additional donation in gratitude to the church. These gifts have ranged from \$100 - \$5,000. If you wish to make a special memorial gift to the church, please talk with our rector who would be happy to discuss ideas for honoring your loved one.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 505)

Readings for the Rite of Christian Burial

From the Old Testament (choose one)

Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death in victory)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort all that mourn)

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 broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, 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. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good unto them that wait for him)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Wisdom 3:1-5,9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God)

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer liveth)

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

The Psalms (choose one)

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalms 23 King James Version

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require, *
even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty
of the LORD, and to visit his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head *
above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; *
I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.
Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; *
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face. *
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me, *
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
I should utterly have fainted, *
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the LORD's leisure; *
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Psalm 42

Like as the heart desireth the water-brooks, *
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God; *

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, *
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; *
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God; *
for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 46

God is our hope and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; *
God shall help her, and that right early.
Be still then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 90

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, *
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, *
thou art God from everlasting, and the world without end.
Thou turnest man to destruction; *
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, *
and as a watch in the night.
As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep, *
and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green, and groweth up; *
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
For we consume away in thy displeasure, *
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, *
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
For when thou are angry all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that thy come to
fourscore years, *
yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow, so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; *
from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the LORD, *
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD himself is thy keeper; *
the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn by day, *
neither the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 130

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; *
Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well *
the voice of my complaint.
If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who may abide it?
Fore there is mercy with thee, *
therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; *
in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; *
I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, *
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel *
from all his sins.

Psalm 139

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. *
Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long
before.
Thou art about my path, and about my bed, *
and art acquainted with all my ways.
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, *
but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before, *
and laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; *
I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? *
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; *
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.
If I take the wings of the morning, *
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there also shall thy hand lead me, *
and thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me, *
then shall my night be turned to day.
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as day; *
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

Psalm 106

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.
Who can express the noble acts of the LORD, *
or show forth all his praise?
Blessed are they that always keep judgment, *
and do righteousness.
Remember me, O LORD, according to the favor that thou bearest unto thy people;
O visit me with thy salvation. That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, *
and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

Psalm 116

My delight is in the LORD, *
because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, *
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The snares of death compassed me round about, *
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the LORD; *
O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; *
yea, our God is merciful.
The LORD preserveth the simple; *
I was in misery, and he helped me.
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD hath rewarded thee.
And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, *
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
I will walk before the LORD *
in the land of the living.
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people; *
right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

From the New Testament (choose one)

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)

For all 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 have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (Raised in incorruption)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler 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. But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: ‘Death has been 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. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things which are not seen are eternal)

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though 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. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is

what 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 will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Revelation 7:9-17 (God shall wipe away all tears)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

The Gospel (choose one)

John 5:24-27 (He that believeth hath everlasting life)

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those

who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

John 6:37-40 (All that the Father gives me shall come to me)

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

John 10:11-16 (I am the good shepherd)

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 11:21-27 (I am the resurrection and the life)

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house are many mansions)

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

NOTES and QUESTIONS: