

Gospel Reading – Alternate Funeral Readings List

The Gospel readings below are alternatives to the traditional list.

Matthew 6:19-21

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

“Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Mark 10:13-16

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

People were bringing their little children to him to have him touch them, but the disciples were scolding them for this. Jesus became indignant when he noticed it and said to them: “Let the children come to me and do not hinder them. It is just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I assure you that whoever does not accept the reign of God like a little child shall not take part in it.” Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

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Luke 1:68-79

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and ransomed his people. He has raised up a horn of saving strength for us in the house of David his servant, as he promised through the mouth of his holy ones, the prophets of ancient times: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all our foes, He has dealt merciful with our fathers and remembered the holy covenant he made, The oath he swore to Abraham our father, he would grant us: that, rid of fear and delivered from the enemy, We should serve him devoutly and through all our days be holy in his sight. And you, O child, shall be called prophet of the Most High; For you shall go before the Lord to prepare straight paths for him, Giving his people a knowledge of salvation in freedom from their sins. All this is the work of the kindness of our God; he, the Dayspring, shall visit us in his mercy to shine on those who sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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John 3:14-17

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That all who believe may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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John 5:24-30

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I solemnly assure you, the man who hears my word and has faith in him who sent me possesses eternal life. He does not come under condemnation, but has passed from death to life. I solemnly assure you, an hour is coming, has indeed come, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who have heeded it shall live. Indeed, just as the Father possesses life in himself, so has he granted it to the Son to have life in himself. The Father has given over to him power to pass judgement because he is Son of Man; no need for you to be surprised at this, for an hour is coming in which all those in their tombs shall hear his voice and come forth. Those who have done right shall rise to live; the evildoers shall rise to be damned. I cannot do anything of myself. I judge as I hear, and my judgement is honest because I am not seeking my own will but the will of him who sent me.

The Gospel of the Lord

John 10:14-18

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

“I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me in the same way that the Father knows me and I know the Father; for these sheep I will give my life. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must lead them too, and they shall hear my voice. There shall be one flock then, one shepherd. The Father loves me for this: that I lay down my life to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down freely. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

The Gospel of the Lord

John 10:27-30

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father is greater than all, in what he has given me, and there is no snatching out of his hand. The Father and I are one.”

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