

Second Reading Options: New Testament

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14. Romans 5:5-11, Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
15. Romans 6:3-9, We who were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.
17. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39, If God is with us, who can be against us? ...neither death, nor life...will be able to separate us from the love of God
18. Romans 7-9, 19c-12, If we live, we live for the Lord
19. I Corinthians 12:31-13:8a, If I do not have love, I am nothing
20. I Corinthians 15:20-23, Christ has been raised... the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
21. II Corinthians 4:13-5:1, The one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise is also with Jesus...We have a building from God...eternal in heaven
22. Philippians 3:17-4:1,20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven...stand firm in the Lord
23. Philippians 4:4-9, The Lord is near. Have no anxiety... Keep on doing what you have learned...then the God of peace will be with you.
24. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God... bring with him those who have fallen asleep... Console one another with these words.
26. II Timothy 4:1-8, Put up with hardship...fulfill your ministry... I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
- 26B. II Timothy 4:1-2, 6-8, I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
27. I John 3:1-2, See what love the father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God... We are God's children now.
29. Revelation 14:13, Blessed are those who die in the Lord . . let them find rest from their labors.
31. Revelation 21:1, 3-5a, 6b-7, I... saw a new heaven and a new earth... I shall be his God and he will be my son.

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#14 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.**

(Pause)

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.

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Romans: 5:5-11

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#15 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

(Pause)

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.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Romans: 6:3-9

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#18 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

(Pause)

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 sister?

So then each of us shall give an accounting of ourselves to God.

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 7-9, 10c-12

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#17 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: **A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans.**

(Pause)

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.

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

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

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak with human and angelic tongues

but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind.

Love is not jealous, it is not pompous,,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interest,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoings

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

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#20 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

(Pause)

Brothers and sisters:

**Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits 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 first fruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:20-23

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

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#21 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

(Pause)

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have the same spirit of faith,

according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*,

we too believe and therefore we 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.

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

II Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

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#23 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

(Pause)

Brothers and sisters:

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.**

**Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.**

**Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.**

Then the God of peace will be with you.

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Philippians 4:4-9

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#24 (NT) Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

(Pause)

**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.
We who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them
to meet the Lord.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

I Thessalonians 13-18

(Wait several seconds at Ambo<pulpit>; return to seat.)

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#22 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

(Pause)

**Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters,
and observe those who thus conduct themselves
according to the model you have in us.**

**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.**

**Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Philippians 3:17-4:1,20-21

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#26 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: **A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

(Pause)

Brothers and Sisters:

**I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who will judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing and his kingly power:
proclaim the word;
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and
teaching.**

**For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine
but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity,
will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth
and will be diverted to myths.**

**But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances;
put up with hardship;
perform the work of an evangelist;
fulfill your ministry.**

**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.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

II Timothy 4:1-8

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#26 B

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

(Pause)

Brothers and Sisters:

**I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who will judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing and his kingly power:
Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and
teaching.**

**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.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

(Wait several seconds at the Ambo (pulpit); then return to seat)

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#27 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John

(Pause)

Brothers and Sisters:

**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.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

I John 3:1-2

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; return to seat.)

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#29 (NT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

(Pause)

**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.”**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <Pulpit>; return to seat.)

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#31 (NT) Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

(Pause)

**I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
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.”**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 1-5a, 6b-7

(Wait several seconds at Ambo <pulpit>; as music begins, return to seat.)