

SJC FUNERAL LITURGY SCRIPTURE READINGS TOPICAL LIST

First Reading Options: Old Testament

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3. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Give the worthy wife a share in what she has worked for
4. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, There is a time for everything under heaven
5. Wisdom 3:1-9, The souls of the just are in the hand of God
6. Wisdom 4:7-15 Though he may die early (the just one) shall be at rest
- 6B. Sirach 3:3-7, 14-17a, Those who honor their father atone for sins
7. Isaiah 25:6-10a. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast
- 7B. Isaiah 35:1-6, 10, The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom...They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.
- 7C. Isaiah 43:1-4, I have called you by name: you are mine... fear not, for I am with you.
9. Isaiah 65:17-21, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth... no longer shall the sound of weeping be heard
12. Micah 6:6-8, With what shall I come before the Lord?... To act justly, love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God

Reading for Funeral Liturgy

#3 (OT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

(Pause)

**When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

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#4 (OT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

(Pause)

**There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.**

**(God has made everything appropriate to its time,
and has put the timeless into our hearts,
without discovering,
from beginning to end, the work which God has done.)**

(Pause)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

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

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#5 (OT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

(Pause)

**The souls of the just 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.**

**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 offerings he took them to himself.**

**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 his elect.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3:1-9

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

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#6 (OT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

(Pause)

**The just one, though he may 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 is the crown for us,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved.**

**Having become perfect in a short while,
the just one reached the fullness of a long career;
for the soul was pleasing to the Lord.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 4:7-15

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#6B (OT) Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Sirach.

(Pause)

**God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors the father atones for sins.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors one's father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres the father will live a long life;
The one who obeys the father brings comfort to his mother.**

**My child, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a parent will not be forgotten.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Sirach 3:3-7, 14-17a

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#7 (OT) Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

(Pause)

**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 every face;
the reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.
On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"
For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 25:6-10

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

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#7BLEctionary

Reader: **A reading from the Book of Isaiah.**

(Pause)

**The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.**

**They will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God, he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense he comes to save you.**

**Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
Then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water;**

**A highway will be there, called the holy way;
it is for those with a journey to make,
and on it, the redeemed will walk.
Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
They will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 35:1-10

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

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#7C (OT)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

(Pause)

**But now, says the Lord, who created you,
and formed you,
Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name:
you are mine.**

**For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your savior.**

**You are precious in my eyes and glorious,
and because I love you,
fear not, for I am with you;**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 43:1-4

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

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#9 (OT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

(Pause)

Thus says the Lord:

**Lo, I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;**

**The things of the past shall not be remembered
or come to mind.**

**Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness
in what I create;**

**For I create Jerusalem to be a joy
and its people to be a delight;**

**I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and exult in my people.**

**No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there,
or the sound of crying;**

**No longer shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime;**

**They die a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years,
and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed.**

**They shall live in the houses they build,
and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 65:17-21

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

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#12 (OT)Lectionary

Reader: A reading from the Book of Micah.

(Pause)

**With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow before God most high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with myriad streams of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my crime,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
You have been told, O man, what is good,
and what the Lord requires of you:
To act justly, love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God.**

(Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Micah 6:6-8

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