

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the Book of Ruth:**

**Ruth 1:16-18**

Ruth said to her mother-in-law Naomi, "Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you! For wherever you go I will go,  
Wherever you live I will live.  
Your people shall be my people  
and your God will be my God.  
Wherever you die I will die, and there be buried beside you.  
May the Lord do this to me and more besides, if ever death separates me from you!"

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

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### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM:**

The just man, though he 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 of glory for God's  
children,  
and an innocent life, the attainment of old age.  
The one who pleased God was loved;  
He who lived among sinners was transported –  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind  
or deceit corrupt his soul.  
For the attraction of wickedness obscures what is good,  
and roving desires pervert the innocent mind.  
Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the  
fullness of a long career;  
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore God sped him out of the midst of wickedness.  
But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take this into account.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

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## FIRST READING

*Wis 3:1-6: 9*

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM:**

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 going forth from us, utter destruction.  
But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
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.

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**FIRST READING:**

*Eccl: 3:1-8*

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES:**

There is an appointed time for everything,  
And a time for every affair 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.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busy about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

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In the time of their visitation they shall shine and shall  
dart about as sparks through stubble:  
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord shall be their King forever.

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## **FUNERAL MASS**

### **First Reading:**

*Maccabees 12:43-46*

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MACCABEES:

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took, up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from their sins.

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### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
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 all faces;  
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!”

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## FUNERAL MASS

### First Reading:

*Lamentations 3:17-26*

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS:

My soul is deprived of peace,  
    I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
    all that I hoped for from the Lord.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
    is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
    leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
    as my reason to have hope.

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,  
    His mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
    so great is His faithfulness.  
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;  
    therefore will I hope in Him.

Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him,  
    to the soul that seeks Him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
    for the saving help of the Lord.

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## FIRST READING

*Job 19:1,23-27*

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB:**

Job answered his accusers and said:

O, would that my words were written down!  
Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead,  
they were cut in the rock forever!  
But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see:  
My own eyes, not another's shall behold him.  
and in my flesh I shall see God;  
My inmost being is consumed with longing..

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