

READINGS FOR MASSES FOR THE DEAD

READING I

READING I FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT (Applicable except for the Season of Easter)

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.

Job 19: 1, 23-27a

I know that my Vindicator lives

Wisdom 3:1-9 or short form 3: 1-6, 9

As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Wisdom 4:7-15

An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

He will destroy death forever.

Lamentations 3:17-26

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

Daniel 12:1-3

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

READING I is from the New Testament during the Season of Easter. Choose one of these:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-43 or Short form 10: 34-36, 42-43

He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Book of Revelation 20:11–21:1

The dead were judged according to their deeds.

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

There shall be no more death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1-3,4,5,6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 25: 6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21

To you, O Lord, I life my soul

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation

OR I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 42: 2, 3, 5cdef; 43: 3, 4, 5

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face.

Psalm 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Psalm 103: 8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Psalm 116: 5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. OR Alleluia.

Psalm 122: 1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord. OR

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8

Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord. OR

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Psalm 143: 1-2, 5-6, 7ab and 8ab, 10

O Lord, hear my prayer.

NEW TESTAMENT

READING II

Romans 5:5-11

Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.

Romans 5:17-21

Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.

Romans 6:3-9 or short form 6: 3-4, 8-9

We too might live in newness of life.

Romans 8:14-23

We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 or short form 15: 20-23

So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death is swallowed up in victory.

2 Corinthians 4:14--5:1

What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.

Philippians 3:20-21

He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT
READING II - CONTINUED

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we have died with him we shall also live with him.

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:14-16

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me and I will give you rest.

Matthew 25:1-13

Behold the bridegroom! Come out to him!

Matthew 25:31-46

Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 OR SHORT FORM 15: 33-39

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you, arise!

Luke 12:35-40

You also must be prepared.

Luke 23:33, 39-43

Today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a OR SHORT FORM 22: 44-46, 50, 52-53

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke 24:13-35 OR SHORT FORM 24: 13-16, 28-35

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?

John 5:24-29

Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.

GOSPEL

John 6:37-40

***Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life
and I shall raise him on the last day.***

John 6:51-59

Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.

John 11:17-27 OR SHORT FORM 11: 21-27

I am the resurrection and the life.

John 11:32-45

Lazarus, come out!

John 12:23-28 OR SHORT FORM 12: 23-26

If it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 14:1-6

In my Father's house there are many dwellings.

John 17:24-26

I wish that where I am they also may be with me.

John 19:17-18, 25-39

And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.

Link where you can find the complete **readings on your computer:**

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/index.cfm>