

# **Mass of Christian Burial**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM OPTIONS**

*Instructions:*

- 1. Select one Responsorial Psalm from the following options.*
- 2. The Psalm is meant to be sung by a cantor, who may lead the congregation to sing a response. If the psalm is to be read, not sung, the family may pick a person to read it.*
- 3. Once you have made your selection, please let the priest know the option number.*

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F15 - Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6**

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

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

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

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

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

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

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for years to come.

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

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F16 - Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6**

**R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

**R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for years to come.

**R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F17 - Psalm 25:6, 7B, 17-18, 20-21**

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,  
and your kindness are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.  
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering,  
and take away all my sins.

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Preserve my life, and rescue me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
because I wait for you, O Lord.

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F18 - Psalm 25:6, 7B, 17-18, 20-21**

**R. No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.**

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,  
and your kindness are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**R. No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.**

Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.  
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering,  
and take away all my sins.

**R. No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.**

Preserve my life, and rescue me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
because I wait for you, O Lord.

**R. No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F19 - Psalm 27:1, 4, 7 and 8b and 9a, 13-14**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?  
The Lord is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

One thing I ask of the Lord;  
this I seek:  
To dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord  
and contemplate his temple.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me and answer me.  
Your presence, O Lord, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F20 - Psalm 42: 2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4, 5**

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

As the hind longs for the running waters,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

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

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?

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

Send forth your light and your fidelity;  
they shall lead me on.  
And bring me to your Holy mountain,  
to your dwelling-place.

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

Then will I go in to the altar of God,  
the God of my gladness and joy;  
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,  
O God, my God!

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

Why are you so downcast, O my soul?  
Why do you sigh within me?  
Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking him,  
in the presence of my savior and my God.

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

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F21 - Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**

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

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

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

Thus, have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
For your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you.

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

Thus, will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

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

You are my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings, I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

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

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F22 - Psalm 103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18**

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.  
For he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Man's days are like those of grass;  
like a flower of the field he blooms;  
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,  
and his place knows him no more.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity,  
to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice toward children's children  
among those who keep his covenant  
and remember to fulfill his precepts.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F24 - Psalm 103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18**

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.  
For he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

Man's days are like those of grass;  
like a flower of the field he blooms;  
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,  
and his place knows him no more.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity,  
to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice toward children's children  
among those who keep his covenant  
and remember to fulfill his precepts.

**R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F25 - Ps 116:5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac**

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Gracious is the Lord and just;  
yes, our God is merciful.  
The Lord keeps the little ones;  
I was brought low, and he saved me.

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted";  
I said in my alarm,  
"No man is dependable."

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
O Lord, I am your servant,  
you have loosed my bonds.

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F26 - Ps 116:5, 6, 10-11, 15-16ac**

**R. Alleluia.**

Gracious is the Lord and just;  
yes, our God is merciful.  
The Lord keeps the little ones;  
I was brought low, and he saved me.

**R. Alleluia.**

I believed, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted";  
I said in my alarm,  
"No man is dependable."

**R. Alleluia.**

Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
O Lord, I am your servant,  
you have loosed my bonds.

**R. Alleluia.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F27 - Psalm 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

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

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."  
And now we have set foot  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

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

Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

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

According to the decree for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
In it are set up judgment seats,  
seats for the house of David.

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

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls,  
prosperity in your buildings.

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

Because of my relatives and friends  
I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,  
I will pray for your good.

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

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F28 - Psalm 122:1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
    "We will go up to the house of the Lord."  
And now we have set foot  
    within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Jerusalem, built as a city  
    with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
    the tribes of the Lord.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

According to the decree for Israel,  
    to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
In it are set up judgment seats,  
    seats for the house of David.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
    May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls,  
    prosperity in your buildings.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Because of my relatives and friends  
    I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,  
    I will pray for your good.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F29 - Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8**

**R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.

**R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.**

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities,  
Lord, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.

**R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.**

I trust in the Lord;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
My soul waits for the Lord  
more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.

**R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.**

For with the Lord is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.

**R. Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F30 - Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8**

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

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.

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

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities,  
Lord, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.

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

I trust in the Lord;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
My soul waits for the Lord  
more than the sentinels wait for the dawn.

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

For with the Lord is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.

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

**Funeral Mass**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

**Option F31 - Psalm 143:1-2, 5-6, 7ab, 8ab, 10**

**R. O Lord, hear my prayer.**

O Lord, hear my prayer;  
hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness;  
in your justice answer me.  
And enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for before you no loving man is just.

**R. O Lord, hear my prayer.**

I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all your doings;  
the works of your hands I ponder.  
I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like parched land.

**R. O Lord, hear my prayer.**

Hasten to answer me, O Lord;  
for my spirit fails me.  
At dawn let me hear of your kindness,  
for in you I trust.

**R. O Lord, hear my prayer.**

Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God.  
May your good spirit guide me  
on level ground.

**R. O Lord, hear my prayer.**