**The Christian Funeral**

**Scripture Readings**

*The readings listed below are suggested for use in the funeral service or for ministry at the time of death.*

**Old Testament**

*Job 19:1, 23-27b* I know that my Redeemer lives

*Lam. 3:17-26, 31-33* The steadfast love of the Lord

*Isa. 25:6-9* The Lord God will swallow up death for ever

*Isa. 40:1-11* Comfort my people

*Isa. 40:1, 28-31* They who wait for the Lord

*Isa. 43:1-3a, 18-19, 25* When you pass through the waters

*Isa. 44:6-8* I am the first and the last

*Isa. 61:1-3* Good tidings to the afflicted

The Apocrypha

*Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-6, 9*

 The souls of the righteous

*Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15* Let us now praise famous men

At The Death Of A Child Or Young Person:

*Zech. 8:1-8* Children playing in the streets

*2 Sam. 12:16-23* David's child dies

Psalms

*16:5-11* In God's presence there is fullness of joy

*23* The Lord is my Shepherd

*27:1, 4-9a, 13-14* The Lord is my light and my salvation

*39:4, 5, 12* Lord, let me know my end

*42:1-6a, 7-8, 11* My soul thirsts for the living God

*43:3-5* God of my exceeding joy

*46:1-5, 10-11* God is our refuge

*90:1, 2, 4-6, 10, 12* God of our dwelling place

*91* The one who dwells in the shelter

*103:1-5, 13-18* Bless the Lord, O my soul

*118* Open the gates of righteousness

*121* My help comes from the Lord

*126* Those who sow in tears

*130* Out of the depths I cry to the Lord

*139:1-12, (17,18)* Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?

*145* Great is the Lord

New Testament

*Acts 10:34-43* God raised Jesus from death

Epistle Readings

*Rom. 5:1-11* We rejoice in hope

*Rom. 6:3-11* We were baptized into Christ

*Rom. 8:18, 28,*

 *31b-35, 37-39* Nothing will separate us from the love of God

*Rom. 14:7-9, 10b-12* Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's

*I Cor. 15:3-8, 12-20a* Christ raised from the dead

*I Cor. 15:20-24* In Christ shall all be made alive

*I Cor. 15:20-26, 35-38*  Christ, the first fruits

*I Cor. 15:50, 53-58* Death is swallowed up in victory

*I Cor. 15:35-44* The natural body and the spiritual body

*I Cor. 15:50-57* We shall all be changed

*II Cor. 4:16-5:7* Visible things are transitory

*Phil. 3:7-11* Knowing him and the power of his resurrection

*I Peter 1:3-9* A living hope through the resurrection of Christ

*Rev. 21:1-4,*

 *22-25; 22:3-5* A new heaven and a new earth

Gospel Readings

*Matt. 5:1-12a* Blessed are those who mourn

*Matt. 11:28-30* You will find rest

*Luke 23:33, 39-43* Today you will be with me in paradise

*John 3:16-21* God so loved the world

*John 6:35-40* Whoever comes to me I will not cast out

*John 11:17-27* I am the resurrection and the life

*John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27*  Let not your hearts be troubled

At The Death Of A Child Or Young Person

*Matt. 18:1-5, 10, 14* The greatest in the kingdom of heaven

*Mark 10:13-16* Let the children come to me

*John 10:14, 15, 27-30* I am the good shepherd

*Eph. 3:14-19* The Father from whom every family is named

**Hymns and Metrical Psalms**

The hymns and metrical psalms suggested below are among those which will be found suitable for use at funerals.

**Metrical Psalms**

Psalm 23, The Lord's my Shepherd

Psalm 27, The Lord's my light and saving health

Psalm 117, From all that dwell below the skies

Psalm 121, Unto the hills around do I lift up

**Hymns**

Abide with me Light's abode, celestial Salem

Be still, my soul Love divine, all loves excelling

Blest be the everlasting God Now let the vault of heaven resound

Christ, of all my hopes the ground Now thank we all our God

For all the saints Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The King of love my Shepherd is

Jerusalem the golden Thine be the glory