

**The Mass of Christian Burial  
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Sparta, NJ**

Funeral Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized name of the Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name to be called by (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

**Gathering Rites**

Placing of the Pall: \_\_\_\_\_

*A pall is a cloth which covers a casket or coffin.*

Placing of the Book of Gospels: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading (Letter C)** Please indicate number: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by funeral team member or family (**choose one adult**, if family, please include name): \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm: Sung by Cantor, see music page for options

**Second Reading (Letter E)** Please indicate number: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by funeral team member or family (**choose one adult**, if family, please include name): \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel: Chosen and read by Presider

General Intercessions: Read by funeral team member or family \_\_\_\_\_

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Gifts of Bread and Wine carried in by \_\_\_\_\_

Note: More than one person may be in the processions, but there are only two gifts

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*MASS of CHRISTIAN BURIAL*

*Recommended Readings*

*Normally two Readings may be chosen,  
one from the Old Testament (p. 2-6)  
one from the New Testament (p. 7-11)  
The Priest will choose and read the Gospel*

*Family members of friends are invited to select the Readings for the  
Mass  
and to participate in the Liturgy by reading the chosen selections.*

**READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**  
(Old Testament)

**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!”**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 43:1-4**  
(Old Testament)

**I, the Lord, created you and formed you, don't be afraid.**

**I have rescued you. I have called you by name;**

**Now you belong to me.**

**When you cross deep rivers, I will be with you,**

**and won't let you drown.**

**When you walk through fire, you won't be burned,**

**or scorched by the flames.**

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

**the God who saves you.**

**I gave up Egypt, Ethiopia and the region of Seba,**

**in exchange for you.**

**To me, you are very dear, and I love you.**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM**  
(Old Testament)

**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 though an affliction  
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.**

**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.**

**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 care is with his elect.**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS 3:17-26**  
(Old Testament)

**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.  
THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**READING FROM THE BOOK SIRACH 6:14-17**  
(Old Testament)

**A Faithful friend is a sure shelter.**

**Whoever finds one has found a rare treasure.**

**A faithful friend is something beyond price,**

**there is no measuring their worth.**

**A faithful friend gives you strength for life**

**and those who follow the Lord will find one.**

**Whoever walks with the Lord makes true friends,**

**For as a person is, so are their friends.**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

**GOD IS LOVE**    *1 John 4: 7-12*  
(New Testament)

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN**

**My dear people, let us love one another,  
since love comes from God, and everyone who loves  
is begotten by God and knows God.**

**Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.**

**God's love for us was revealed when God sent  
unto the world his only Son,  
so that we could have life through him;**

**This is the love I mean:**

**Not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.**

**My dear people, since God has loved us so much,  
we too should love one another.**

**No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another  
God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION 14:13**  
(1) (New Testament)

*Happy are those who die in the Lord.*

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this;

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.

"Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors,

for their works accompany them.'

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

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**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION 21:1-5a, 6b-7**  
(2)

*There will be no more death*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,  
for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21  
(New Testament)**

*Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours  
to be like his glorious body,*

**Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body  
by the power that enables him also to bring all things  
into subjection to himself.**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL  
TO THE CORINTHIANS 5:1, 6-10  
(New Testament)**

*We have an everlasting home in heaven*

**We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,**

**we have a building from God,**

**a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.**

**So we are always courageous, although we know that**

**while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,**

**for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body,**

**and go home to the Lord.**

**Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**

**so that each one may receive recompense, according to what**

**he did in the body, whether good or evil.**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**A READING FROM PAUL TO THE ROMANS 8: 31-35, 37**  
(New Testament)

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,  
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also  
is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or  
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any  
other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

FUNERAL MASS FOR \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSE: Lord, hear our prayer.

In Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ.  
Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her to your everlasting light and love.

We Pray to the Lord:

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\_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of the Savior.  
Welcome him/her into the halls of your heavenly banquet:

We Pray to the Lord:

R:

That from his/her place in the Kingdom of her loving Father, \_\_\_\_\_  
may intercede for us and continue to help us.

We Pray to the Lord:

R:

The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ need comfort and consolation. Heal  
their pain and dispel the darkness that comes from grief:

We Pray to the Lord:

R:

For all the sick, that they might know the healing power of God through body, mind and spirit:

We Pray to the Lord:

R:

For all those who have died most especially and all the deceased members of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ family, that they may have the reward of their goodness:

We Pray to the Lord:

R:

For all of us in community here today, strengthen our hope so that we may live in expectation of  
your Son's coming:

We Pray to the Lord:

R:

For all caregivers that they may be blest abundantly for their goodness:

We Pray to the Lord:

R:

## ***MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL***

### **Music Selections**

The following Selections are some recommendations for music at the Funeral Liturgy, although most any song in our hymnal would be appropriate. Simply choose 1 psalm and 4 hymns. The Director of Music will place them at the appropriate time in the liturgy.

#### **Psalm (choose 1)**

- Shepherd Me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life
- The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, of whom should I be afraid
- I believe I shall see the Good things of the Lord in the land of the living
- In Every Age O Lord, you have been my refuge, In every age, O Lord, you have been my strength
- To You O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my Soul -- Psalm

#### **Hymn options (choose 4)**

- Amazing Grace
- Be not Afraid
- Lift High the Cross
- Prayer of St. Francis
- You are Mine
- Here I am Lord
- I heard the voice of Jesus Say
- Ave Maria -- Meditation
- Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
- Do not let your hearts be troubled
- I am the bread of Life
- Precious Lord, Take my hand
- We will rise again
- Now the Green blade rises
- On Eagle's Wings
- I received the living God
- We remember
- Sing with all the Saints in Glory
- I know that my redeemer lives
- Let there be Peace on Earth

Please note: Per the guidelines for the Diocese of Paterson, only sacred music is permitted at funerals.