

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*The following passages are offered as a suggestion of possible readings to include in a funeral service. Other Scripture readings that hold meaning may also be appropriate.*

### FROM PSALMS

Psalm 23	<i>The LORD is my shepherd</i>
Psalm 34:1-8, 17-18	<i>God is near to the broken-hearted</i>
Psalm 46:1-7	<i>God is our refuge and strength</i>
Psalm 90	<i>Our dwelling place in all generations</i>
Psalm 118	<i>God's steadfast love endures forever</i>
Psalm 121	<i>I lift up my eyes to the hills</i>
Psalm 130	<i>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD</i>
Psalm 139:1-12	<i>You trace my journeys and my resting places</i>

### OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Job 19:23-27a	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	<i>For everything there is a season</i>
Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>God will swallow up death forever</i>
Isaiah 35:5-7	<i>The prophet looks to God's healing</i>
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31	<i>Comfort, O comfort my people</i>
Isaiah 41:9b-10	<i>Fear not, I am with you</i>
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19, 25	<i>I am about to do a new thing</i>
Isaiah 49:13b-16a	<i>God will not forget you</i>
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	<i>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters</i>
Isaiah 61:1-3	<i>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me</i>
Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25	<i>I am about to create a new heaven and a new earth</i>
Isaiah 66:10-14	<i>As a mother comforts her child</i>
Jeremiah 31:8-13	<i>I will turn their mourning into dancing</i>
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases</i>

### NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 5:1-11	<i>Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Romans 8:14-17	<i>Children of God led by the Spirit of God</i>
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	<i>Who will separate us from the love of Christ?</i>
1 Corinthians 15:12-26	<i>Christ, the firstfruits, has been raised from the dead</i>
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-43	<i>Sown in weakness, raised in power</i>
2 Corinthians 1:3-7	<i>God comforts us in all our sorrows</i>
2 Corinthians 4:7-12	<i>Treasure in clay jars</i>
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:1	<i>Prepared for eternal glory</i>

Ephesians 6:10-17  
Philippians 3:20—4:1  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18

*Strength in the Lord  
We await a Savior  
We do not want you to be uninformed about those who have  
died  
We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses  
See what love the Father has given us  
God will wipe away every tear  
I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem  
The Lord will be their light*

Hebrews 12:102  
1 John 3:1-2  
Revelation 7:9-17  
Revelation 21:2-7  
Revelation 22:1-5

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-10  
Matthew 11:28-29  
Mark 16:1-7  
Luke 24:1-9, 36-43  
Luke 23:46  
John 1:1-5, 9-14  
John 3:16-17  
John 6:35-40  
John 10:11-16  
John 10:27-29  
John 11:21-27  
John 14:1-6  
John 14:27

*Blessed are are those who mourn  
Come to me, all you who are weary  
The resurrection of Christ  
The resurrection of Christ  
Into your hands I commend my spirit  
The light shines in the darkness  
God so loved the world  
I should lose nothing that God has given  
I am the good shepherd  
My sheep hear my voice  
I am the resurrection and the life  
In my Father's house are many rooms  
Peace I leave with you*