



READINGS

For the

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saint Martin of Tours Church
Amityville, New York

FIRST READINGS

- 4 Job 19:1, 23-26.....*I know that my Redeemer lives.*
5 & 6...Wisdom 3:1-9.....*He accepted them as a holocaust.*
7...Wisdom 4:7-15.....*A blameless life is a ripe old age.*
8...Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9.....*The Lord God will destroy death for ever*
9...Lamentations 3:17-26 *It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.*
10...Daniel 12:1-3 *Of those who lie sleeping, many will awake.*
11 2 Maccabees 12:43-46..... *It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.*

^ During the Easter Season ^

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SECOND READINGS

- 13 & 14 Acts 10:34-43 ^ *God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.*
- 15 Romans 5:5-11 *God has entrusted his love to us.*
- 16 Romans 5:17-21 *Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*
- 17 & 18 Romans 6:3-9 *Let us walk in newness of life.*
- 19 Romans 8:14-23 *We wait for our bodies to be set free.*
- 20 Romans 8:31 b--35, 37-39 *Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?*
- 21 Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12 *Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*
- 22 & 23 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 *All people will be brought to life in Christ.*
- 24 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 *Death is swallowed up in victory.*
- 25 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 *What is seen is temporary; what is unseen is eternal.*
- 26 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 *We have an everlasting home in heaven.*
- ~~27 Philippians 3:20-21.....*Jesus will transfigure our bodies to be like his glorious body.*~~
- 28 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 *We shall stay with the Lord for ever*
- 29 2 Timothy 2:8-13 *If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.*
- 30 1 John 3:1-2 *We shall see God as he really is.*
- 31 1 John 3:14-16 .. *We have passed from death to life, because we love one another.*
- 32 Revelation 14:13 ^ *Happy are those who die in the Lord.*
- 33 Revelation 20:11-13, 21:1 ^ *The dead have been judged according to their works.*
- 34 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7.... ^ *There will be no more death.*

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First Reading

A reading from the book of Job.

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

 Would that they were inscribed in a record;

That with an iron chisel and with lead

 they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

 and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

 my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God;

 my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

Job 19:1, 23-26

I know that my Redeemer lives.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

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 thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they are 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.

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 his care is with his elect.

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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.

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Wisdom 3:1-9

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The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported -
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in a short while, he reached
the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
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The Word of the Lord.

First Reading:**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.**

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.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

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 I will 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.

First Reading**A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel.**

I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this
word of the Lord:

“At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.
At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep
in the dust of the earth shall awake;
Some shall live forever,
others shall be an everlasting
horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
And those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

Judas (the ruler of Israel) then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be free from this sin.

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Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

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Second Reading

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Hope does not disappoint,
 Because the love of God has been poured out
 into our hearts through the Holy Spirit
 that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,
 yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty
 does one die for a just person,
 though perhaps for a good person
 one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us
 in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then,
 since we are now justified by his blood,
 will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if while we were enemies,
 we were reconciled to God,
 through the death of his Son.
 how much more, once reconciled,
 will we be saved by his life.

Not only that, but we also boast of God
 through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If, by the transgression of one person,
death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive
the abundance of grace
and of the gift of justification come to reign
in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
so through one righteous act acquittal
and life come to all

For just as through the disobedience of one person
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of one
the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase
but, where sin increased,
grace overflowed all the more,
so that, as sin reigned in death,
grace also might reign through justification
for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 5:17-21

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Are you unaware that we who were baptized
 into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him
 through baptism into death,
 so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
 by the glory of the Father,
 we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
 we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ,
 raised from the dead, dies no more;
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For if we have grown into union with him
through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

~~We know that our old self was crucified with him~~
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

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Those who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God, and if children,
then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God;

For creation was made subject to futility,
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself would be set free
from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom
of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;
and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

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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 loves 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.

Romans 8:31b-35,37-39

Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

None of us lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written;

“As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead
came also through a human being.
For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming,
those who belong to Christ;

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those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for "he subjected everything
under his feet."
But when it says that everything has been subjected,
it is clear that excludes the One
who subjected everything to him.
When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the One who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

Behold, I tell you a mystery.
 We shall not all fall asleep,
 but we will be changed, in an instant,
 in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.
 For the trumpet will sound,
 the dead will be raised incorruptible,
 and we shall be changed.
 For that which is corruptible
 must clothe itself with incorruptibility,
 and that which is mortal
 must clothe itself with immortality.
 And when that which is corruptible
 clothes itself with incorruptibility,
 and that which is mortal
 clothes itself with immortality,
 then the word that is written shall come about

“Death is swallowed up in victory.
 Where, O death, is your victory?
 Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin,
 and the power of sin is the law.
 But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
 through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance
on more and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow
for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us
an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;
for what is seen is transitory,
but what is unseen is eternal.

For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

What is seen is temporary, what is unseen is eternal.

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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

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

Philippians 3:20-21

Jesus will transfigure our bodies to be like his glorious body.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be unaware,
brothers and sisters,
about those who sleep in death,
so that you may not grieve like the rest,
who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those
who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel
and with the trumpet of God,
will come from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him
 we shall also live with him;
 if we persevere
 we shall also reign with him.
 But if we deny him
 he will deny us.
 If we are unfaithful
 he remains faithful
 for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

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We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers and sisters.
Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer
has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that
Jesus laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives
for our brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord.

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A reading from the book of Revelation.

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“Write this:”

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who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” said the Spirit,

“let them find rest from their labors,
for their good works accompany them.”

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13

Happy are those who die in the Lord.

Second Reading

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I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

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Then 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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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,”

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Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7
There will be no more death.

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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.