

ALL SOULS DAY

November 2

Solemnity

THERE IS A CHOICE AMONG EACH OF THE READINGS, TODAY

THREE 1ST READINGS, TODAY

See your Presider as to which one to use

Reading 1
Choice #1

Citation: *Wisdom : Chap. 3, Verses 1-9*
Wisdom 3: 1-9

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just
are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

(very short pause)
(assuring; confident)
(short pause)

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.

(parenthetical expression)
(short pause)
(very short pause)
(separate “utter” from “destruction”) (short pause)

But they are in peace.

(be re-assuring!)

For if in the sight of others,
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.

(parenthetical expression?)
(confirming that we are accountable for our actions)
(short pause)
(re-stating the two lines above)
(repeat the tone, too) (short pause)
(affirmation of a reward) (short pause)

As gold in the furnace,
he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings
he took them to himself.

(short pause)
(affirmation) (each word separately) (short pause)

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.

(confident; assured; almost proud!)
(short pause)
(conviction)
(exaltation)
(complete confidence, conviction)
(Pause)

Those who trust in him

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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.

(very short pause)

(short pause)

(affirmation that all is well)

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Reading 1
Choice #2

Citation: Wisdom: Chap. 4, Verses 7-15
Wisdom 4: 7-15

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man,
though he die early,
shall be at rest.

(almost a parenthetical expression?)
(confident, assuring)

For the age that is honorable
comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.

(very short pause)
(short pause)

Rather,
understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life,
the attainment of old age.

(reflecting; a wise person speaking)
“ “
“ “

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.

(very short pause)
(very short pause) (admonishing)
(very short pause)
(short pause)
(very short pause) (wisdom)
(pause) (cautionary)

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.

(short pause) (“he” = Jesus)
(very short pause)
(short pause) (confirming)

But the people saw
and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

(convinced that they understood what happened)
(disappointment) (very short pause)
(disappointment)

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Choice #3

Citation: Isaiah: Chap. 25, Verses 6-9
Isaiah 25: 6-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain
the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples.

(affirming) (very short pause)

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.

(a bit more insistent throughout the sentence)

(short pause)

(say each word confidently and separately)

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.

(compassion)

(convinced)

(affirmation) (pause)

On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God,
to whom we looked to save us!"

(very short pause)

(proud; almost pointing to Him!)

(short pause)

This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice
and be glad that he has saved us!"

(convinced!) (short pause)

(be joyful)

(last four words said separately; conviction)

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THIRTEEN 2ND READINGS, TODAY
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Reading 2
Choice #1

Citation: Romans: Chap. 5, Verses 5-11
Romans 5: 5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

[be solicitous of the Assembly]

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.

[short pause]

[parenthetical expression?] [Pause]

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

[short pause]

[parenthetical expression]

[voice goes down as sentence is proclaimed?]

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

[very short pause]

[convinced] [short pause]

[very short pause]

[short pause]

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

[almost parenthetical expression]

[definite; convinced] [Pause]

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

[parenthetical expression]

[convinced] [short pause]

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.

[almost a parenthetical expression?]

[parenthetical expression]

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

[growing conviction]

[“you understand, of course!”]

[some pride, here]

[satisfaction; thank God!]

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Reading 2
Choice #2

Citation: Romans, Chap. 5, Verses 17-21
Romans 5: 17-21

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If,
by the transgression of the one,
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
Jesus Christ.

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

For just as through the disobedience of the one man
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of the 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.

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Reading 2
Choice #3

Citation: Romans: Chap. 6, Verses 3-9
Romans 6: 3-9

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: (solicitous; this is a serious topic you're talking about)

Are you unaware (a questioning tone of voice for each of the 4 phrases)
that we (very short pause)
who were baptized into Christ Jesus [almost a parenthetical expression] [short pause]
were baptized into his death? [Pause]

We were indeed buried with him [very short pause]
through baptism [parenthetical expression]
into death, [emphasize each word separately]
so that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead [very short pause]
by the glory of the Father, [parenthetical expression]
we too might live in newness of life. [convinced] [short pause]

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, [of course!] [short pause]
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. [affirmation; conviction]

We know ["it's obvious!"] [very short pause]
that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with, [almost a parenthetical expression]
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. [very short pause]
For a dead person has been absolved from sin. [convinced] [short pause]
If, then, we have died with Christ, [very short pause]
we believe that we shall also live with him. [convinced!] [short pause]

We know that Christ,
raised from the dead, [short pause]
dies no more; [Pause]
death no longer has power over him. [powerful; emphasize each word separately; raise volume?]

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Choice #4

Citation: Romans: Chap. 8, Verses 14-23
Romans 8: 14-23

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God
are sons of God. [short pause] (Check to see if you can use “children” instead of “sons”)
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery (a negative tone of voice; frown on your face)
to fall back into fear, [almost a parenthetical expression]
but you received a Spirit of adoption (relief! almost joy!)
through whom we cry,
"Abba, Father!" [raise voice volume] [be sure to hear two separate words!]

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God, [short pause]
and if children, (very short pause)
then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, [build conviction and excitement!]
if only we suffer with him [parenthetical expression] (cautionary)
so that we may also be glorified with him. [Pause]

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing [a change of tone and focus]
compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (the contrast!) [short pause]

For creation awaits
with eager expectation [parenthetical expression?] (insisting)
the revelation of the children of God; [short pause]

for creation was made subject to futility, (statement of fact?)
not of its own accord [almost a parenthetical expression]
but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself would be set free [Christ's hope/expectation of His Father!]
from slavery to corruption (need to emphasize “from”) [short pause]
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. (be glad!)

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains [stretch out “groaning” a bit]
even until now; [short pause]
and not only that, [very short pause]
but we ourselves, [very short pause]
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, [short pause]

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we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

[make it sound like you're groaning!]

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Choice #5

Citation: Romans, Chap. 8, Verses 31b-35, 37-39
Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: (supremely confident!) (Be Paul!!)

If God is for us, [short pause]
who can be against us? [Pause]

He who did not spare his own Son (argumentative; firm; insistent)
but handed him over for us all, [parenthetical expression]
will he not also give us everything else along with him? [Pause]

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? [Pause]

It is God who acquits us. (matter-of-factly but insistent) [short pause]
Who will condemn? [short pause]

It is Christ Jesus who died, (a correction to the previous phrase?) [parenthetical expression]
rather, was raised, [parenthetical expression]
who also is at the right hand of God, [Pause]
who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? (as if you are confounded) [short pause]
Will anguish, or distress, [A List!!] (voice raises – a long question)
or persecution, or famine, [vary tone, pacing, etc. from phrase to phrase]
or nakedness, or peril,
or the sword? [short pause]

No, [sound like this answer is obvious; be convinced!] (Pause)
in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly [a bit of excitement!]
through him who loved us. [say it with as much sincerity as you can muster!]

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, [another List!!]
or angels, nor principalities,
or present things,
nor future things,
or powers, nor height, nor depth,
or any other creature
will be able to separate us from the love of God [very short pause]

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in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[be convinced!]

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Reading 2
Choice #6

Citation: Romans: Chap. 14, Verses 7-9, 10c-12
Romans 14: 7-9, 10c-12

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, [short pause]
and no one dies for oneself. [Pause]

For if we live, [short pause]
we live for the Lord, [short pause]
and if we die, [almost a question] [short pause]
we die for the Lord; [definite, convinced] [Pause]

so then,
whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's. [Pause]

For this is why Christ died and came to life, [very short pause]
that he might be Lord of both the dead [very short pause]
and the living. [Pause]

Why then do you judge your brother? [look around the Assembly] [short pause]

Or you, [look half way down the center aisle, but not at anyone] [very short pause]
why do you look down on your brother? [Pause]

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; [short pause]

for it is written:

As I live, [you are quoting Scripture; change voice tone] [short pause]
says the Lord,
every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God. [Pause]

So then
each of us shall give an account of himself
to God. [emphasize the seriousness of what this means in these two words]

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Reading 2
Choice #7

Citation: 1 Corinthians: Chap. 15, Verses 20-28
1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, [short pause]
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [short pause]
For since death came through a human being, [short pause]
the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. [short pause]

For just as in Adam all die, [very short pause]
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, [short pause]
but each one in proper order: [parenthetical expression]
Christ the firstfruits; [short pause]
then, at his coming, [short pause]
those who belong to Christ; [very short pause]
then comes the end, [very short pause]
when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father. (parenthetical expression?) [Pause]

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [short pause]
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,

for
"he subjected everything under his feet." (a quote – change voice tone) [Pause]

But when it says that everything has been subjected,
it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. [short pause]

When everything is subjected to him, [very short pause]
then the Son himself
will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, [very short pause]
so that God may be all (powerful; conviction) [very short pause]
in all.

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Reading 2
Choice #8

Citation: *1 Corinthians: Chap. 15, Verses 51-57*
1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Behold,

I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep,
but we will all be changed,
in an instant,
in the blink of an eye,
at the last trumpet.

(this is what I am going to do) [short pause]
(confident, convinced) [very short pause]
[very short pause]
(pacing picks up with each of these 3 lines)

[short pause]

For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.

[short pause]
[short pause]
(convinced) [Pause]

For that which is corruptible
must clothe itself with incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal
must clothe itself with immortality.

[very short pause]

[short pause]

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,

then

the word that is written shall come about:

[very short pause]

[short pause]

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

[quoting from Scripture; change voice tone]
(a question in your voice) [very short pause]
[a question in your voice] [Pause]

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.

[short pause]

[short pause]

But thanks be to God
who gives us the victory
through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

[sound grateful!] [very short pause]
[exulting!]

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Reading 2
Choice #9

*Citation: 2 Corinthians, Chap. 4, Verse 14 to Chap. 5, Verse 1
2 Corinthians 4:14 – 15:1*

A Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: [gentle tone]

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also [be convinced!] [short pause]
with Jesus [very short pause]
and place us with you
in his presence. [softer tone] [Pause]

Everything indeed is for you, [short pause]
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people [very short pause]
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow [be sincere]
for the glory of God. [short pause]

Therefore, we are not discouraged; [short pause]
rather,
although our outer self is wasting away, [very short pause]
our inner self is being renewed day by day. [emphasize each word separately] [short pause]

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

For we know that if our earthly dwelling,
a tent, [said almost with disdain!]
should be destroyed, [short pause]
we have a building from God
a dwelling not made with hands, [almost a parenthetical expression; emphatic] [short pause]
eternal [short pause]
in heaven. [conviction!]

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Reading 2
Choice #10

Citation: 2 Corinthians, Chap. 5, Verse 1, 6-10
2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

A Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling,
a tent, [said almost with disdain]
should be destroyed, [very short pause]
we have a building from God, [separate “building” from “from God”] [very short pause]
a dwelling not made with hands, [very short pause]
eternal
in heaven.

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body [short pause]
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, [Pause]
not by sight.
Yet
we are courageous, [short pause]
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. [Pause]

Therefore,
we aspire to please him, [very short pause]
whether we are at home or away. [let your voice lift slightly as you say the 4 words]

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, [very short pause]
so that each may receive recompense,
according to what was done in the body, [parenthetical expression]
whether good [very short pause]
or evil. [conviction; finality]

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Reading 2
Choice #11

Citation: Philippians, Chap. 3, Verses 20-21
Philippians 3: 20-21

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

[expectation!]

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

[great news! be excited!] [Pause]

[very short pause]

[more good news; excitement!] [short pause]

[be convinced!] [Pause]

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.

[very short pause]

[separate "his" from "glorified"]

[parenthetical expression?]

[be convinced; finality]

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Reading 2
Choice #12

Citation: Thessalonians, Chap. 4, Verses 13-18
Thessalonians 4: 13-18

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

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

[very short pause]
[short pause]
[very short pause]
[Pause]

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

(somewhat emphatic)
[be even more emphatic!]

[parenthetical expression]

[Pause]

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.

[parenthetical expression]

[be very reassuring]

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

[**build voice volume and intensity of insistence**
[over these three lines, line-by-line

[very short pause]

[Pause]

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.

[short pause]
[very short pause]
[Pause]

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

[short pause]

Therefore, console one another with these words.

[gentle, compassionate, sincere]

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Reading 2
Choice #13

Citation: 2 Timothy, Chap. 2, Verses 8-13
2 Timothy 2: 8-13

A Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ,
raised from the dead,
a descendant of David: [short pause]
such is my gospel,
for which I am suffering, [parenthetical expression?]
even to the point of chains, [surprise?]
like a criminal. [finality] [very short pause]

But the word of God is not chained. [convinced!] [short pause]

Therefore, [very short pause]
I bear with everything (be convinced!)
for the sake of those who are chosen, [parenthetical expression?]
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
together with eternal glory. [conviction; triumph!] [Pause]

This saying is trustworthy: [conviction; finality] [short pause]
If we have died with him [
we shall also live with him; [a series of contrasting statements; emphasize the contrast
if we persevere [
we shall also reign with him. [[Pause]

But (very short pause)
if we deny him [warning tone!] (very short pause)
he will deny us. [short pause]
If we are unfaithful [almost a warning tone] [very short pause]
he remains faithful, [emphasize each word] [short pause]
for he cannot deny himself. [NOTE: because Christ is in each of us!]

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THERE IS CHOICE AMONG *TWELVE* (12) GOSPEL READINGS, TODAY

GOSPEL
Choice #1

Citation: Matthew, Chap. 5, Verses 1-12a
Matthew 5: 1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down,
his disciples came to him.

(telling the story)

He began to teach them, saying:

(slight change to tone; advisory)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(This is a long list; use variety of tone,
pace, volume, and word stress. Take
your time!)

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

(separate "hunger" and "thirst")

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

(separate each word; slow)

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you
falsely
because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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GOSPEL
Choice #2

Citation: Matthew, Chap. 11, Verses 25-30
Matthew 11: 25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time

Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father,

Lord of heaven and earth,

for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned

you have revealed them to little ones.

Yes, Father,

such has been your gracious will.

(this is a prayer)

(raise volume a bit, this sentence)

(affirmative tone)

“

(Pause)

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,

and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

(Christ is now talking to his followers)

(a teaching voice, this section)

(Pause)

"Come to me,

all you who labor and are burdened,

and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

for I am meek and humble of heart;

and you will find rest for yourselves.

(solicitous but gentle)

(very short pause)

(a bit firmer)

(almost parenthetical)

(very short pause)

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

(encouraging; reassuring)

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GOSPEL
Choice #3

Citation: Matthew, Chap.25, Verses 31-46
Matthew 25: 31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

(parenthetical)

(a grand vision stated) (Pause)

And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

(matter-of-factly)

(parenthetical)

(very short pause)

Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

(gently commanding)

For I was hungry
and you gave me food,
I was thirsty
and you gave me drink,
a stranger
and you welcomed me,
naked
and you clothed me,
ill
and you cared for me,
in prison
and you visited me.'

[A List!} (vary tone, pace)

(short pause)

Then the righteous will answer him and say,
'Lord,
when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

(questioning tone builds to end)

(very short pause)

Proclamation Format

And the king will say to them in reply,
'Amen,

(firm but not stern)

I say to you,

whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me.'

(short pause)

"Then he will say to those on his left,

'Depart from me,

(anger – more than disappointment)

you accused,

“

into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

“

For I was hungry and you gave me no food,

(more disappointment than anger)

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

“

a stranger and you gave me no welcome,

“

naked and you gave me no clothing,

“

ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

“ (short pause)

Then they will answer and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty

(question; in amazement!)

or a stranger or naked

“

or ill or in prison,

“

and not minister to your needs?'

“

(short pause)

He will answer them,

'Amen, I say to you,

what you did not do for one of the least of these,
you did not do for me.'

(emphasize almost each word!)

And these will go off to eternal punishment,

(sad narration)

but the righteous

(“but, ‘hold on a minute’”)

to eternal life."

(triumph)

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GOSPEL
Choice #4

Citation: Luke, Chap. 7, Verses 11-17
Luke 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.

(you're the storyteller, here)
(very short pause)

As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother,
and she was a widow.
A large crowd from the city was with her.

(parenthetical)
(fact statement)
(very short pause)

When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her
and said to her,
"Do not weep."

(heavy sympathy)

He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted,
and he said, "Young man, I tell you,
arise!"
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.

(an expectant storyteller)
(raise voice a little)
(command!)
(amazement, even for a reporter!)

Fear seized them all,
and they glorified God, exclaiming,
"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"
and
"God has visited his people."

(raise voice volume; excited)

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This report about him spread through the whole of Judea
and in all the surrounding region.

(amazed storyteller)

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GOSPEL
Choice #5

Citation: Luke, Chap. 23, Verses 44-46, 50, 52-53; Chap 24:1-6a
Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was about noon (you're a storyteller throughout)

and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon

because of an eclipse of the sun.

(very short pause)

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

(very important detail!) (very short pause)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";

(raise volume) (very short pause)

and when he had said this

(almost parenthetical)

he breathed his last.

(a bit slower) (short pause)

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph
who,

though he was a member of the council,

(almost parenthetical)

went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

After he had taken the body down,

he wrapped it in a linen cloth

and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb

in which no one had yet been buried.

(voice slowly goes down) (short pause)

At daybreak

on the first day of the week

(parenthetical)

they took the spices they had prepared

(voice goes up slightly)

and went to the tomb.

(voice goes down) (very short pause)

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb;

(some amazement!)

but when they entered,

(a little fear?)

they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

(saddened; not understanding)

While they were puzzling over this,

behold,

(surprise!)

two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.

(amazing!)

They were terrified

and bowed their faces to the ground.

(shakily, voice goes down?)

They said to them,

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?"

(voice fluctuates)

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He is not here,
but he has been raised."

(almost insisting)
(triumph!)

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THERE IS CHOICE AMONG *TWELVE* (12) GOSPEL READINGS, TODAY

**GOSPEL
Choice #6**

*Citation: Luke, Chap. 24, Verses 13-16, 28-35
Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day,
the first day of the week,
two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village
seven miles from Jerusalem
called Emmaus,
and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

(expectant; excited)
(parenthetical)

(parenthetical)

(dumbfounded?)

And it happened
that while they were conversing and debating,
Jesus himself drew near
and walked with them,
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

(almost parenthetical)

As they approached the village to which they were going,
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.
But they urged him,
"Stay with us,
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."
So he went in to stay with them.

(solicitous)
(concerned)
(very short pause)

And it happened that,
while he was with them at table,
he took bread,
said the blessing,
broke it,
and gave it to them
With that their eyes were opened
and they recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.

(not quite parenthetical)
(separate these phrases)
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“
“
{ a growing sense of
{ amazement to end of sentence
(very short pause)

Then they said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the Scriptures to us?"

(a long amazed question)
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So they set out at once
and returned to Jerusalem
where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them,
who were saying,

(parenthetical)

Proclamation Format

"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
Then the two recounted to them what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

(volume up a bit; excited)

(solemn? slow down)

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GOSPEL
Choice #7

Citation: John, Chap. 5, Verses 24-29
John 5: 24-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus answered the Jews
and said to them:
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever hears my word
and believes in the one who sent me
has eternal life
and will not come to condemnation,
but has passed from death to life.

(short pause)

Amen, amen, I say to you,
the hour is coming
and is now here
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear
will live.

(insistent)
(more insistent)

(voice goes up)
(emphatic)

For just as the Father has life in himself,
so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.
And he gave him power to exercise judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.

(very short pause)

(very short pause)

Do not be amazed at this,
because the hour is coming
in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice
and will come out,

(firm but cautionary)

(short pause)

those who have done good deeds
to the resurrection of life,
but
those who have done wicked deeds
to the resurrection of condemnation."

(very short pause)

(slower pace; serious; warning)

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GOSPEL
Choice #8

Citation: John, Chap. 6, Verses 37-40
John 6: 34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven
not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

(very short pause)

(negative tone)

(turn positive and upbeat)

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son
and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day."

(insistent – all of this sentence)

(slow; separate the words)

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GOSPEL
Choice #9

Citation: John, Chap. 6, Verses 51-59
John 6: 51-59

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

(disbelief!) (almost ridicule)

Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

(raise volume a bit)
(insistent)

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

(very short pause)

(teaching)

For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me
and I in him.

(affirming; insistent)

(very short pause)

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also he who feeds on me
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors
who ate and still died,
he who eats this bread will live forever."

(almost parenthetical)
(insistent)

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GOSPEL
Choice #10

Citation: John, Chap. 11, Verses 17-27
John 11: 17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Jesus arrived in Bethany,
he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. (“Oh my! Oh, No!”)

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem,
only about two miles away. (parenthetical)

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him;
but Mary sat at home. (sadly parenthetical?)

Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord,
if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (firm; conviction)
But even now
I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you." (very short pause)

Jesus said to her,
"Your brother will rise." (forceful; affirmative) (very short pause)

Martha said to him,
"I know he will rise,
in the resurrection
on the last day." (she's responding in a rote fashion)
(very short pause)

Jesus told her, (quietly forceful and emphatic)

"I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me,
even if he dies,
will live,
and he who lives and believes in me will never die.
“
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Do you believe this?" (gentle; solicitous)

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. (almost resigned agreement)

I have come to believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
(convinced)
(emphatic)

the one who is coming into the world." (convinced; emphatic)

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GOSPEL
Choice #11

Citation: John, Chap. 11, Verses 32-45
John 11: 31-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Mary,
the sister of Lazarus,
came to where Jesus was and saw him,
she fell at his feet and said to him,
"Lord,
if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

(wailing sorrow)

When Jesus saw her weeping
and the Jews who had come with her weeping,
he became perturbed and deeply troubled,
and said,

(quiet tone)

"Where have you laid him?"

(quietly firm)

They said to him,

"Sir, come and see."

(urging) (very short pause)

And Jesus wept.

(very short pause)

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

(lovingly)

But

some of them said,

"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man
have done something so that this man would not have died?"

(whining; skeptical)

(very short pause)

So Jesus,

perturbed again,
came to the tomb.

(a bit parenthetical?)

It was a cave,
and a stone lay across it.

(very short pause)

Jesus said,

"Take away the stone."

(commanding)

Martha,

the dead man's sister,

(parenthetical)

said to him,

"Lord, by now there will be a stench;
he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you

(insisting)

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that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?"

(very short pause)

So they took away the stone.
And Jesus raised his eyes and said,
"Father,
I thank you for hearing me.
I know that you always hear me;
but because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me."

(a prayerful tone; quiet)

(very short pause)

And when he had said this,
he cried out in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

(loud volume)

The dead man came out,
tied hand and foot with burial bands,
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.
So Jesus said to the crowd,
"Untie him and let him go."

(you're amazed!)

(you're more amazed)

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(commanding)

Now many of Jews who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done
began to believe in him.

(slower pace; emphatic)

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**GOSPEL
Choice #12**

*Citation: John, Chap. 14, Verses 1-6
John 14: 1-6*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God;

have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again

and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master,

we do not know where you are going;

how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

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