Eternal Life

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Approved Catholic Funeral Readings

FIRST READINGS

CODE	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	READING TITLE / OPENING PHRASE
C1	2 Maccabees 12:43–46	He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.
C2	Job 19:1, 23–27a	I know that my Vindicator lives.
C3	Wisdom 3:1–9 (Long)	As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
C3	Wisdom 3:1–6, 9 (Short)	As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
C4	Wisdom 4:7–15	An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
C5	Isaiah 25:6a, 7–9	He will destroy death forever.
C6	Lamentations 3:17–26	It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.
C7	Daniel 12:1–3	Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

FIRST READINGS DURING EASTER TIME - NEW TESTAMENT

CODE	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	READING TITLE / OPENING PHRASE
C8	Acts 10:34–43 (Long)	He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.
C8	Acts 10:34–36, 42–43 (Short)	He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.
C9	Revelation 14:13	Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
C10	Revelation 20:11–21:1	The dead were judged according to their deeds.
C11	Revelation 21:1–5a, 6b–7	There shall be no more death.

SECOND READINGS

CODE	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	READING TITLE / OPENING PHRASE
E1	Romans 5:5–11	Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.
E2	Romans 5:17–21	Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.
E3	Romans 6:3–9 (Long)	We too might live in newness of life.
E3	Romans 6:3–4, 8–9 (Short)	We too might live in newness of life.
E4	Romans 8:14–23	We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
E5	Romans 8:31b–35, 37–39	What will separate us from the love of Christ?
E6	Romans 14:7–9, 10c–12	Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
E7	1 Corinthians 15:20–28 (Long)	So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.
E7	1 Corinthians 15:20–23 (Short)	So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.
E8	1 Corinthians 15:51–57	Death is swallowed up in victory.
E9	2 Corinthians 4:14–5:1	What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
E10	2 Corinthians 5:1, 6–10	We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.
E11	Philippians 3:20–21	He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.
E12	1 Thessalonians 4:13–18	Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
E13	2 Timothy 2:8–13	If we have died with him we shall also live with him.
E14	1 John 3:1–2	We shall see him as he is.
E15	1 John 3:14–16	We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

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GOSPEL READINGS

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G1	Matthew 5:1–12a	Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
G2	Matthew 11:25–30	Come to me and I will give you rest.
G3	Matthew 25:1–13	Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to him!
G4	Matthew 25:31–46	Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
G5	Mark 15:33–39; 16:1–6 or 15:33–39	Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
G6	Luke 7:11–17	Young man, I tell you, arise!
G7	Luke 12:35–40	You also must be prepared.
G8	Luke 23:33, 39–43	Today you will be with me in Paradise.
G9	Luke 23:44–46, 50, 52–53; 24:1–6a or 23:44–46, 50, 52–53	Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
G10	Luke 24:13–35 or 24:13–16, 28–35	Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?
G11	John 5:24–29	Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.
G12	John 6:37–40	Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.
G13	John 6:51–59	Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.
G14	John 11:17–27 or 11:21–27	I am the resurrection and the life.
G15	John 11:32–45	Lazarus, come out!
G16	John 12:23–28 or 12:23–26	If it dies, it produces much fruit.
G17	John 14:1–6	In my Father's house there are many dwellings.
G18	John 17:24–26	I wish that where I am they also may be with me.
G19	John 19:17–18, 25–39	And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.