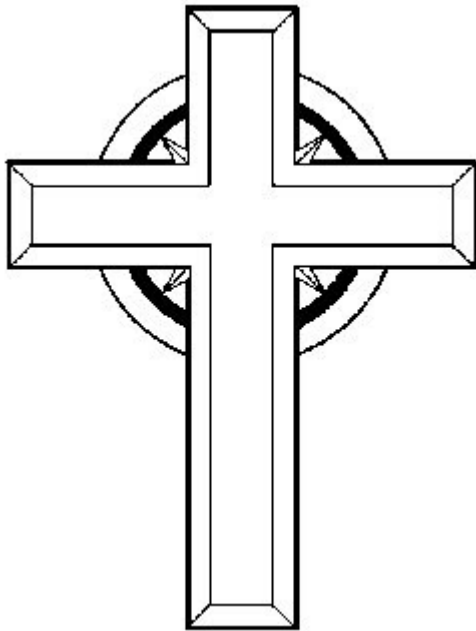


**Funeral Service
Booklet**



**Ss Peter and Paul Catholic
Church, Lincoln**

Introductory Rite

Greeting

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And with your spirit.**

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Entrance Procession

During the entrance procession an appropriate hymn will be sung. Suggestions can be found on pp 9-11.

Placing of the Christian Symbols/ Penitential Rite

Collect

Priest . . . one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

(Please sit)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Please see the suggested readings on p.5

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

Second Reading

Please see the suggested readings on p.6

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

It is my Father's will, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

See p.7

Priest : The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Priest : A reading from the holy Gospel according to

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

(Please sit)

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

After each prayer is read, the people respond to the invocation: Lord hear us by saying: Lord graciously hear us. (Sample prayers can be found on p.8.)

After the prayers have been read, we ask for Our Lady's help and intercession:

All **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.**

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Priest At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Song of Farewell

Priest Saints of God, come to his/her aid!

Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!

All **Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.**

Priest May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All **Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High**

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord,
and let perpetual rest shine upon him/her.

All **Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High**

Prayer of Commendation

Priest . . . through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest In peace let us take to his/her place of rest.

Procession



Suggested Readings

Old Testament (First Reading)

A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1–6. 9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be.

God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust.

They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

A reading from the book of Wisdom 4:7–15

The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest. Length of days is not what makes age honourable, nor number of years the true measure of life; understanding, this is man's grey hairs, untarnished life, this is ripe old age.

He has sought to please God, so God has loved him; as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up. He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding or treachery seduce his soul; for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade, and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart.

Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life; his soul being pleasing to the Lord, he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him. Yet people look on, uncomprehending; it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, his holy ones.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 25:6–9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us

New Testament (Second Reading)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34–36. 42–43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘The truth I have now come to realise,’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. ‘It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ — but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men, and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31–35. 37–39

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us — he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20–23

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him.

Gospel Readings

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1–12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:23–26

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me,

wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.’

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1–6

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’

Sample Bidding Prayers

PRIEST

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

READER

For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he / she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

For our brother / sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he / she may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

For the family and friends of our brother / sister N, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

For all who are assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Hymns

1) Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

2) Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise, (2)

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee, (2)

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love! (2)

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace. (2)

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm! (2)

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)

3) *Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves. *Do not be afraid,*

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. *Do not be afraid,*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side. *Do not be afraid,*

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. *Do not be afraid,*

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. *Do not be afraid...* *Gerald Markland*

4) Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more
(want no more); feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield
(strength and shield); be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee
(give to thee); I will ever give to thee.

W. Williams (1717-91), tr. P. and W. Williams

5) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-53)

6) Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and sinless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

Weekend Mass times at Ss Peter & Paul's are as follows:

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6pm

Sunday 9am and 11am

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