

Readings for a Funeral

Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 24

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Relieve the anguish of my heart and set me free from my distress.
See my affliction and my toil and take all my sins away.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Preserve my life and rescue me. Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me: for my hope is in you, O Lord.

All: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Alleluia: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia

Gospel 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. 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ