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## Funeral Service

Dear Friends,

We, your church family grieve with you at this time of loss. While death is for the Christian person an entrance into the glory of the Lord, nevertheless it is a time of sorrow for the family who remain behind.

As Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church it is my desire to assist you in any way that we can. To that end, we have produced this little booklet which outlines the funeral service and offers you a variety of prayers and scripture readings to choose from. The Episcopal Church is a liturgical church which means that we have a standard order of service that we follow. If you have a particular reading, poem, song, or recollection that would be meaningful for you or your family, please discuss it with the priest who helps prepare the service. While we value our tradition, this is a time for you and your family to say goodbye to your loved one and place them in the care and keeping of Christ, so we are very open to your desires for the service.

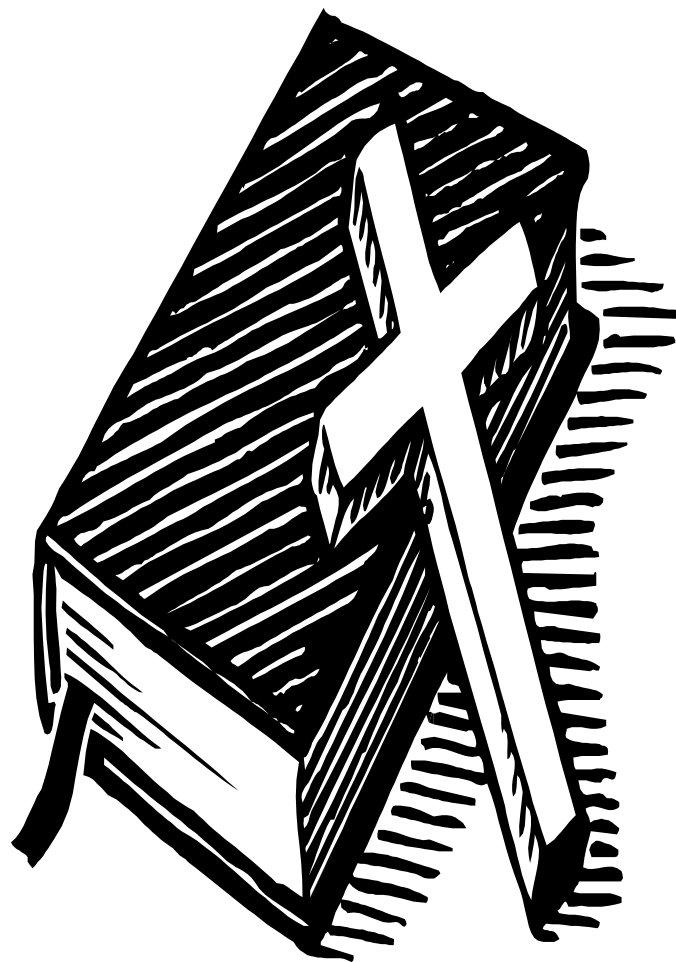
You will notice that the tenor of the service is one of celebration not despair. Our hope for you is that in choosing the texts of the service and preparing your recollections you will be comforted and that the days leading up to the Requiem service will be filled with hope and fond memories.

Please feel free to mark up this copy and make notes as you feel appropriate. This booklet is for your use.

If there is anything that we can help you do in these times, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Fondly in the Risen Christ,

The Rev. Canon David James  
Rector  
St. John's Episcopal Church



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**The Celebration of a Requiem Eucharist**

*All stand while the following anthems is sung or said*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he dies.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die forever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
And in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

*The Celebrant then says*

	The Lord be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Let us pray.

**One of the three following prayers may be said**

*At the Burial of an Adult*

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant—NAME—being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*or this*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant—NAME—, and grant *him or her* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*or this*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our *brother or sister*—NAME—. We thank you for giving *him or her* to us, *his or her* family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Commendation**

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

*This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said.*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
*where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant N. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *him (her)* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

*The Celebrant, or the Bishop if present, may then bless the people, and a Deacon or other minister may dismiss them, saying*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*

## *At the Burial of a Child*

O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust – NAME – to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

**One or more of the following passages from Holy scripture is read. If there is to be a communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the readings.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word.**

### The Old Testament

#### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited, let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### **Isaiah 61:1-3**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

### **Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

### **Wisdom 3:1-5,9**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with blessed Mary the Mother of God, Blessed John the Theologian and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **At the Eucharist**

*The service continues with the Peace and the Offertory*

*Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead*

*In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said:*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*If the body is not present, the service continues with the (blessing and) dismissal.*

*Unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used.*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Amen.*

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Grant us grace to entrust Lucille to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. *Amen.*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

### **Job 19:21-27a**

Job said, "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

### **Psalm 42 (Rite I)**

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,\*  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God;\*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of  
God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,\*  
while they daily say unto me. Where is now thy  
God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by  
myself;\*  
for I went with the multitude, and brought them  
forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving;\*  
among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul?\*

and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God;\*  
for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my  
countenance, and my God.

**Psalm 46 (Rite I)**

God is our hope and strength,\*  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,\*  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the  
sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell,\*  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of  
the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of  
God,\*  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her,  
therefore shall she not be removed;\*  
God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still then, and know that I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother (sister)  
N., who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy  
Baptism. Grant that *his (her)* death may recall to us your  
victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our  
trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to  
follow where you have led the way; and where you live and  
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of  
ages. *Amen.*

Father of all, we pray to you for N., and for all those whom  
we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let  
light perpetual shine upon them. May *his (her)* soul and the  
souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. *Amen.*

*When there is no Communion, the service continues with the  
Commendation, or with the Committal.*

**OR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (RITE I)**

*The People respond to every petition with Amen.*

*The leader says*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one  
communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son  
Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole  
Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.  
*Amen.*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death  
and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life,  
and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass  
with him to our joyful resurrection. *Amen.*

*If there is not to be a communion, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers of the People, or with one or more suitable prayers. When there is a Communion, the following form of the prayers of the People is used.*

For our brother (sister) N., let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for N., and dry the tears of those who weep.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother (sister) eternal life.

*Hear us, Lord.*

He (She) was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him (her) a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother (sister); let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes with one of the following or some other prayer.*

### **Psalm 139 (Rite I)**

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me.\*  
Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising;  
thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed,\*  
and art acquainted with all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue,\*  
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before,\*  
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me;\*  
I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit?\*

or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there;\*

if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning,\*  
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me,\*  
and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me,\*  
then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,  
but the night is as clear as day;\*

the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

**Psalm 23 (Rite I)**

The Lord is my shepherd, \*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;\*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;\*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil;\*  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they  
comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies;\*  
thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**The Apostles' Creed (Rite I)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried,  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

**The Apostles' Creed (Rite II)**

We believe in God, The Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **John 14:1-6**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, 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. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.

### **The Sermon**

*The Apostles' Creed may then be said, all standing. The Celebrant may introduce the Creed with these or similar words.*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Celebrant and People*

### **Psalm 23 (Rite II)**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his  
Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for  
ever.

## The Epistle

### **Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39**

All 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 have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **John 6:37-40**

Jesus said, “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

### **John 10:11-16**

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

### **John 11:21-27**

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

## **Revelation 21:2-7**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their god; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

## **The Gospel**

### **John 5:24-27**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Very truly, I tell 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. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

## **1 Corinthians 15:20-26,35-38,42-44,53-58**

In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled "Death has been 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. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## **2 Corinthians 4:16–5:9**

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if, indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though 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. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

## **1 John 3:1-2**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what 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 will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

## **Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."