**Suggested Old Testament Readings**

Second Maccabees     12:43-46

Judas, took up a collection which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

Book of Job 19:1, 23-27a

Job answered: “I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust.”

Book of Wisdom          3:1-6, 9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God.

Book of Wisdom          4:7-15

The just, though they die early, shall be at rest.

Book of the Prophet Isaiah      25:6a, 7-9

On this mountain the Lord of host will provide for all peoples,

     he will destroy death forever.

Book of Lamentations     3:17-26

Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him;

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

Book of Ecclesiastes           3:1-11

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything under the heavens.

**Suggested New Testament Readings**

Acts of the Apostles    10:34-36, 42-43

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation

whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.  5:5-11

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

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into his death?

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:14-23.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing

compared with the glory to be revealed for us. We wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:31b-35,

37-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? I am convinced that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

 Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9,

10c-12

If we live, we live for the Lord,

     and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.

First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

15:20-23

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

15:51-57

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

          Where, O death, is your sting?

Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

If our earthly dwelling, should be destroyed, we have a dwelling

not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

3:20-21

Our citizenship is in heaven

First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, about those who have fallen asleep,

so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy     2:8-13

Remember Jesus, the Gospel, for which I am suffering,

If we have died with Him we shall also live with him.

First Letter of St. John 3:1-2

We are God’s Children now.

First Letter of St. John 3:14-16

Remain in love, lay down your life for others.

Book of Revelation          21:1-5a, 6b-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Book of Revelation 20:11-21:1

I saw the dead, the great and the

lowly, standing before the throne,

and scrolls were opened. Then

another scroll was opened, the

book of life.

Book of Revelation 14:13

“let them find rest from their

labors, for their works accompany

them.”