

## Commemoration of the Departed Faithful (*Aneede*)

### Mathew 25:31-46

- 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne,
- 32 and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- 33 He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
- 34 Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,
- 36 naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'
- 37 Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
- 38 When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
- 39 When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
- 40 And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
- 41 Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
- 43 a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
- 44 Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'
- 45 He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'
- 46 And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

### Genesis 49:29-33

- 29 Then he gave them this charge: "Since I am about to be gathered to my people, bury me with my ancestors in the cave that lies in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
- 30 the cave in the field of Machpelah, facing Mamre, in the land of Canaan, the field that Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite for a burial ground.
- 31 There Abraham and his wife Sarah are buried, and so are Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there, too, I buried Leah—
- 32 the field and the cave in it that had been purchased from the Hittites."
- 33 When Jacob had finished giving these instructions to his sons, he drew his feet into the bed, breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

## **2 Maccabees 12:38-46**

- 38 Judas rallied his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the seventh day was approaching, they purified themselves according to custom and kept the sabbath there.
- 39 On the following day, since the task had now become urgent, Judas and his companions went to gather up the bodies of the fallen and bury them with their kindred in their ancestral tombs.
- 40 But under the tunic of each of the dead they found amulets sacred to the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. So it was clear to all that this was why these men had fallen.
- 41 They all therefore praised the ways of the Lord, the just judge who brings to light the things that are hidden.
- 42 Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen.
- 43 He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind;
- 44 for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.
- 45 But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.
- 46 Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.

## **Sirach 41:1-4**

- 1 O death! How bitter is the thought of you for the one at peace in his home, for the one who is serene and always successful, who can still enjoy life's pleasures.
- 2 O death! How welcome is your sentence to the weak, failing in strength, stumbling and tripping on everything, with sight gone and hope lost.
- 3 Do not fear death's decree for you; remember, it embraces those before you and those to come.
- 4 This decree for all flesh is from God; why then should you reject a law of the Most High? Whether one has lived a thousand years, a hundred, or ten, in Sheol there are no arguments about life.

## **Isaiah 38:9-22**

- 9 The song of Hezekiah, king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his illness:
- 10 In the noontime of life I said, I must depart! To the gates of Sheol I have been consigned for the rest of my years.
- 11 I said, I shall see the LORD no more in the land of the living. Nor look on any mortals among those who dwell in the world.

- 12 My dwelling, like a shepherd's tent, is struck down and borne away from me; you have folded up my life, like a weaver who severs me from the last thread. From morning to night you make an end of me;
- 13 I cry out even until the dawn. Like a lion he breaks all my bones; from morning to night you make an end of me.
- 14 Like a swallow I chirp; I moan like a dove. My eyes grow weary looking heavenward: Lord, I am overwhelmed; go security for me!
- 15 What am I to say or tell him? He is the one who has done it! All my sleep has fled, because of the bitterness of my soul.
- 16 Those live whom the LORD protects; yours is the life of my spirit. You have given me health and restored my life!
- 17 Peace in place of bitterness! You have preserved my life from the pit of destruction; behind your back you cast all my sins.
- 18 For it is not Sheol that gives you thanks, nor death that praises you; neither do those who go down into the pit await your kindness.
- 19 The living, the living give you thanks, as I do today. Parents declare to their children, O God, your faithfulness.
- 20 The LORD is there to save us. We shall play our music In the house of the LORD all the days of our life.
- 21 Then Isaiah said, "Bring a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil for his recovery."
- 22 Hezekiah asked, "What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?"

## **2 Peter 3:8-13**

- 8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.
- 9 The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
- 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.
- 11 Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought [you] to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
- 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.
- 13 But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

- 13 We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
- 15 Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
- 16 For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
- 18 Therefore, console one another with these words.

### **John 5:19-29**

- 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing; for what he does, his son will do also.
- 20 For the Father loves his Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed.
- 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes.
- 22 Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son,
- 23 so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.
- 24 Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.
- 25 Amen, amen, I say to 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.
- 26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.
- 27 And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man.
- 28 Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voices
- 29 and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.
- 30 "I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me.