

Precious Blood Parish  
**Catholic Funeral Service in a Funeral Home**

- Music may be played before the service begins
- An opening hymn may be played, e.g.
  - Amazing Grace
  - Here I Am, Lord
  - On Eagle's Wings
- The priest begins with the sign of the cross, a greeting, and a prayer
- A Eulogy may be given by one of the family members
- The First Reading is read by a family member
- The priest leads Psalm 23
- The Second Reading is read by a family member
- The priest reads from the Gospel and offers a brief spiritual reflection
- The Prayer of the Faithful is read by a family member
- The priest leads the Lord's Prayer and final prayers for the deceased
- A closing hymn may be played, e.g.
  - How Great Thou Art
  - Be Not Afraid

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

**On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food.**

**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 for ever.**

**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,**

**"See, 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."**

**The word of the Lord.**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.**

**For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:**

**a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
a time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.**

**What gain have the workers from their toil?  
I have seen the business that God has given everyone to be busy with.  
He has made everything suitable for its time.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**A reading from the book of Job.**

**Job answered:**

**'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.'**

**The word of the Lord.**

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**

**Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.**

**But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**

**We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.**

**Brother and sisters:**

**If God is for us, who is against us?**

**He who did not withhold his own Son,**

**but gave him up for all of us,**

**will he not with him also give us everything else?**

**Who will bring any charge against God's elect?**

**It is God who justifies.**

**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.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.**

**Listen, I will tell you a mystery!  
We will not all die,  
but we will all be changed, in a moment,  
in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.  
For the trumpet will sound,  
and the dead will be raised imperishable,  
and we will be changed.  
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.**

**The word of the Lord.**