

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS FOR FUNERALS

The Psalm is usually sung. It is a response to the Word of God which is proclaimed in the First Reading. The following are some suggestions;

1. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit. **Response.**

He guides me along the right path;

He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort. **Response.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. **Response.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever. **Response**

2. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102.8. 10. 13-18. Rv8

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults. **Response.**

As a father has compassion on his children,
The Lord has pity on those who fear him;
For he knows of what we are made of
He remembers that we are dust. **Response.**

As for man, his days are like grass;
He flowers like the flowers of the field;
The wind blows and he is gone
and his place never sees him again. **Response.**

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
His justice reaches out to children's children
When they keep his covenant in truth. **Response**