

## *Responsorial Psalms Suggestions for a Funeral*

### PSALM 26

Response: **The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **R.**

O Lord hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

### PSALM 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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

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. **R.**

#### **PSALM 24**

Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness. **R.**

Relieve the anguish of my heart  
and set me free from my distress.  
See my affliction and my toil  
and take all my sins away. **R.**

Preserve my life and rescue me.  
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.  
May innocence and uprightness protect me:  
for my hope is in you, O Lord. **R.**

#### **PSALM 102**

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. **R.**

As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;  
for he knows of what we are made,  
he remembers that we are dust. **R.**

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

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. **R.**