

Fr Beau - Readings for Cremation Service

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain,
the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away the people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

[Isaiah 25: 6-9]

The word of the Lord.

*Response I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

1 How gracious in the Lord and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

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2 I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm:
'No man can be trusted'.

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3 O precious in the eyes of the Lord
Is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I:
you have loosened my bonds.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me;
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[St John 12: 23-26]