**FIRST READING (25:6-9)**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples

a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove

the mourning veil covering all peoples,

and the shroud enwrapping all nations,

he will destroy Death forever.

The Lord will wipe away

the tears from every cheek;

he will take away his 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 hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

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 you staff;

With these you give me comfort.

Response

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly, says the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**GOSPEL (Mt. 5:3-10.)**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Happy are the poor, theirs is the Kingdom of heaven!

Happy are those who mourn, God will comfort them!

Happy are those who are humble, they will receive what God has promised!

Happy are those who do what God wants them to do, God will satisfy the fully!

Happy are those who are merciful to others, God will be merciful to them!

Happy are the poor in heart, they will see God!

Happy are those who work for peace, God will call them his children!

Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires, the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

For Sean, may he always know how much we love and miss him.

Lord hear us.

For Garret, may he always know how much we love and miss him.

Lord hear us.

For Garret’s mom, Anne, his close family and friends. May they find comfort in the thoughts, prayers and help of others.

 Lord, hear us.

For Sean’s mom, Delores, his dad, Johnny, his sisters Aoife and Niamh, his close family and friends. May they find comfort in the thoughts, prayers and help of others.

 Lord, hear us.

For all the people who are sad because someone they love has died, that they may receive the help and support they need.

Lord hear us.

For all of us who have come together to pray, that we may live well and fully in this life, having hope in this life to come.

Lord, hear us.

The Butterfly

A spider spun a silken thread

And swung from grass to ground

“I must find out the news he said

“That’s buzzing all around.”

The garden creatures big and small

Were quiet as a mouse,

They saw the caterpillar crawl

Into a tiny house.

“he’s such a fool,” said the ladybird, as she polished up her nails.

“It’s the silliest thing we’ve heard,”

said a pair of solemn snails.

So all the creatures went away

All thinking he was dead,

Until one bright and lovely day

A little earthworm said,

“I see a crack in the little shell

and someone moves inside.

I see a head and wings as well,

Come quick and see,” he cried.

“The caterpillar’s back,” they said.

Before their very eyes

A butterfly stepped out instead

And smiled at their surprise.

“I left the life and friends I knew,

you thought that I was dead.

I did it just to prove to you

We die to grow,” he said.



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