



MEMORANDUM

TO: Elder Ronnie Upshaw
Apostle Clayton Cowart
And Others

RE: **The Old Testament Reading**
The New Testament Reading

Two Special Songs—To be Sung (if Possible)

26 July 2025- Memorial Service for Mother Ever Jean Ivey (1939 – 2025)

DATE: July 23, 2025

Good afternoon, Brothers:

I am briefly responding to Elder Upshaw's question on last night.

If possible, I would like to do

I.

TWO Old Testament Scripture readings:

(a) One from Elder Upshaw or another person whom you all designate

First Old Testament Reading

Some Who You Designate

(b) One from **Elder Roderick Ford**, being:

Second Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

II.

TWO New Testament Scripture readings

(c) One from Elder Upshaw or another person whom you all designate

First New Testament Reading

Some Who You Designate

(d) One from **Elder Roderick Ford**, being:

Second New Testament Reading

John 11: 1-26

11 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles^[b] from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

III.

My Mother request **2 Special Songs** to be Sung at Her Memorial Service, and they are these:

A. "He Touched Me"

This is one version of the song, by the Gaithers...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5m--ptwd_iI&pp=OgcJCfwAo7VqN5tD

"Lyrics to Song- Pulled from Internet"

HE TOUCHED ME

Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls

He touched me, Oh He touched me, He touched me
And oh the joy that floods my soul!

Something wonderful happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole.

B. “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

This is one version of the song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JErHuaEiYwc>

“Lyrics to Song- Pulled from Internet”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

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Praise God the Father who’s the source;

Praise God the Son who is the course;

Praise God the Spirit who’s the flow;

Praise God, our portion here below!

Etc, etc.

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~ *Luke 10: 25-37*

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