



Burial Plan

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Planning one's own Burial Service is a holy and uplifting opportunity.

Here you can express the ultimate attitude and convictions you have about life, death, and your new life. You can help plan a service at which all those who love and grieve and celebrate you and your life among them can express their deepest feelings and faith.



Planning a Burial

The items below give you options to consider. You need not make all the decisions, only those you wish. The priest and your family will decide the matters you leave blank. (This form is also used to help families plan for the service of a loved one).

An Order for Burial

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus, was raised from the dead, he too shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, or principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Concerning the Service

The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation.

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation could be present.

The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter.

It is appropriate that it be covered with pall or other suitable covering.

At the burial of a child, the passages from Lamentations, I John, and John 6, together with Psalm 23, are recommended.

It is customary that the celebrant meets the body and goes before it into the church or toward the grave.

The anthems at the beginning of the service are sung or said as the body is born into the church, or during the entrance of the ministers, or by the celebrant standing in the accustomed place.

Soloists or instrumentalists may sing or play at the time of the hymns below, but all music played or sung must be approved by the church musician or rector.

1. Rite One or Rite Two

Rite One (page 469) is adapted from the 1928 Prayer book and used Elizabethan English; Rite Two (page 491) uses more modern language.

2. Entrance Hymn: _____

Liturgy of the Word

3. Select a Reading (From the Old Testament)

- Isaiah 25: 6-9 (He will swallow up death forever)
- Isaiah 61:1-3 To comfort those who mourn)
- Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good to those who wait for him)
- Wisdom 3:1- 5, 9 (The souls of die righteous are in the hand of God)
- Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)

4. Who would you like to do this reading _____

5. Psalm or Hymn (choose one)

- Psalm 42 46 49:1-7 90 121 130 131
 139: 1-11

OR

Hymn _____

6. Select a Reading from the New Testament

- Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
- 1 Corinthians 15:2-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)
- 1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)
- Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear)
- Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

7. Who would you like to do this reading: _____

8. Psalm or hymn (choose one)

- Psalm 42; 46; 49:1-7; 121; 130; 131: 139; 1-11

OR

Hymn _____

9. The Gospel (select one)

- John 5:24-27 (He who believes has everlasting life)
- John 6:37-40 (All that the Father give me will come to you)
- John 10:11-16 (I am the good shepherd)
- John 11:21-27 (I am the resurrection and the life)
- John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house are many rooms)

10. Homily

11. Eucharist

We always have the option to celebrate Eucharist at a funeral. Eucharist means “thanksgiving,” and it is especially appropriate at funerals, as we give thanks for the life we shared with our loved one as well as the new life they now enjoy in the full presence of God. Episcopal funerals without Eucharist often feel incomplete, so we recommend it unless there is good reason to forego it. The priest will invite the congregation to participate in that part of the service in whatever way makes them comfortable, after explaining briefly what we are doing and why.

I do____, do not _____ wish to include Eucharist.

Additional hymns for offertory and communion:

12. Procession Out

Hymn: _____

13. Any Other Wishes?

Approved by Rector

Date:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please keep a signed copy of this form in your personal papers, and send a copy to The Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, 5121 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31602. These selections in all matters must be approved by the Rector.

Do you have a will? Yes_____ No _____

Where is a copy of your will? _____

Who is your Attorney? _____

Who is the person authorized to make decisions on your behalf?

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Audio-Visual Planning for Funeral Services at Christ Episcopal Church

1. Livestreaming

Our usual livestreaming procedure includes livestreaming to the church's public YouTube channel and to the church's public Facebook page. The livestreaming process also creates a recording that we can download to a USB Thumb Drive.

Interested persons can find the livestream on the church's YouTube channel, or on the church's Facebook page. However, in advance of the service we can share a specific YouTube link for your upcoming livestreamed service - this link can be shared with family members so they can easily find the livestream by simply clicking on the link. The link can also be shared with the Funeral Home if desired, for inclusion on their obituary.

After the service, the recorded livestream will be available for viewing on the church's YouTube Channel, and on Facebook (but the Facebook recording will only be available for 30 days per Facebook policy).

Please select one of the following options:

- 1.1. I do not want the service livestreamed.
- 1.2. I want the service livestreamed – to include inside the sanctuary only.
- 1.3. I want the service livestreamed – to include inside the sanctuary and interment in the Church's Memorial Garden.

If you have chosen livestreaming, we can attempt to contact the Funeral Home and provide a link to the upcoming livestream. Please select one of the following options:

- 1.4. N/A – (i.e. I have chosen "I do not want the service livestreamed" above).
- 1.5. Please share the link to the upcoming service with the funeral home.
- 1.6. Do not share the link to the upcoming service with the funeral home.

2. Interment in the Memorial Garden (audio)

This section allows the AV team to plan for audio if needed in the Memorial Garden, even when no livestreaming is chosen. Please select one of the following options:

- 2.1. The service will NOT include interment in the Memorial Garden.
- 2.2. The service will include interment in the Memorial Garden.

3. Parish Hall TV for Video-Picture presentations

We have a Smart TV in the parish hall that can be used to show video-picture presentations during receptions. The usual method involves an MP4 file on a thumb drive that we plug into the TV (we do not create the video). If your funeral home is creating a video for you, they will probably provide that video to you (or us) on a thumb drive upon request. Please select one of the following options:

- 3.1. I do not anticipate using the Parish Hall TV.
- 3.2. I want to show a video-picture presentation on the Parish Hall TV.

The church's ability to offer this ministry at a funeral depends upon the availability of our trained media personnel and properly functioning equipment.

Hymn Selections for Burial Services

Entrance

1, 2	Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night is Over
680	God, our Help in Ages Past (Ps90)
429	I'll Praise my Taker While I've Breath
526	Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing
636, 637	How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord
687, 688	A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Ps 46)
388	O Worship the King, All Glorious Above (Ps 104)
390	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
410	Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven
287	For All the Saints

Sequence

668	I To the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes (Ps121)
194, 195	Jesus lives! Thy Terrors Now (Rom * & Jn 14)
188, 189	Love's Redeeming Work is Done (1 Car 15)
411	O bless the Lord My Soul!
447	The Christ who Died but Rose Again (Rom 8)
514	To Thee, O Comforter Divine
14, 15	O God, Creations Secret Force
695, 696	By Gracious Powers So Wonderfully Sheltered
633	Word of God, Come Down on Earth (St 3)
635	Of Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
191	Alleluia, Alleluia, Heart and Voice Heavenward Raise
510	Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove.

Offertory

23	The Fleeting Day Is Nearly Gone
44, 45	To You, Before the Close of Day
457	Thou Art the Way, to these Alone on Sin And Death We Flee
493	O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
208	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er (1 Car 15)
379	God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him
455, 456	O Love of God, How Strong and True
567	Thine Arm, O Lord In Day of Old
690	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
657	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Communion

- 345 Savior, Again to Thy Name
- 526 Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing
- 357 Jesus, Son of Mary
- 338 Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants
- 493 O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing
- 664 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Ps 23)
- 645, 646 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Ps 23)
- 663 The Lord of God my Shepherd Is (Ps23)
- 335 I Am the Bread of Life (Sts. 4-5)
- 566 From Thee All Skill and Science Flow
- 567 Thine Arm, O Lord, In Day of Old
- 508 Breathe on Me, Breath Of God
- 336 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Procession Out

- 356 May Choirs of Angels Lead You (Rev 7 & Rev 21)
- 354 Into Paradise May the Angels Lead You (Rev 7 & Rev 21)
- 371 Thou Whose Almighty Word
- 373 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him (Ps 148)
- 410 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven
- 492 Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness (1 Cor 15)
- 473 Lift High the Cross
- 537 Christ for The World We Sing!
- 538 God of Mercy, God of Grace
- 662 Abide with Me
- 552 Fight the Good Fight
- 623 O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be (Rom 8, 2 Cor 4-5)
- 620 Jerusalem, My Happy Home (2 Cor 4-5)
- 621 Light's Abode, Celestial Salem (Rom 8, 1 Cor 15, 2 Cor 4-5)
- 624 Jerusalem the Golden (Rev 7 & Rev 21)
- 625 Ye Holy Angels Bright (Rev 7)
- 618 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (Rev 7)