

# St. John's Funeral Planning Worksheet

A few notes from the Book of Common Prayer

- When a person is near death, the Minister of the Congregation should be notified, in order that the ministrations of the Church may be provided.
- It is appropriate that the family and friends come together for prayers prior to the funeral.
- 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 has opportunity to be present.

## **Making Prior Arrangement for Funerals**

Parishioners are encouraged to leave funeral requests on file with the parish office. This form may be used for that purpose. Leaving such plans makes it easier for families to plan appropriately at the time of death. The following information may be useful to the family in making plans.

## **Expenses**

For members of St. John's, we offer this service at no cost. We will gratefully receive a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Please discuss with the priest if you have questions. If you choose to ask the St. John's organist, his fee is \$175 with the check made out directly to him. If there are additional musicians, please notify the organist.

## **Visitation**

It is important to give people a chance to offer sympathy to the family and to share with each other at the time of death. Opportunities for visitation may include:

- A specified time for family to receive friends at home or a restaurant prior to or after the service.
- Immediately before or after the service at the church.
- Visiting hours at the funeral home.

## **Public Services**

The principal service may be held immediately before the interment of the body or the ashes, or at time after interment. It should be scheduled at such a time (before or after the committal) that people who may wish to attend can be present. The following guidelines should be observed:

- 1) The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that it be covered with a pall. When there are ashes, the urn is covered in a similar way. If the person is to be interred in the St. John's Columbarium, we have a niche urn that will be used during the service.
- 2) Flowers arrangements and/or photos should be discussed with the presiding clergy person.
- 3) Hymns selected should be general hymns of faith, hymns related to the readings, Easter or All Saints' hymns, or those appointed in the Hymnal for burial. A list of suitable hymns is attached. If there is a special musical request, please discuss with the presiding clergy person.
- 4) A celebration of the Eucharist is appropriate as an expression of the union of the living and the departed in Christ in the communion of saints. All who feel God's call are welcome at the altar for communion.
- 5) Family and friends are encouraged to take an active part in the service. At this emotional time, care should be taken about choosing close relatives to read or to offer a eulogy. Family members may also bring up the gifts for Communion. Please speak with the presiding clergy person.

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This service is being planned for: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Service  Committal:  St. John's Columbarium  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Service of Resurrection (Eucharist) at St. John's

Other type of service \_\_\_\_\_

### A SERVICE OF RESURRECTION – PLANNING

Presiding Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Assisting Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

*If priest is not presiding, Eucharist will not be celebrated.*

\_\_\_\_ Rite I \_\_\_\_ Rite II      Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

### OPENING

#### ***Opening Anthem or Sentences***

\_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Music after the Anthem Entrance***

Hymn or Anthem \_\_\_\_\_

*See list of recommended hymns (appendix)*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### ***Collect(s)***

\_\_\_\_ Rite I OR \_\_\_\_ Rite II \_\_\_\_\_ (choose from collects on page 493 or EOW)

***First Lesson***      Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 25:6-9 *The Lord 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 the righteous are in the hand of God*

\_\_\_\_ Job 19:21-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Response** Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Hymn or anthem \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Psalm \_\_\_\_ said or \_\_\_\_ sung

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd* \_\_\_\_ NRSV OR \_\_\_\_ King James Version

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 27 *The Lord is my light and my salvation*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 42:1-7 *My soul longs for God as a deer for the water-brooks*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 46 *God is our refuge and strength*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 90: 1-12 *Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 106: 1-5 *Remember me, O Lord with the favor you have for your people*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 116 *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 121 *My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 130 *Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord*

\_\_\_\_ Psalm 139:1-11 *Lord, you have searched me out and known me*

**Second Lesson** Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 *Nothing can separate us from the love of God*

\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-45, 53-58 *The body raised in glory*

\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 *Things unseen are eternal*

\_\_\_\_ Revelation 7:9-17 *God will wipe away every tear*

\_\_\_\_ Revelation 21:2-7 *Behold, I make all things new*

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Gospel**

\_\_\_\_ John 5:24-27 *He who believes has everlasting life*

\_\_\_\_ John 6:37-40 *All that the Father gives me will come to me*

\_\_\_\_ John 10:11-1: *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 mansions*

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Eulogy** given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Homily** Preacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Creed** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Prayers of the People**

\_\_\_ Vigil Prayers, page 465

\_\_\_ Rite I Prayers, page 480 (may also be used with Rite II)

\_\_\_ Rite II Prayers, page 497

\_\_\_ Other Prayers (when there is no Eucharist):

\_\_\_ for the departed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ for the bereaved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ for the congregation \_\_\_\_\_

### LITURGY OF THE TABLE

\_\_\_ Organ Music \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Hymn or Anthem \_\_\_\_\_

*See list of recommended hymns (appendix)*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

\_\_\_ Rite I: Eucharistic Prayer I or Prayer II

\_\_\_ Rite II: Eucharistic Prayer A, B, C, D, 1, 2, 3

### **Sanctus**

\_\_\_ Said      OR      \_\_\_ Sung: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Hymns/Anthems during Communion**

*See list of recommended hymns (appendix)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Anthem at Commendation** (if body or ashes are present)

Choose from those on pages 482-483 or page 499: \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing hymn/anthem** \_\_\_\_\_

*See list of recommended hymns (appendix)*

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## **Other Requests**

*pallbearers/other assistants, officiating clergy, gifts, reception, flowers, music, etc.*

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## COMMITTAL – PLANNING

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Officiant (if not same as Service of Resurrection): \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant(s) at site: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPENDIX – SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR FUNERALS

The following list suggests hymns that seem especially suitable, but other hymns may be suitable as well. If “favorite” hymns are chosen, care should be taken that their themes are appropriate for a funeral.

### Hymns that may replace Psalms

- Psalm 23: 645/646 The King of love my shepherd is; 664 My Shepherd will supply my need
- Psalm 42: 658 As long as the deer for cooling streams
- Psalm 46: 687/688 A mighty fortress is our God
- Psalm 90: 680 O God our help in ages past

### Easter Hymns

- 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
- 180 He is risen, he is risen
- 194 Jesus lives, thy terrors now
- 208 Alleluia! The strife is O'er

### All Saints' Hymns

- 287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest
- 526 Let saints on earth in concert sing
- 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
- 620 Jerusalem, my happy home
- 625 Ye holy angels bright

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### Communion Hymns (A Selection)

- 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord
- 335 I am the bread of life
- 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
- 357 Jesus, Son of Mary, fount of life alone

### Other Hymns

- 525 The Church's one foundation
- 358 Christ the victorious
- 376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee
- 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him
- 382 King of glory, king of peace
- 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- 397 Now thank we all our God
- 447 The Christ who died and rose again
- 448 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high
- 458 My song is love unknown
- 482 Lord of all hopefulness
- 487 Come my way, my truth, my life
- 488 Be thou my vision
- 490 I want to walk as a child of the light
- 516 Come down, O love divine
- 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place
- 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken
- 623 O what their joy and their glory must be
- 636/637 How firm a foundation
- 671 Amazing Grace
- 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing
- 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
- 692 I heard the voice of Jesus say