



St. Joseph of Arimathea
American National Catholic Church

Funeral Planning Guide



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Dear Friend in Christ,

If you are in possession of this booklet, it is likely that you have experienced the death of someone you love deeply. On

behalf of the parish family of St. Joseph of Arimathea, I extend our most sincere condolences and the promise of our prayers. The road of grief can be long and challenging. It impacts everyone differently - some people find refuge and consolation in their faith, others question everything they have believed. Some turn to the Lord in hope while others will raise an angry fist. However you are feeling right now - it is okay. It is how *you* should be feeling.



In the next several days, you will find yourself experiencing the liturgies of the church as we give thanks to God for the gift of your loved one's life and pray for a warm, loving reunion in paradise with their creator - the one who knows and loves them best.

In this booklet, you will find an explanation of the various ways you are able to personalize our prayer: incorporating words of remembrance by family, choosing readings from scripture that seem most appropriate, selecting music, inviting people to bring up the gifts, and serve as pallbearers.

We are here to walk with you in these days. May God, who is the source of all love, comfort and mercy, be with you and give you peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Matthew R. Bailey, FCM

Pastor

OUTLINE OF A FUNERAL MASS

Introductory Rites*

At the entrance to the church the remains are sprinkled with holy water and covered with a pall, a reminder of baptism. When the procession reaches the front of the church an open bible and a crucifix, symbols of Christian faith, are placed on or near the casket or urn.

The Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading (from the Hebrew Scriptures)
- Responsorial Psalm (usually sung)
- Second Reading (from the Christian Scriptures)
- Gospel Reading (chosen by the priest)
- Homily
- Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- The Offertory* (*Bread and wine are brought to the altar*)
- The Eucharistic Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer and The Peace
- Communion*

Final Commendation and Farewell

- The remains are sprinkled with holy water and honored with incense and the pall is removed.
- The service may continue at a cemetery or columbarium for interment.

**Hymns and solos may be inserted at these points*

You may wish to think of people from your family and friends who can:

- Offer words of welcome and remembrance (1 person, 3-6 minutes at the start of the liturgy)
- Read the 1st reading
- Read the 2nd reading
- Read the Prayers of the Faithful
- Bring forward the gifts of bread and wine

Readings at Mass

We encourage family members and friends to take part in the Liturgy of the Word by reading the First Reading and Second Reading and the Prayers of the Faithful. Copies of the readings to choose from are included at the back of this booklet. Other readings may be included in a vigil service.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funerals and Memorials are a special ministry of the Church and one where we meet families at defining moments of faith. No one will be denied the services of the Church for financial reasons; if the fees are burdensome, please speak with the priest. The pianist/organist is a professional who assesses a fee for his or her services. The fee is \$200. The stipend for a priest is at your discretion, but we would recommend \$200. The offering to the parish for use of the building and necessary preparation is \$150 when the family is utilizing the services of a funeral director and \$350 when they are not. Use of the parish hall for a reception is an additional fee based upon circumstances. These donations/stipends are typically paid through the funeral home on the day of the funeral. If necessary, they may be made directly by a family member before the day of the funeral.

TRIBUTES AND EULOGIES

Often individual tributes are reserved for the vigil service the afternoon or evening before the day of the Funeral Mass or for a reception following. One tribute may be read at Mass of four to six minutes in duration. This is best read from a script, and it is very helpful if a copy of this is available to the priest before the day of the Mass. This is typically read during after the opening prayer and before the first reading.

DISPLAYS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

We welcome displays of photographs and memorabilia at the entrance to the church. One framed portrait may be displayed on an easel in the front of the church.

FLOWERS

We welcome flowers as part of the funeral celebration. During Lent, flowers may be used for the funeral liturgy and should be removed following the Mass.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

You may wish to encourage friends and family to make Memorial Gifts to St. Joseph of Arimathea in the name of the one who had died. Memorial gifts may be used for the general needs of the church, or may be designated for one or more specific purposes, such as parish development, community service, religious education or the music program.

MUSIC

Music is an important part of ritual, and we encourage the family to make full use of the Church's rich tradition and the parish's musical resources.

Music before and after the Mass

Music for all liturgies is under the direction of the Director of Music. Music can provide a quiet and prayerful atmosphere at the beginning of the service, when mourners are likely to be upset and in need of a calming atmosphere. At the end of the Mass, when the cortège leaves the church for the final resting place, it is good to have some uplifting and reassuring music.

Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs

During a liturgy that lasts around an hour, it is good to allow everyone present to participate in the singing. The hymns, psalms and spiritual songs that are chosen need to be familiar to a good number of the congregation so that the singing is strong. Our hymnal contains many fine items from which you may wish to choose. There may be material not included in our resources that you wish to use. In this case, we will need to arrange for the words to be printed. It is best to have your music selections made as early as possible. Secular music is not used in the mass; however, it may be played at the funeral home for the vigil service, at graveside or at a reception.

Soloists and Choirs

Many people like to have a solo sung. We recommend that one of our skilled cantors lead the singing of the Psalm and the Eucharistic music, and sing one or more of the many appropriate solos that you may choose. Our Director of Music will be pleased to advise you on this and help with choices.

Recorded Music

We recognize the importance of certain recorded songs. Recorded music may be proper at a vigil service, at the graveside or at a reception but not during Mass.

SUGGESTED MUSIC FOR FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

The songs at funerals a memorials should be of a religious nature and found in common hymnals. Songs not listed here may be considered by the Director of Music. Choose one from each part.

ENTRANCE HYMNS

Amazing Grace

*Be Not Afraid

Come Holy Ghost

*Here I Am Lord

Hosea

I Have Loved You

Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Wherever You Go

OFFERTORY HYMNS

*Ave Maria

*Gift of Finest Wheat

Gift of Our Lord

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Wherever You Go

You Are Near

COMMUNION HYMNS

Blessed Are They

*Eye Has Not Seen

Keep In Mind

*I Am The Bread Of Life

**Suggested selections*

COMMUNION HYMNS CONTINUED...

Have Heard The Voice of Jesus

I Will Raise You Up

In The Breaking Of The Bread

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Panis Angelicus

*Prayer Of St. Francis

We Remember

*You Are Mine

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

*Christ Be Our Light

How Great Thou Art

I Will Never Forget You My People

Je' la voir

Jesus, Joy Of Our Desiring

Joyful, Joyful

Let There Be Peace On Earth

*O God Beyond All Praising

*On Eagles Wings

Sing A New Song

READINGS FOR FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL MASSES

FIRST READING OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE):

OPTION 1

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel,
took up a collection among all his soldiers,
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.
In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.
But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.
Thus he made atonement for the dead
that they might be freed from this sin.
The word of the Lord.

OPTION 2

Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:
Oh, would that my words were written down!
Would that they were inscribed in a record:
That with an iron chisel and with lead
they were cut in the rock forever!
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;
Whom I myself shall see:
my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him;
And from my flesh I shall see God;
my inmost being is consumed with longing.
The word of the Lord.
Wisdom 3:1-9 (short form, 3:1-6, 9)
As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
Omit the words in bolded brackets [] for the short form of this reading.
A reading from the Book of Wisdom
The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.
For if before men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
[In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the LORD shall be their King forever.]
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

OPTION 3

Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early,
shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not
with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

The word of the Lord.

OPTION 4

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples.
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.
On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The word of the Lord.

OPTION 5

Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the LORD.
The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:
The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.
Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

OPTION 6

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned
and heard this word of the Lord:
At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.
At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.
Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;
Some shall live forever,
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.
But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
And those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

The word of the Lord.

During Easter Time, the First Reading is instead selected from among certain New Testament Readings.

OPTION 1B

Acts 10:34-43 (short form, 10:34-36, 42-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter proceeded to speak, saying:
"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him.
You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
[what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the Devil,
for God was with him.
We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.]
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."
The word of the Lord.
Revelation 14:13
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
A reading from the Book of Revelation
I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," said the Spirit,
"let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them."
The word of the Lord.

OPTION 2B

Revelation 20:11—21:1

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.
The earth and the sky fled from his presence
and there was no place for them.
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,
and scrolls were opened.
Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.
The dead were judged according to their deeds,
by what was written in the scrolls.
The sea gave up its dead;
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.
(This pool of fire is the second death.)
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life
was thrown into the pool of fire.
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord.

OPTION 3B

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away."
The One who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new."
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God,
and he will be my son."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE):

OPTION 7

Psalm 23

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.
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 your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

OPTION 8

Psalm 25

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
And your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
Because of your goodness, O Lord.

Relieve the troubles of my heart;
And bring me out of my distress.

Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
And take away all my sins.

Preserve my life and rescue me;
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
Because I wait for you, O Lord.

OPTION 9

Psalm 27

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savor the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

It is your face, O Lord that I seek;
hide not your face.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

OPTION 10

Psalm 42 and 43

Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God; when shall I see him face to face?

Like the deer that yearns
For running streams,
So my soul is yearning
For you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God,
The God of my life;
When can I enter and see
The face of God?

O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell.
And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.

My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God.
Why are you cast down, my soul,
why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still,
my savior and my God.

OPTION 11

Psalm 63

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
For you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
Like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
To see your power and your glory
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
My lips shall glorify you.

Thus will I bless you while live;
Lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
And with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

You are my help,
And in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy,
My soul clings fast to you;
Your right hand upholds me.

OPTION 12

Psalm 116

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

Gracious is the Lord and just;
Yes, our God is merciful.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Lord keeps the little ones;
I was brought low and God saved me.

I believed, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;
I said in my alarm,
“No man is dependable”.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord
Is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant,
You have loosed my bonds.

OPTION 13

Psalm 103

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
The Lord has pity on those who fear him;
For he knows of what we are made,
He remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;
He flowers like the flower of the field;
The wind blows and he is gone
And his place never sees him again.

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity
To eternity toward those who fear him.
And his justice toward children's children
Among those who keep his covenant
And remember to fulfill his precepts.

OPTION 14

Psalm 122

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the Lord”.
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

To it the tribes go up,
The tribes of the Lord.
According to the decrees for Israel
To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

In it are set up judgment seats,
Seats for the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
Prosperity in your buildings.

Because of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will pray for your good.

OPTION 15

Psalm 130

Response: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
To the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who can stand?

But with you is found forgiveness:
That you may be revered.
I trust in the Lord;
My soul trusts in his word
My soul waits for the Lord
More than the sentinels wait for the dawn

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord,
For with the Lord is kindness
And with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

SECOND READING OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE):

OPTION 16

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 or 10:34-36. 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

[The words in italics may be omitted]

Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word (that) he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, *what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.* He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

OPTION 17

Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

OPTION 18

1 Corinthians 15:20-24, 25-28

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.” But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

OPTION 19

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

OPTION 20

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord

OPTION 21

1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of John

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The Word of the Lord

OPTION 22

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the book of Revelation

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OPTION 23

Revelation 20:11-21:1

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St. Joseph of Arimathea
American National Catholic Church

Funeral Liturgy Planning Sheet

Please print legibly.

Readers should bring copies of their readings with them.

Name of Deceased: _____

Preferred/Common Name: _____

Date of Funeral: _____

Time of Funeral: _____

Location of Burial: _____

Specify: ☐ Casket ☐ Urn ☐ No Remains

Readings

First Reading: Option _____

Read by: _____ Relation: _____

Psalm (Sung): Option _____

Second Reading: Option _____

Read by: _____ Relation: _____

Music Selections

Entrance Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

Gift Bearers (Optional, 2-4 people)

Names:

Relation:

Will there be a eulogy read? (1 person, written, 3-6 minutes)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Read by: _____ Relation: _____

Would you like the family to read the Prayers of the Faithful?
(1-6 people)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Names:
