Memorial Garden Plaque and Maintenance
St. John’s cost for the plaque is $50. To maintain the Memorial Garden, a donation of either $200 or the purchase of a $500 brick in the Legacy Patio is suggested for those who want their ashes placed in the Garden. Check payable to St. John’s.

Memorial Garden

For many years the ashes of parishioners, their families, and others who have supported St. John’s have been buried in our Memorial Garden. This tranquil spot in the midst of the urban hustle bustle provides a wonderful resting place for our loved ones’ ashes.

If you have a loved one buried in the Garden and wish your ashes to be nearby, please indicate the location on the drawing below by marking an “X” in the location. Plaques on the bell tower nearby list the names of those buried there.

PLANNING YOUR OWN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Gift to Your Loved Ones

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the greatest gifts we can give to their loved ones is to write down our desired “end of life” arrangements. These instructions, many of which are found in a will, include advanced directives, disposition of assets, and funeral arrangements. I advise that people consider consulting an attorney regarding Advanced Directives and disposition of assets, therefore please make an appointment with me so that we can discuss wishes and funeral arrangements. I will keep a copy of this completed brochure in the Church Office.

The Rev. Glad R. McCurtain, Rector

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Funeral Arrangements
In the Episcopal Church, the funeral liturgy is primarily an act of worship. It is a Celebration of New Life. The officiating clergy, usually a priest, directs the funeral service itself in accordance with the Canons and practices of the Episcopal Church. Therefore, it is preferable that the parish priest be contacted prior to consulting the funeral director regarding the service.

In accordance with our Prayer Book, (p. 490), it is the practice of this congregation to hold funeral services at St. John’s. Sometimes alternatives, such as a chapel or the graveside can be an alternative if the clergy in consultation with the family determines that to be a viable option. If the body or ashes are not available for the service, the clergy, in consultation with the family, can decide that there will be a memorial service with burial or interment of ashes to occur at a later date.

Pre-Planning Checklist

Full Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

My Will is filed with: ____________________________________________

1. Disposition of the Body
   ___ Whole Body Burial
   ___ Cremation
   ___ Donation of body to medical research.
      Forms have been filled out with:

      _______________________________________________________

   Participation in Organ Donor Program
   ___ My signed “Uniform Donor Card” is located:
      _______________________________________________________

Other requests or information we should know:

I understand that I may change these requests at any time, by notifying those who are holding copies. I authorized the person(s) named here to make any necessary changes in the above requests, in accordance with their best judgment and circumstances which exist at the time of my death.

Signed: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

Flowers
St. John’s contracts with a local florist who can provide an arrangement in front of the altar at a cost of $60. Of course, you may order flowers on your own from our florist or one of your choosing. Typically, if the timing works, the flowers are left for the weekend service as a memorial. Please indicate if you want the flowers to remain. Check payable to St. John’s with “flowers” in memo line.

Sexton
$25 to prepare church and/or memorial Garden spot
$40 to cater parish hall reception (plus cost of food)
Checks payable to Thelma Lipp

Music
The Music Director at St. John’s is expected to play if there is music at the cost of $150. Check payable to John Wirth

Clergy
While the burial service does not cost anything, it is suggested that a contribution be made to St. John’s Discretionary Fund. Check payable to St. John’s.

If you are setting up your will or trust, please remember St. John’s.
4. **Interment**

Burial Location: ___________________________

_____ Cremation

_____ Whole body burial

**Committal Liturgy**

For whole body burial:

_____ At graveside, with family and friends

_____ Lowering of casket into ground at the words of committal

For interment after cremation:

_____ St. John’s Memorial Garden

_____ Another Place (To be arranged)

5. **Advanced Directives or requests**

I have:

_____ A health care surrogate who is:

Name__________________________________________

Phone__________________________________________

_____ A Living Will

_____ A “Do Not Resuscitate” order

The above information is filed with:

Name__________________________________________

Phone__________________________________________

(Please note that St. John’s has an Advanced Directive form available.)

2. **Pre-Funeral Preferences**

My funeral wishes are on file with:

_____ St. John’s Episcopal Church

_____ Funeral Home: ___________________________

and they are: _____ Prepaid _____ Not Prepaid

_____ Family Member: ___________________________

_____ Other:

Funeral Home

Prior to service, there will____ / will not____ be a family visitation time

3. **Funeral Preferences**

Location of service

_____ St. John’s Episcopal Church

_____ Other: ____________________________

Type of Liturgy

_____ Burial Office with Eucharist using:

_____ Burial Office only

Music

_____ None

_____ Organ and/or piano

_____ Organ and Hymn singing: (* those to be sung)

Other instruments: ____________________________

Suggested hymns from *The Hymnal*:

208 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o’er

216 Hail thee, festival day

287 For all the Saints

335 I am the Bread of Life

358 Christ the Victorious

376 Hymn to Joy

379 God is love

390 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation

473 Lift high the Cross
Suggested Scripture (One or more is included in service.)

Scripture is always read at funerals. The number of readings will vary. Often there will be a Psalm read between readings. Some people will choose a reading from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and a Gospel. Others might choose an Old Testament or New Testament reading. Some may choose only a Gospel reading. There will always be a reading from one of the Gospels. The following is a suggested list. However, the family might choose a favorite that is not listed.

From the Old Testament
Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death for ever)
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 (Souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)
Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)

From the New Testament
Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,35-38,42-44,53-58 (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)

The 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 10:11-16 (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)

Between the readings can be suitable psalms, hymns or canticles. Some suggestions of psalms are: 42:1-7, 46, 90:1-12, 121, 130, 139:1-11; 23, 27, 106:1-5, 116. (Readers names optional)

Old Testament _______________ _______________
Psalm _______________ _______________
Epistle _______________ _______________
Gospel (Read by clergy) _______________
Homily (Name of Priest – optional) _______________
Personal Reflections (Name(s) optional)
_____________________________________
Name of Guestbook Attendant (if desired)
_____________________________________
Suggested Ushers (or Family will provide)
_____________________________________

Please note that the Fellowship Hall is available for fellowship and/or reception following the service.