



Funeral Arrangements

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, 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 for 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 the Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

- Book of Common Prayer, 1979, page 507

After completing this form, please make copies for the clergy, your next of kin or closest friend, and anyone else you would like to be aware of your wishes.

Name _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Partner/spouse, next of kin, closest friend, and/or health care proxy, with contact information
(address, telephone, email)

Relationship to you: _____



Have you chosen an undertaker or funeral home? If so, please provide the name, address, and telephone number.

Have you paid in advance for your arrangements?	Yes	No
Have you chosen to be cremated?	Yes	No
Have you made an anatomical gift? (donated your body to a medical school)	Yes	No
Do you have a burial plot?	Yes	No

Location _____

If you do not have a plot, where would you like your remains interred?

Which Burial Service from the Book of Common Prayer do you prefer?	Rite I	Rite II
Do you want the service to include Eucharist?	Yes	No

The liturgical color is typically white. On occasion, arrangement may be made to use purple or black. Please indicate your preference: _____

Will there be flowers at the service?	Yes	No
Will your body/ashes be present at the service?	Yes	No
Do you wish to have music at the service?	Yes	No

A service with Communion might include a processional hymn, an offertory hymn, a communion hymn, and a recessional. Musical settings of several psalms are in the Hymnal 1982 and may be used in place of a spoken psalm. Please specify hymns that you wish sung, and any other special music.

1. From *The Hymnal 1982*

2. Other



If there are specific people you would like involved in your service, assuming availability, please provide their names and contact information.

1. Clergy _____

2. Acolytes and servers _____

3. Lectors _____

4. Organist/musician(s) _____

Readings

A list of suggested lessons is given below. Please choose one Psalm, one lesson from the Old Testament and/or one lesson from the Epistles, and if there is to be a Mass, a Gospel reading.

Psalms

42, 46, 90, 121, 130, 139, 23 (Coverdale), 23 (King James), 27, 106, 116

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9; Isaiah 61:1-3; Lamentations 3:22 - 26, 31-33; Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Epistle

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39; I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58;
II Corinthians 4:16 - 5:9; I John 3:1-2; Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 21:2-7

Gospel

John 5:24-27; John 6:37-40; John 10:11-16; John 11:21-27; John 14:1-6

If there are lessons that you would prefer to those in the above list, please specify:

If you have any other directions or specific requests, please note them on the reverse of this sheet. Thank you for this valuable information; we will do everything we can to see that your wishes are honored. If at anytime you would like to make changes in your plan, simply speak to one of the clergy.