



Funeral Arrangement Planning Booklet

This Funeral Arrangement Plan is for

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This is a workbook for recording the wishes that will assist your family and clergy preparing your funeral service. It is a guide to the most common questions and decisions that will be asked. In those respects, it is a gift and a guide.

The priest officiating at the service has the final authority. That authority will be exercised in the pastoral and spiritual best interests of everyone. To know what the Episcopal Church believes about life, death and resurrection, as always, we go to the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.

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 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 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 our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn."(p. 507)



1. "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." *BCP, p. 468.*

I, _____, made the following arrangements for my funeral in consultation with one of the clergy of Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, Indiana on _____. A copy of these arrangements is on file at CCC.

2. "Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has the opportunity to be present." Even if someone has long ceased attending, it is always appropriate to contact the church before any arrangements are finalized.

I wish to be buried from CCC.

I wish my funeral to be at _____

3. Please use the Burial of the Dead,
Rite I with/without Holy Eucharist.
Rite II with/without Holy Eucharist.

4. Readings and music. It is customary, as well as comforting, to have portions of Holy Scripture or other sacred texts read during the service. Each reading is often followed by a psalm or hymn. The following are the suggestions listed in the BCP. You are encouraged to also note your personal favorite scripture passages. A list of hymn suggestions is included at the end of this document.

a. I request that the following Old Testament Reading be read (*choose one*):

Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>He will swallow up death forever</i>
Isaiah 61:1-3	<i>To comfort those who mourn</i>
Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33	<i>The Lord is good to those who wait for him</i>
Wisdom 3:1-5	<i>The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God</i>
Job 19:21-27a	<i>I know my Redeemer lives</i>
Other spiritual writing	_____
My favorite Old Testament passage is	_____

b. I request that the following psalm be read or hymn sung after the lesson (*choose one*):

Psalm 42:1-7	<i>As the deer longs for the water-brooks</i>
Psalm 46	<i>God is our refuge and strength</i>
Psalm 90:1-12	<i>Lord, you have been our refuge</i>
Psalm 121	<i>I lift my eyes to the hills</i>
Psalm 130	<i>Out of the depths have I called</i>
Psalm 139:1-11	<i>Lord, you have searched me out</i>
My favorite psalm is	_____
Hymn	_____

c. I request that the following New Testament Reading be read (*choose one*):

Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39	<i>The glory that shall be revealed</i>
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,35-38,42-44,53-58	<i>The imperishable body</i>
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9	<i>Things that are unseen are eternal</i>
1 John 3:1-2	<i>We shall be like him</i>
Revelation 7:9-17	<i>God will wipe away every tear</i>
Revelation 21:2-7	<i>Behold, I make all things new</i>
Other spiritual writing	_____
My favorite New Testament passage is	_____

d. I request that the following psalm be read or hymn sung after the lesson (*choose one*):

Psalm 23	<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>
Psalm 27	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation</i>
Psalm 106:1-5	<i>Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.</i>
Psalm 116	<i>I love the Lord, because he has heard</i>
Psalm	_____
Hymn or other	_____

e. I request that the following reading from the Gospel be read. A Gospel passage is required if Eucharist is to be celebrated (*choose one*):

John 5:24-27	<i>He who believes has everlasting life</i>
John 6:37-40	<i>All that the Father gives me will come to me</i>
John 10:11-16	<i>I am the good shepherd</i>
John 11:21-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
John 14:1-6	<i>In my Father's house are many rooms</i>
My favorite Gospel passage is	_____

5. One of the current clergy staff of CCC will serve as the lead pastor to the family, with the Rector making that determination. The lead pastor will extend invitations to any other clergy, including of other denominations, who may be invited to have a role in the celebration.

Is there anyone else you would like to be invited to participate in the burial liturgy? _____

Name and contact information _____

6. Music. Easter hymns are especially appropriate. Suggestions from the *Hymnal 1982* are included in an appendix at the end of this document. You are not limited to that hymnal. The priest officiating will place the hymns appropriately through the service.

My favorite hymns are _____

The current Music Director of CCC arranges for organist and/or other musicians for services at CCC. Musicians' services are normally paid by the family at the current rate for this professional service.

7. Additional requests in regard to the service:

8. Are there other organizations to be considered e.g. Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary or fraternal or civic organizations?

Yes No If yes, which one: _____

Their participation within the liturgy is at the discretion of the Rector. Often, there are several different ways to include those memorials.

The pastor working with the family will choose appropriate selections when no preference has been expressed above.

Additional Arrangements

1. The Church suggests that, instead of lavish display of flowers, funds be used to help the living. In view of this, I ask that, in place of flowers, memorial donations be made to:

Christ Church Cathedral _____

a pastoral need _____

a society engaged in research _____

a charity of the donor's choice _____

other(s) (*specify*) _____

2. It is appropriate that friends be given an opportunity to greet the family of the person who has died and to offer their sympathy and share memories. I would like such an opportunity to be provided

at the church _____

in my home _____

elsewhere (*specify*) _____

Such an opportunity can be provided in connection with the wake, the funeral, or at another time. CCC's Hospitality ministry can be called upon to assist according to the family's needs during visitation or after the service. My preference is _____.

3. The Church approves of the utilization of parts of one's body to benefit the living after the death of the donor. It is a very practical expression of Christian love. Specify below arrangements which you have made for donation of your body or particular organs:

4. I request the firm of _____
prepare my remains for burial.

5. I wish my remains be: buried cremated

It is customary that if a casket is open for a visitation prior to the funeral service, it will be closed before the service begins.

6. I request my remains to be interred in _____
_____.

7. The Church teaches that it is our duty to make wills, while we are in health, making prudent provision for the well-being of our families and arranging for the disposal of our temporal goods, not neglecting, if we are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable purposes. My will is kept on file at

8. My next of kin is (*name, address, telephone*):

9. Other immediate family are (*names, addresses, telephone*):

10. Others to be notified of my death are (*names, contact info*). Other churches where you may have worshipped often appreciate notices of the death of a former member.

Appendix 1: Music Suggestions from *Hymnal 1982*

(# of verses or bible ref)

195	Jesus lives! Thy terrors now (4)	517	How lovely is thy dwelling-place (4)
208	Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done (5)	526	Let saints on earth in concert sing
287	For all the saints, who from their labors rest (8)	527	Singing songs of expectation
293	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God	608	Eternal Father, strong to save
335	I am the bread of life	618	Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Rev 7)
357	May choirs of angels lead you to Paradise on high (3)	620	Jerusalem, my happy home (5)
358	Christ the Victorious, give to your servants (4)	623	O what their joy and their glory must be (5)
379	God is Love, let heaven adore him	625	Ye holy angels bright (4)
388	O worship the King, all glorious above! (Ps 104)	635	If thou but trust in God to guide thee (2)
429	I'll praise my Maker while I've breath (4)	636/637	How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (5)
444	Blessed be the God of Israel (3)	645	The King of love my shepherd is (6)
447	The Christ who died but rose again (4)	656	The King of love my shepherd is (6)
450	All hail the power of Jesus' Name	658	As longs the deer for cooling streams (4)
455	O love of God, how strong and true	663	The Lord my God my shepherd is (5)
455	O Love of God, how strong and true (4)	664	My Shepherd will supply my need (3)
457	Thou art the Way, to thee alone (Jn 14)	665	All my hope on God is founded (5)
470	There's a wideness in God's mercy	668	I to the hills will lift mine eyes (4)
482	Lord of all hopefulness	671	Amazing Grace
487	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (3)	680	O God, our help in ages past (6)
488	Be thou my vision	688	A mighty fortress is our God (4)
490	I want to walk as a child of the light	690	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (3)
499	Lord God, you now have set your servant free (1)	692	I heard the voice of Jesus say (3)

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