

**A Planning Guide For
Your Christian Burial
at**



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Concerning the Burial Rite

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) reminds us that,

“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, not 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.”

(BCP p. 507)

With that joy of the resurrection in mind, it is the duty of every Episcopalian to make necessary arrangements to the inevitability of death.

St. Paul’s is most happy to assist you with this prior planning, and we sincerely hope that this booklet will help you to make many of the decisions necessary so that your individual wishes may be honored and observed.

We suggest that you either work on this booklet in the privacy of your home or schedule a meeting with clergy to complete it.

Burial Booklets are kept confidential and on file in the church office. When you file your copy of your Burial Plan in the church office, a copy will be made at that time for your own personal files. Please keep your copy with your other important papers wherever you store them. This booklet is intended to assist your survivors and clergy in making arrangements at the time of your death. The information in the booklet may be changed or updated as you wish.

Please feel free to contact Rev. Melody with any questions or concerns you may have concerning this booklet. (mperdue@stpedenton.org)

Name of member of St. Paul's preparing this booklet

Today's date

The death of a member of St. Paul's should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for funeral should be made in consultation with, the clergy.

Who would most likely report your death to the church?

Name: _____ relationship: _____

Name: _____ relationship: _____

Name: _____ relationship: _____

Name: _____ relationship: _____

(If you need more space, please submit an additional page with name & relationship.)

If you have made prior arrangements with a funeral home, please list details below:

___ No, I have not made arrangements with a funeral home.

___ Yes, I have made arrangements with:

Funeral Home: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Contact name: _____

Who do you wish us to contact concerning any questions not answered in this booklet?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

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(If you need more space, please submit an additional page with name, relationship, and phone.)

What arrangements have you made for your body?

___ Cremation with urn

___ Body with casket

___ Other (please specify): _____

Where are you to be buried?

___ St. Paul's Memorial Garden *(cost is approximately \$500 for a plaque)*

___ Other (please specify): _____

Do you wish the Holy Eucharist (Communion) to be celebrated as part of the service?

___ Yes

___ No

To assist us in planning for the congregation, please provide the estimated number of attendees:

_____ Immediate Family

_____ Guests

If a coffin is present, it is to remain closed. It is appropriate that it be covered with a pall or flag.

Are you a member of or retired from the Armed Forces?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, are there special arrangements you prefer? *(Please list all that apply).*

There are two choices for Burial Rites in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Rite I and Rite II. In the next several pages of this booklet you will be asked to express your preference concerning the actual burial rite as found in the BCP, beginning on page 469. The BCP is also accessible online at www.bcponline.org (page numbers may vary).

It is customary that the Celebrant meet the body and go before it into the church. The family normally gathers in the Guild Room at the appointed time.

The Burial of the Dead: Rite II (BCP p. 491) begins with the Opening Sentences, please choose the one you prefer:

___ "I am the Resurrection and I am Life..." (BCP p. 491)

___ "In the midst of life we are in death..." (BCP p. 492)

These opening anthems (p. 491) at the beginning of the service are spoken as the body is borne into the church, or during the entrance of the ministers, or, if there is a processional hymn, by the Celebrant standing at the foot of the Chancel.

Do you prefer a Processional Hymn into the church?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please specify which hymn

Rite II continues with one of the three collects, which do you prefer?

___ "O God, who by glorious resurrection..." (BCP p. 493)

___ "O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered..." (BCP p. 493)

___ "O God of grace and glory..." (BCP p. 493)

After another Collect is read by the Celebrant, the people sit for the Liturgy of the Word (BCP p. 494). One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be Communion a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Lessons (readings). The Gospel Lesson is always read by the Celebrant.

It is desirable that the Lessons from the Old Testament and the New Testament (The Epistle) be read by lay persons. Do you have a preference for Lectors (Readers)?

If yes, please list the names in order of preference:

A lesson from the Old Testament is read, please choose one:

___ Isaiah 26:6-9 He 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 hands of God

___ Job 19:21-27a I know my Redeemer lives.

___ A reading of your choice: _____

A suitable Psalm follows the first lesson; please choose one:

___ Psalm 42:1-7 (BCP p. 643)

___ Psalm 46 (BCP p. 649)

___ Psalm 90:1-12 (BCP p. 717)

___ Psalm 121 (BCP p. 779)

___ Psalm 130 (BCP p. 784)

___ Psalm 139:1-11 (BCP p. 794)

___ A Psalm of your choice: _____

A lesson from the New Testament is read, please choose one:

___ 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

The 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 shall wipe away every tear.

___ Revelation 21:2-7

Behold, I make all things new.

Remembrances may be offered by family or friends, please specify whose who will share:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

___ Request no remembrances

A suitable Gospel hymn may follow the remembrances. Please use the Music Resources on pp. 11 & 12 of this booklet, or list another recommendation:

The Celebrant will choose the Gospel reading for the service. If you have a recommendation please indicate that below:

- 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.
- A different recommendation: _____

Rite II may continue with the Apostle's Creed (BCP p. 496). Do you want to recite the Apostle's Creed?

- Yes No

If there is no Communion the Lord's Prayer is recited at this time, and then continues on with the Prayers of the People (BCP p. 497).

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People with one of the prayers (BCP p. 498 please choose one:

- "Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you..."
- "Father of all, we pray to you..."

If Communion is celebrated, which Eucharistic Prayer do you prefer?

- EP Prayer A (BCP p. 361)
- EP Prayer B (BCP p. 367)
- EP Prayer C (BCP p. 369)

___ EP Prayer D (BCP p. 372)

___ No preference

As the Altar is prepared for Communion a hymn may be sung or organ music is played, which do you prefer?

___ Quiet organ music or instrumental

Hymn, please specify: _____

During Communion it is appropriate to have 1 or 2 hymns, depending on the number in attendance. Please list your preferences for hymns

Hymn #1: _____

Hymn #2: _____

After Communion the service continues with the Commendation (BCP p. 499) if the urn or coffin is present.

As the body is borne from the church a hymn, canticle, or closing sentence may be used. Which do you prefer?

___ Hymn, please specify: _____

___ Closing sentence (BCP p. 500)

___ Canticle, The Song of Zechariah, Benedictus (BCP p. 92)

___ Canticle, The Song of Solomon, Nunc dimittis (BCP p. 93)

___ Canticle, Christ our Passover, Pascha nostrum (BCP p. 83)

___ No preference

Music Resources

Key: PR – Processional/Recessional CS – Communion/Service ** No downloads

The 1982 Hymnal

178	Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord	**Alleluia No. 1	PR
180	He is Risen	Unser Herrscher	PR
188	Love's Redeeming Work is Done	Savannah	PR
199	Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain	St. Kevin	PR
207	Jesus Christ is Risen Today	Easter Hymn	PR
208	Alleluia! The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done	Victory	PR
287	For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest	Sine Nomine (pick vss..)	PR
293	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God	Grand Isle	CS
296	We Know That Christ is Raised	**Engelberg	PR
304	I Come With Joy to Meet my Lord	Land of Rest	CS
335	I am the Bread of Life	I am the Bread	CS
356	May Choirs of Angels Lead You	Christus, der ist mein	PR
358	Christ the Victorious	Russia	Any
376	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	Hymn to Joy	Any
383	Fairest Lord Jesus	St. Elizabeth	Any
388	O Worship the King	Hanover	PR
390	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	**Lobe den Herren	PR
410	Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven	**Lauda Anima	PR
420	When in Our Music God is Glorified	Engelberg	PR
423	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	St. Denio	PR
447	The Christ Who Died But Rose Again	St. Magnus	PR
473	Lift High The Cross	Crucifer	CS
487	Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life	The Call	CS
488	Be Thou My Vision	Slane	CS
490	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Houston	PR
492	Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing, With Gladness	Finnian	CS
517	How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place	Brother James' Air	CS
526	Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing	Dundee	PR
562	Onward, Christian Soldiers	St. Gertrude	PR
618	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	Lasst uns erfreuen	CS
620	Jerusalem, My Happy Home	Land of Rest	CS
623	O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be	O quanta qualia	PR
625	Ye Holy Angels Bright	Darwall's 148 th	Any
635	If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee	Wer nur den lieben Gott	Any
636	How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of The Lord	Foundation	CS
645	The King of Love my Shepherd is	St. Columbia	CS
658	As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams	Martyrdom	CS
660	O Master, Let me Walk With me	Maryton	CS
662	Abide With Me	Eventide	PR
665	All My Hope on God is Founded	**Michael	Any
			Any

671	Amazing Grace	New Britain	Any
680	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	St. Anne	PR
685	Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me	Toplady	PR
688	A Mighty Fortress is Our God	Ein Feste Burg	CS
690	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	Cwm Rhondda	
691	My Faith Looks up to Thee	Olivet	
Wonder Love and Praise			
727	As Panting Deer Desire the Waterbrooks	Woodslake	CS
742	Loving Spirit, You Have Chosen Me to Be	Omni die	CS
749	The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen	Apple Tree	CS
773	Heal Me, Hands of Jesus	Sharpe	CS
810	You Who Dwell (Eagle's Wings)	Eagle's Wings	CS
812	I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)	Here I am, Lord	CS
Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS II)			
103	Steal away	Negro Spiritual	CS
106	Precious Lord, Take my Hand	Dorsey	CS
180	I got a Robe up in-a that Kingdom	Negro Spiritual	CS
188	When Peace Like a River	Bliss	CS
213	Children of the Heav'nly Father	Swedish Folk Melody	CS

Other possibilities exist in:

The Hymnal 1982
Lift Every Voice and Sing
My Heart Sings Out
Voices Found
Wonder, Love and Praise

Clergy and church musicians share the responsibility of maintaining appropriate standards for music in our liturgy, especially during occasional services such as burials and weddings. The rubrics on p. 14 of the Book of Common Prayer set some guidelines, notably: Hymns referred to in the rubrics of this Book are to be those authorized by this Church.

Additional notes:

Recommended Honoraria and Fees

Expenses in connection with a funeral at St. Paul's vary with family preferences. There is no charge for the use of the Sanctuary or Parish Hall (when available for receptions). Our primary hope is to be a place of peace and spiritual comfort, regardless of a family's financial circumstances. If you find the suggested honoraria and/or fees burdensome, please contact parish clergy for assistance.

Suggested Honoraria:

- Clergy: \$300

Fees:

- Organist (by request): \$300
- Soloist (by request): \$200
- Cantor (by request): \$100