

A Guide for Funeral Arrangements

The funeral liturgy 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 Lazarus. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the immediate presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Things to consider as you plan your service:

The following questions are meant to promote discussion, provoke thought, and provide additional information about your funeral arrangements. We suggest you discuss them with your family prior to completing the reverse.

- ❖ Do you wish to be buried or cremated?
Have you made any arrangements for this?
Where do you wish to be buried?
- ❖ What type of instruments do you want used? Organ? Guitar? Other? Combination of one or more instruments?
- ❖ What type of service do you want? Would you like a regular funeral service, a memorial service, or a simple graveside service? Keep in mind that funerals are for the living. They help family and friends to bring closure and come to grips with their loss and grief.
- ❖ Music desired: Congregational singing? Soloists? Instrumental music only? Provide a list of hymns, songs of praise, or other music selections.
- ❖ Do you want a traditional service or a contemporary service?

Usually, the family decides if Holy Communion will be celebrated, if family or friend will share a remembrance, who the Layreader will be, and about flower arrangements or memorial gifts. However, you may want to provide some input regarding those matters.

Full Name _____ Birth date _____

Next of Kin _____

I wish for the funeral service to take place in/at Church Ministry Center

Other (please specify) _____

Committal (graveside/mausoleum) service requested Yes No

Burial/Cremation has been pre-arranged through _____

Are you a veteran? Yes No

Do you want a flag at graveside or other military honors?

Military honors and flags are arranged through the funeral home. _____

For a funeral/memorial service at St. Andrew's, the following decisions need to be made:

Rite I or Rite II Communion Service Yes No

Readings – Most families choose 2 readings. Please circle your choices.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm

Isaiah 25:6-9

23

Isaiah 61:1-3

27

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

42

Job 19:21-27a

46

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New Testament Reading

106

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

116

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58

121

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

130

1 John 3:1-2

139

Revelation 7:9-17

Revelation 21:2-7

Layreaders _____

Gospel Passage

The church will provide readers if needed.

John 5:24-27

John 6:37-40

John 10:11-16

John 11:21-27

John 14:1-6

Do you wish for a remembrance to be shared by a family member or friend? Yes No

By whom? _____

Would you like music? Yes No Style: Contemporary Traditional Blended

Do you have any preferences in selection? _____

Once you have completed this form, place it with your important papers and mail a copy to the Rector's Personal Assistant or you may bring it to the office and someone will make a copy for you.