

INFORMATION FOR FUNERAL/MEMORIAL SERVICES

FULL NAME OF DECEASED: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ MALE FEMALE

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS (LAST RESIDENCE): _____

DATE OF DEATH: _____ PLACE OF DEATH: _____

CAUSE OF DEATH: _____

PLACE OF SERVICE: _____

DATE OF SERVICE: _____ TIME OF SERVICE: _____

OFFICIATING: _____

PLACE OF INTERMENT: _____

PARISHIONER

NON-PARISHIONER

RELATION TO A ST. JOHN'S PARISHIONER? NAME: _____

WHO CAN ST. JOHN'S CONTACT FOR NEEDED INFORMATION: NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ ADDRESS: _____

SURVIVED BY: _____

MEMORIALS TO: _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR LAST RITES

"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."

From the Book of Common Prayer

AT THE TIME OF DEATH

Prayer Book, page 462

When a person is near death the Minister of the Congregation should be notified and, when possible, the family and friends should come together with the Minister to join in prayer. A Litany and other suitable prayers are provided for Ministration at the Time of Death in the Prayer Book.

BEFORE THE FUNERAL

Prayer Book, page 465

After preparations have been completed it is possible to bring the body to the church for a Vigil service consisting of suitable Psalms, Lessons and Prayers. The body may remain in the nave of the church or the narthex where family members may receive visitors. A prayer desk will be placed near the coffin for those who wish to offer prayer for the deceased and for those who mourn.

THE FUNERAL

Prayer Book, page 491

The Rite for the Burial of the Dead is normally a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with suitable Psalms, Hymns, Readings and Prayers for the Departed. It is appropriate for Baptized Christians in the Congregation to join the family in receiving Holy Communion. Members of the family of the deceased and close friends can take an active part in the service by reading the Lessons and by presenting the Bread and Wine at the Offertory. On occasion, when the deceased was not a Communicant in the Episcopal Church, it may be appropriate to omit the Communion portion of the service and use only the Psalms, Hymns, Lessons and Prayers.

THE COMMITTAL

Prayer Book, page 501

A brief service of Committal usually follows the Resurrection Liturgy. This may be at the grave when interment follows, or in the Columbarium when inurnment follows or some other appropriate place depending on the final resting place of the deceased. If cremation follows the funeral, the Committal will usually take place a few days later. If cremation has taken place before the funeral, the ashes will normally be present for the Liturgy and can then be placed following the Commendation.

From the Holy Gospels (choose one)

- 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)
- Other _____

4. I wish

- To be interred at _____
- To be cremated with ashes inurned (or scattered) at _____
- To be entombed at _____
- Special instructions _____

The Episcopal Church has no theological objections to cremation and leaves this matter to the family. For theological and pastoral reasons it is best for the body or ashes to be present in the church for the last rites. When the ashes are placed or scattered, one of the clergy will conduct a brief service if requested. This would be in addition to the Resurrection Liturgy.

5. Usually the only flowers in the church are those in the sanctuary. These may be given by the family or may be those used the previous Sunday. In view of this, I ask that, in place of flowers, memorial donations be given to:

- Episcopal Church
- The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
- The society engaged in research in the disease which caused my death (i.e., Heart, Cancer, etc.)
- Other _____

The Church discourages any lavish display of flowers and suggests funds be used to help the living. Flowers are symbols of the Resurrection and those near the Altar are sufficient to remind those present of the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

6. (Optional)

Arrangements have been made by me for my body to be given to _____
_____ for research.

Arrangements have been made by me for the following parts of my body
_____ to be given to

The Church approves of the trend toward the utilization of parts of one's body to benefit the living after the death of donor. It is a very practical expression of Christian love.

7. Music is an integral part of Christian faith and worship. Usually the congregation will sing the usual portions of the service and the hymns. Hymns should be strong and confident and be found in the Episcopal Hymnal, e.g., Hymns 680 (O God our help in ages past), 526 (Let saints on earth in concert sing), 208 (The strife is o'er), 357 (Jesus, son of Mary), 645 (The King of love my shepherd is), 623 (O what their joy and their glory must be), 625 (Ye Holy Angels bright), 688 (A mighty fortress is our God).

Old Testament Texts

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 61: 1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,* his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

³¹ For the Lord will not reject for ever. ³² Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³ for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,

Psalms

Psalm 42:1-7

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

Psalms

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

Psalms

to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

Psalms

Psalm 23 – King James Version

1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

New Testament Texts

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

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

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

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁵ But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' ⁵⁵ 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Gospel Texts

John 5:24-27

²⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; ²⁷and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

John 6:37-40

³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

John 10:11-16

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 11:21-27

²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

John 14:1-6

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Suitable Hymns:

680	Oh God Our Help In Ages Past
357	Jesus, Son of Mary
623	Oh What their Joy and Their Glory Must Be
625	Ye Holy Angels Bright
688	A Mighty Fortress is Our God
416	For the Beauty of the Earth
376	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
490	I Want to Walk as a Child of God
618	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
410	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
390	Praise to the Lord
178	Alleluia No.1
207	Jesus Christ is Risen Today
208	The Strife is O'er
690	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
645	The King of Love My Shepherd Is, vs 1,2,5,6
664	My shepherd Will Supply My Need
526	Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing
423	Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise
470	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
383	Fairest Lord Jesus
482	Lord of All Hopefulness
520	Blessed City, Heavenly Salem
518	Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
523	Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
525	The Church's One Foundation
691	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
682	I Love Thee Lord, but Not Because
694	God be in My Head
662	Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide
637	How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

Daughters of the King Members:

473	Lift High the Cross
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