



ST ^T COLUMBA'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A HOLY PLACE WHERE LOVE IS FOUND, ALL ARE NAMED,
AND HEARTS ARE FREED TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Planning A Funeral

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Grace to you, and peace . . .

The parish clergy, staff, and volunteers understand that facing death can be a complicated and difficult proposition. We are here to support you, whether you want to plan your own service or you need to navigate the loss — and celebrate the life — of a loved one.

When someone dies, there are many decisions to be made, plus the task of working to accommodate the wishes of others. In an effort to help make those decisions and accommodations easier, this booklet is divided into six sections arranged in order of time sensitivity, a section of end-of-life and funeral planning resources that can be helpful as you meet with the rector to plan a funeral in advance or at the time of death of a loved one.

In his book, *Holy Living, Holy Dying*, Anglican theologian Fr Jeremy Taylor helped many to see that there is holiness even in the midst of death. We hope that you will experience that holiness here at St Columba's, and realize the promised hope given to us by Our Lord, *'that in death life is changed, not ended.'*

*(Special thanks to the Cathedral of St Philip
for their graceful wording of the above)*

Requiescat in pace ... May they rest in peace

From the beginning of the Church, Christian burial has been an important and integral part of Catholic life. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ puts an end to the power of death. So, we, as followers of Jesus the Good Shepherd, believe that death is but an entrance to new and eternal life with Him. We look for the final resurrection, and for the body which awaits that resurrection we show a proper reverence.

For those who have lived in Christ and with Christ, death is the beginning of eternal joy with our God and Father. Since the Holy Eucharist is the Church's principal offering of sacrifice, prayer, and praise, it is most appropriate that the Requiem Mass be celebrated in connection with every Christian death. This liturgy is one of thanksgiving for God and God's redemption of an earthly life come to an end. It is also a commitment of our firm belief in God's promise to us that he will preserve our loved one in peace. It is an offering in which joy and sorrow are mixed, for while we say an earthly farewell and acknowledge the grief and sorrow that saying goodbye always brings, we know, too, that the dead live in Christ and so our grief is tempered by this joy. Our Mass points us to the One in whom there is life, for in it we "do show the Lord's death until he comes again" (I Corinthians 11:26).

A Requiem is a testament of triumph and hope, for those of us who remain know that we also journey toward the same eternal home. In the communion of the Saints we, the Church here on earth, are joined with the Church Triumphant and Expectant in worshipping before the same Throne of Grace. In the Holy Eucharist, which transcends all time and space, we are closest to our faithful departed loved ones, joining our prayers and praises with theirs. We pray for them, as we believe that they pray for us, so that all may be strengthened in their lives of service to Almighty God.



This booklet is designed to be of help to you as you gather your thoughts, consider the possibilities, and find comfort as you plan the funeral for yourself or a loved one.

When a loved one's death occurs, please contact the church as soon as possible.

INITIAL PLANNING

To report a death, please contact the parish office (770) 888-4464 and speak with the Rector. If the parish office is closed, please feel free to contact the Rector on his cell phone, anytime day or night: (770) 861-6399.

I. Scheduling the Funeral

When selecting the date of the funeral, consideration should be given for any family or close friends who may need travel time or any school or work schedules around which the funeral may need to be arranged. Once you have that information, then you can set a date and time in conversation with the Rector. It is good to select an secondary, alternative date when speaking family members in advance of your meeting with the Rector.

Funerals can usually be held any weekday or Saturday; it is difficult to schedule a funeral on a Sunday given our parish schedule. Moreover, Thursday night is choir rehearsal (Aug-June), so we try to avoid Thursdays after 1.00 pm.

If there is to be a interment at a cemetery following the funeral, the time of the funeral will need to be set in coordination with the cemetery schedule.

The exceptions to the above schedule are Holy Days and holidays, such as Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter. The Rector will let you know if there are specific events around which a funeral would need to be planned.

II. Funeral Home Selection

We work most often with Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming Georgia (see the contact list at the end of this booklet). They know the parish well and so we recommend them to you. You may use any funeral home you wish, of course. Ingram is independent funeral home, and they take care of families extremely well and in a compassionate, professional manner. Because they are independent, they are generally more reasonably priced; they also are a full-service funeral home and have extensive experience with military funerals. *Before finalizing details regarding the burial or funeral service, it is important to have confirmed the date and time with the Rector.*

III. The Obituary

The funeral home will help coordinate any obituary you may wish to publish. There is a significant cost associated with obituaries printed in local newspaper(s). The funeral home will publish an obituary at no additional cost. This online obituary is becoming more of the norm. It is easy to do an internet search and find it online, and the link is easy to give to family and friends.

IV. Details To Share With the Funeral Home or Cremation Society

1. Give the funeral home or cremation society the parish address: 939 James Burgess Road, Suwanee, Georgia 30024 and our telephone number, 770-888-4464. It is fine to share with them the Rector's cell number, 770-861-6399.
2. Funerals most often have the coffin (or ashes) present. However, the funeral can be held without a coffin or ashes.
 - a. Cremation is acceptable in the Episcopal Church.
 - b. Ashes can be interred in the Memorial Garden at St Columba's, a cemetery of your own selection, or kept in a remembrance urn by the family.
 - c. Decision on the final disposition of ashes does not have to be made right away, if the person did not make their wishes known. The clergy of the parish can help you navigate these decisions and share some of the options available to you.
3. Often family members opt to have a coffin at the funeral and cremation to take place following the funeral service (and interment of the ashes at a later time). This may require some additional planning with the funeral home, and we can assist with this if you would like.
4. If ashes are to be interred in St Columba's Memorial Garden, please let the funeral home know we will place the ashes in a biodegradable container. *So, no urn will need to be purchased when interring ashes in the parish's Memorial Garden.* If ashes will be interred in a cemetery, the funeral home will coordinate what type of container (if any) will be required by the cemetery you select. Details about the Memorial Garden are included at the end of this booklet.
5. If you intend to keep your loved one's ashes at home after the funeral and have purchased an urn for that purpose, please bring the filled urn to St Columba's at least one-hour before the funeral.

V. Costs

Your payment helps defray the costs associated with funerals. If money is a concern, please discuss your situation with the Rector: we will work with you, of course.

- Organist\$200
- Altar Flowers.....\$150
- Cantor\$200
- Clergy Honorarium\$250
- Acolyte Honorarium.....\$25
- St Columba's Memorial Garden\$500
- Reception.....\$50 **

*** A Reception can be hosted by the parish Funeral Guild for parishioners and their family members. If they provide food for the reception, the cost is determined by the number of people expected. Please discuss what you would like to do yourself (or have the Guild do) with the Rector.*



NOTES:

THE FUNERAL LITURGY

The liturgy will be according to the rites prescribed in *The Book of Common Prayer*. The solemn dignity of the prayer book's funeral service and the depth and beauty of its prayers give timeless expression to human grief and provide a framework for beginning to process that grief.

The funeral liturgy can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* beginning on page 491 (*or page 469 for Rite I, traditional language*). This can also be found online: <https://www.bcponline.org/PastoralOffices/BurialII.html>

The funeral service should include readings from scripture which proclaim the promises of faith and can give the congregation a sense of who the deceased person was as a child of God. Suggested Scripture readings are found on pages 10-16 of this booklet, but please feel free to discuss with the Rector any other passages of scripture that you would find meaningful. The service commonly includes at least two readings from scripture. Many people select a Psalm as a third scripture reading.

The funeral is best set in the context of Holy Communion. However, there are times when it makes sense to not include Holy Communion as part of the funeral liturgy. When the funeral does include Holy Communion, please make sure that one of your selected scripture readings is from the Gospels.

The funeral service sometimes includes remembrances from loved ones or close friends. There is no "right" or "wrong" choice. However, the number of remembrances generally should not exceed three or four, and the suggested length of each remembrance is five to seven minutes, depending upon the number of remembrances offered.

The planning form below can be filled out at any time. It's often helpful if this is done in conversation with the Rector. We recommend pre-planning your funeral so that your family will know your wishes and not have to worry about some of these details at a time when they would be dealing with grief and loss. If completed ahead of time, it can be kept with your advanced directives, will, and on file at the church. Of course, it can be filled out at the time of death.

FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING

Day / Date: _____ Time: _____

Number to be seated with Family: _____ Estimated # People Attending: _____

Will the body be present? ___ Yes, coffin ___ Yes, ashes ___ No

Desired place of burial or interment of ashes: _____

Do you have a living will or advanced directives for end-of-life care? ___ Yes ___ No

Funeral Home & Contact Name _____

Liturgy

_____ Rite II, with Holy Communion _____ Rite II, no Holy Communion

_____ Rite I, with Holy Communion _____ Rite I, no Holy Communion

_____ Interment immediately following _____ Interment at later date

_____ Interment in Memorial Garden _____ Reception Following

After you have reviewed the suggested readings beginning on Page 11, please record your choices in the blanks below. Please write "N/A" on the line beside any category from which you do not want a reading. *If a family member or family friend would like to read the lesson(s), please indicate their name as it should appear in the bulletin. We can provide a lector from the parish, if a family member or friend will not read the lesson(s).* In the context of a funeral with Holy Communion, the Gospel will be read by the priest or deacon.

Old Testament _____

Psalm _____

New Testament _____

Gospel (*required with Communion*) _____

Names of anyone reading one of the lessons. If you would like a lector from the parish to read the lessons, please write "*parish lector.*"

1. _____ 2. _____

Music

The beauty and depth that distinguish the words of the Book of Common Prayer are also found in the sacred music of the Episcopal Church. In the context of a funeral, that music, like the readings from scripture, can give the congregation a sense of who the deceased person was as a child of God. There is no ‘norm’ when it comes to including music in the funeral liturgy. Some funerals may include just organ music and a cantor, others will include congregational hymn singing. The size of the gathering may be a guide in determining how music is included, and your conversation with the Rector and Director of Music can be helpful.

When hymns are desired, funeral liturgies commonly include two hymns: one at or near the beginning of the service and one at or near the end of the service. For shorter services or smaller congregations, you may prefer to include only one hymn or no hymns. For longer services or larger congregations, you may prefer to add a middle hymn.

We have provided on Page 17 a list of suggested funeral hymns, but please feel free to discuss with the Rector any other hymns from the hymnal that you would find meaningful.

If you would like to include hymns in the service, please review the suggested funeral hymns and record your choices in the blanks below. Please write “N/A” wherever you do not want a hymn.

- Opening Hymn _____
- Middle Hymn _____
- Closing Hymn _____

Remembrances by Family Members/Friends

Remarks by family members and friends can be accommodated. We request that the number of people speaking be no more than three and that they have their remarks written down to help them should emotions sneak up on them, and that their remarks be limited to 3-4 minutes.

Names of those planning to offer a remembrance:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Liturgy Details

_____ Acolytes _____ Lector _____ Incense _____ Sung Liturgy

SUGGESTED FUNERAL READINGS

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. 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. 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 brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 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

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; 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, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Job 19:21-27a

Job said, "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake. 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. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 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.

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone. And now shall he lift up mine head above mine enemies round about me. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD. Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me. My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face. Thy face, LORD, will I seek. O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. O tarry thou the LORD'S leisure; be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Psalm 42: 1-7 *Quemadmodum*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?" I pour out my soul when I think on these things; how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God. With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who keep holy-day. Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her, and that right early. Be still then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 90 *Domine, refugium*

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation. Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. Who regards the power of your wrath? who rightly fears your indignation? So, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children. May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Psalm 106 *Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever. Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord or show forth all his praise? Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right! Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help; That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance. We have sinned as our forebears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly. In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous works, nor remember the abundance of your love; they defied the Most High at the Red Sea. But he saved them for his Name's sake, to make his power known. He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. He saved them from the hand of those who hated them and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. The waters covered their oppressors; not one of them was left. Then they believed his words and sang him songs of praise. But they soon forgot his deeds and did not wait for his counsel. A craving seized them in the wilderness, and they put God to the test in the desert.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; The LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy; With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For 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!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and 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. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Who 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. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

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

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

dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And 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. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When 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. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, 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.

2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Revelation to St John the Divine 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation to St John the Divine 21:2-7

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

FROM THE GOSPEL

St John 5:24-27

Jesus said, "Very 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. "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. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

St John 6:37-40

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

St John 10:11-16

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I 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."

St John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

St John 14:1-6

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

SUGGESTED FUNERAL HYMNS

The Hymnal 1982 is a wonderful resource for hymns. The following list, which is not intended to be complete, may be used in your selection. The complete hymnal may be browsed online here: <https://www.riteseries.org/song/Hymnal1982/display/cpi/1/>

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| 8 | Morning has broken | 488 | Be thou my vision |
| 24 | The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended | 486 | Hosanna to the living Lord |
| 180 | He is risen | 490 | I want to walk as a child of the light |
| 199..... | Come, ye faithful, raise the strain | 494 | Crown him with many crowns |
| 204 | Now the green blade riseth | 517 | How lovely is thy dwelling place |
| 208 | The strife is o'er | 618 | Ye watchers and ye holy ones |
| 210 | The day of resurrection | 620 | Jerusalem, my happy home |
| 238 | Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs | 623 | O what their joy |
| 286 | Who are these like stars appearing | 624 | Jerusalem, the golden |
| 287 | For all the saints | 625 | Ye holy angels bright |
| 357..... | Jesus, Son of Mary | 636/637 | How firm a foundation |
| 376 | Joyful, joyful we adore thee | 645 | The King of love my shepherd is |
| 390 | Praise to the Lord | 656 | Blest are the pure in heart |
| 410 | Praise, my soul, the king of heaven | 657 | Love divine, all loves excelling |
| 427 | When morning gilds the skies | 660 | O Master, let me walk with thee |
| 429 | I'll praise my Maker while I've breath | 662 | Abide with me |
| 439 | What wondrous love is this | 663 | The Lord my God my shepherd is |
| 441 | In the cross of Christ I glory | 664 | My Shepherd will supply my need |
| 448 | O Love how deep | 671 | Amazing grace |
| 450 | All hail the power of Jesus' Name | 679 | Surely it is God who saves me |
| 457 | Thou art the Way | 680 | O God, our help in ages past |
| 460 | Alleluia, sing to Jesus | 686 | Come, thou fount of every blessing |
| 469/470 | There's a wideness in God's mercy | 690 | Guide me, O thou great Jehovah |
| 473 | Lift high the cross | 694 | God be in my head |
| 482 | Lord of all hopefulness | WLP... | Eagle's Wings |

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