

*Funerals at  
Christ Church*







## ON CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

A Christian funeral is a difficult, yet reverent, mix of grief and joy. Joy, because we are confident in the promise of God 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.”

Consequently, the liturgy for the dead is properly an Easter Liturgy. It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

Such joy, however, does not make our grief unchristian. Quite the contrary, our grief is an expression of our love. 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.

At the time of death, people turn to the Church for rituals which allow them to recognize their loss, express their grief, remember and give thanks for the life of the one who has died, mark the end of relationships which exist in this life, allow them to seek strength and comfort in their faith, and provide dignity and meaning to the end of life. The rites of the Church are appropriate at several junctures in the passage from life into death. Long before death is a reality, the church can help people plan for the funeral and address other issues and concerns. Near the point of death, the Church can be present in a ministry to the dying person and his or her family and friends. After death, there is the funeral service and committal of the body to a final resting place.



## FUNERALS AT CHRIST CHURCH

At Christ Church, our clergy, staff, and lay volunteers will do all that we can to provide a fitting and meaning-filled funeral for your loved one. We recognize that, upon the death of one we love, there are many arrangements to be made and concerns to be settled. Therefore, we will strive to make your experience here at Christ Church as easy and well-supported as possible.

### **IN ADVANCE**

Decisions about care at the end of life and about funeral services can be considered and made at any time. In fact, preparations made in advance are often a great relief and gift to surviving loved ones.

The work of preparing for one's own death, or that of a loved one, may also provide an opportunity to discuss and explore one's fear of aging and death, and to place one's life and death within the greater context of our faith.

The clergy of Christ Church are available to speak about these concerns and to make preparations for one's death and funeral.

### **AT TIME OF DEATH**

A clergy person from Christ Church should be called as soon as possible, so that a priest may be present to minister both to the dying person and to the family. This ministry can include pastoral care, reflection, prayers, and sacraments as appropriate, and guide the family in planning the details of the funeral service.

The death of a member of the church should be reported as soon as possible. Arrangements for the funeral, especially for a funeral at or involving Christ Church, should be made in consultation with a priest of the congregation. Please notify the clergy immediately when death occurs.

Please do not announce the date or time of the funeral service until arrangements have been made with the church and with the clergy. We recommend that all funeral services be held in the church. The time of the service will be decided in consultation with a member of the clergy of Christ Church.



## ARRANGEMENTS

### ABOUT THE SERVICE

For nearly two thousand years Christians have gathered together at the death of a loved one to pray, to hear again God's promise of life, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to commend a loved one to God. At Christ Church, we continue this tradition using the liturgies provided in the Book of Common Prayer. All funerals and Requiem services include the celebration of Holy Eucharist ("Communion"), a homily by the priest, and, when the choir is present, the sung Kontakion ("Prayer for the Dead").

### READINGS & PRAYERS

Funeral readings (chosen from the texts below) and the Prayers of the Dead may be read by a family member or friend. Readings from sources other than the Bible are not part of the service. Space permitting, a poem or quote may be included in the leaflet.

### TRIBUTES

A brief tribute (no longer than five minutes) may be offered by a *pre-arranged* family or friend. The best tributes are written in advance and help those gathered to remember the best character qualities of the deceased—the ways in which the person helped family and friends see God's love and grace.

*To coordinate a service, including schedule, readings, and music, please speak with a member of the Christ Church clergy.*

### COST

Christ Church requests a *donation* of \$1000 to assist with the costs associated with funerals at Christ Church. *At no time, however, should cost be the determining factor in funeral preparations*, and we ask that you speak with a priest if you have any financial concerns. Unless otherwise noted, the following are provided for all funerals.

### CLERGY

Christ Church strives to provide excellent pastoral care to both the dying and to their surviving family. Christ Church clergy are available for pastoral visits to the home, hospital, or care facility, and following the death of a loved one will assist with the preparation of a funeral, including officiating at the service and offering the homily.

### FLOWERS

The Christ Church Flower Guild coordinates the altar flowers for all funerals. We are always eager to consider floral requests and will do our best to fulfill a family's desire. Please understand, however, that we are limited by seasonality and availability. If you have a particular flower request, please inform the officiating priest. Additional flowers that are delivered as gifts will be placed around the church. Arrangements not taken by the family on the day of the funeral will be distributed to local hospitals and shut-ins.



## ARRANGEMENTS

### LEAFLET

To facilitate participation by our community, Christ Church provides a service leaflet that contains everything necessary for full participation in the service. This is produced entirely by the Christ Church staff, and there is no additional cost for the leaflet.

### GUEST BOOK

Christ Church provides several Guest Books for guests to sign on arrival and during receptions held at Christ Church. Following the service, all the pages from the various Guest Books will be compiled into one Guest Book for the family.

### VIEWING

A viewing may be arranged and held at Christ Church. Viewings are customarily 3 hours long and may be held in Miller Hall, the Church Nave, or Saint Margaret's Chapel. To coordinate a viewing at Christ Church, please speak with your priest.

### RECEPTIONS

Christ Church is glad to provide a tea and cookies reception in the Undercroft (capacity: 200) or in Miller Hall (capacity: 75). These receptions provide an elegant and pleasant opportunity to gather with friends and relatives following the service.

Additional information about receptions, including catered receptions may be found on page 7. *Please contact the Rector's Office for more information.*

### PARKING

Christ Church has limited on-campus parking, however, we are able to use parking at South High School as the schedule permits. If necessary, Christ Church staff will contact Grosse Pointe Farms police to coordinate parking on Grosse Pointe Boulevard. Additional arrangements (such as a valet parking) may be made for an additional cost.

### MUSIC

Music is a significant part of worship at Christ Church and is, therefore, customary at all funerals and Requiem services. Christ Church will provide an organist to lead hymns and to play a prelude and postlude, and voluntaries during the service. The selection of music and hymns may initially be made with the officiating priest or with the Director of Music. There is no additional cost for this ministry at a funeral.

At times, however, additional musicians such as the Christ Church Choir or a string quartet, may be desired. Such requests are coordinated with the Director of Music and will include additional fees. *(Please note: the following fees are subject to change.)*

- ~ THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR:                   \$ 1200
- ~ INSTRUMENTALIST OR SOLOIST           \$ 250
- ~ ORCHESTRA:           *please contact The Director of Music for pricing & availability.*



## THE COLUMBARIUM

Christ Church offers a beautiful garden columbarium for the interment of an urn of ashes. Christ Church also offers a Scattering Garden in which a loved one's ashes are buried directly in the earth. Unlike remote cemeteries, the Christ Church Columbarium and Rose Garden provides a unique setting in the midst of our community for the burial and remembrance of a loved one. In addition to providing a quiet place for family to gather beside the resting place of a family member or friend, the Christ Church Columbarium and Rose Garden is a place of celebration and joy enjoyed by playful children and the Christ Church community throughout the year.

Columbarium niches are available for purchase by current members of Christ Church. Pricing for niches is as follows:

	DOUBLE NICHES	SINGLE NICHES
- ABOVE GROUND	\$3000	\$1500
- BELOW GROUND	\$2500	\$1500

Prices include Bronze Memorial Plaques and mason fees to open and close the niche for burial. Niche sizes are limited; therefore, urns and containers may be no larger than: 8.5" in height, 4.5" deep, and 6.5" wide.

A place in the Scattering Garden may be purchased for \$500 and includes a Bronze Memorial Plaque (to be displayed on the Scattering Garden Memorial Plaque) and fees for burial. As the ashes are buried directly in the earth, no urn or container is necessary.

For more information, or to purchase a niche, please contact the Rector's Office.



## FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

### CAPACITY

The Undercroft: 200  
Miller Hall: 50

Additional information about receptions, including catered receptions are also possible with any of our approved caterers. *Please contact the Rector's Office for more information.*

### HOSTED RECEPTIONS

Christ Church is glad to provide a tea and cookies reception in the Undercroft. Should tea sandwiches be requested, Christ Church will order two (2) sandwiches per person at an additional cost of \$5 per person.

These receptions provide an elegant and pleasant opportunity to gather with friends and relatives following the service.

### CATERED RECEPTIONS

Christ Church will also assist with catered receptions (by approved caterers) in the Undercroft, in which case the Rector's Assistant or another member of the Christ Church staff will meet with the contracted caterer to coordinate set-up and support. *Please contact the Rector's Office for more information.*

### APPROVED CATERERS





## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

*Select one lesson from the Old Testament or Epistles*

**JOB 19:21-27A**

*I know that my Redeemer lives*

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.

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11**

*For everything there is a season and a time*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

**ISAIAH 25:6-9**

*He will swallow up death for ever*

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.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: OLD TESTAMENT OPTIONS

**ISAIAH 61:1-3**

*To comfort those who mourn*

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.

**ISAIAH 65:17-20**

*No more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress*

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

**LAMENTATIONS  
3:22-26 31-33**

*The Lord is good to those who wait for him*

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**

*The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God*

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.

*Note: this may be read or sung in place of the Psalm*



## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: OLD TESTAMENT OPTIONS

**ECCLESIASTICUS**  
44:1-7

*A hymn in honor of our ancestors*

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for themselves by their valor; those who gave counsel because they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles; those who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes, or put verses in writing; rich men endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes—all these were honored in their generations, and were the pride of their times.

**ECCLESIASTICUS**  
51:13-16, 2OB-22

*Wisdom in life*

While I was still young, before I went on my travels, I sought wisdom openly in my prayer. Before the temple I asked for her, and I will search for her until the end. From the first blossom to the ripening grape my heart delighted in her; my foot walked on the straight path; from my youth I followed her steps. I inclined my ear a little and received her, and I found for myself much instruction. With her I gained understanding from the first; therefore I will never be forsaken. My heart was stirred to seek her; therefore I have gained a prize possession. The Lord gave me my tongue as a reward, and I will praise him with it.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: EPISTLE OPTIONS

**ROMANS 8:14-19,  
34-35, 37-39**

*The glory that shall be revealed*

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.

**ROMANS 8:31-39**

*Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 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? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” 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<sup>ST</sup> READING: EPISTLE OPTIONS

**1 COR. 15:20-26, 35-38**  
**42-44, 53-58**

### *The imperishable body*

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**

### *Things that are unseen are eternal*

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<sup>ST</sup> READING: EPISTLE OPTIONS

**EPHESIANS 3:14-19**

*Strength from God*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9**

*Let your requests be made known to God*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**I THESSALONIANS  
4:13-18**

*Resurrection in Christ*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: EPISTLE OPTIONS

1 JOHN 3:1-2

*We shall be like him*

Jesus said, "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."

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 TIMOTHY 4:5-8

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: EPISTLE OPTIONS

### REVELATION 7:9-17

*God will wipe away every tear*

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 21:2-7

*Behold, I make all things new*

I, John, 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."





## THE PSALM

*Please select one of the following to be said by the congregation or, when possible and desired, sung by the Christ Church Choir.*

### PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your 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 23

#### COVERDALE VERSION

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd \*  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture \*  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul \*  
and bring me forth 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 comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me \*  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



## THE PSALM

### 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.

### PSALM 42:I-7

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 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,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.



## THE PSALM

### PSALM 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.



## THE PSALM

### PSALM 121

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



## THE PSALM

### PSALM 90:1-12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 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.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.



## THE PSALM

### PSALM 130

- 1 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.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.



## THE PSALM

### PSALM 139:I-II

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.



## THE GOSPEL READING

*Please select one of the following to be read by a priest or deacon*

**MATTHEW 5:1-10**

*The Beatitudes*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**LUKE 15:4-6**

*The parable of the lost sheep*

Jesus said, “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ”

**JOHN 5:24-27**

*Those who believe have everlasting life*

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.”

**JOHN 6:37-40**

*All that the Father gives me will come to me*

Jesus said, “ 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.”





## THE GOSPEL READING

**JOHN 10:11-16**

*I am the good shepherd*

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."

**JOHN 11:21-27**

*I am the resurrection and the life*

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother 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."

**JOHN 14:1-6A**

*In my Father's house are many rooms*

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."



## INTERCESSIONS

*Please select one of the following to be said by the congregation*

### Option A

For our *brother* NAME let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for NAME, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

You raised the dead to life; give to our *brother* eternal life.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our *brother* to the joys of heaven.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Our *brother* was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give *him* fellowship with all your saints.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*He* was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant *him* a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our *brother*; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.



## INTERCESSIONS

### Option B

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. Amen.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Amen.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Amen.

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Amen.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Amen.

Grant us grace to entrust NAME to your never-failing love; receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, and remember *him* according to the favor which you bear to your people. Amen.

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, *he* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.



## FUNERAL HYMNS

*Please choose two or three of the following. For additional recommendations, please speak with the officiating priest or Director of Music.*

208	<i>The Strife is o'er (1 Cor 15)</i>	<i>Victory</i>
287	<i>For all the saints, who from their labors rest</i>	<i>Sine Nomine</i>
358	<i>Christ the victorious</i>	<i>Russia</i>
362	<i>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	<i>Nicaea</i>
376	<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee</i>	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>
379	<i>God is love, let heaven adore him</i>	<i>Abbot's Leigh</i>
397	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>	<i>Nun danket alle Gott</i>
400	<i>All creatures of our God and King</i>	<i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i>
410	<i>Praise, my soul, the King of heaven</i>	<i>Lauda Anima</i>
460	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	<i>Hyfrydol</i>
482	<i>Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy</i>	<i>Slane</i>
488	<i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart</i>	<i>Slane</i>
525	<i>The Church's one foundation</i>	<i>Aurelia</i>
526	<i>Let saints on earth</i>	<i>Dundee</i>
541	<i>Come labor on</i>	<i>Ora Labora</i>
618	<i>Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Rev 7)</i>	<i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i>
620	<i>Jerusalem, my happy home (2 Cor 4-5)</i>	<i>Land of rest</i>
625	<i>Ye holy angels bright (Rev 7)</i>	<i>Darwall's 148th</i>
637	<i>How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord</i>	<i>Lyons</i>
645, 646	<i>The King of love my shepherd is (Ps 23 &amp; Jn 10)</i>	<i>St. Columba</i>
657	<i>Love divine, all love's excelling</i>	<i>Hyfrodol</i>
658	<i>As longs the deer (Psalm 42)</i>	<i>Martyrdom</i>
680	<i>O God, our help in ages past (Ps 90)</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
688	<i>A mighty fortress is our God (Ps 46)</i>	<i>Einfeste Burg</i>
690	<i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	<i>Cwm Rhondda</i>



# QUESTIONS AND NOTES



# FUNERAL CHECKLIST

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**READER**

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**PSALM**  
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**LEADER**

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**GOSPEL**  
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**INTERCESSIONS**

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**PALL BEARERS**

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# FUNERAL CHECKLIST

## HYMN REQUESTS

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