



# Journeying Home

A GUIDE TO FUNERAL PLANNING  
FOR THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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# PEACE BE TO YOU.

For most of us, thinking about the last journey of our earthly pilgrimage—the journey from life into death and into everlasting life—is a process we are conditioned to avoid. Death is the forbidden subject in our society; to think about the last things of life, to make plans for funerals or leave instructions

for our loved ones, is to admit to our own mortality. And not only is it taboo for us to contemplate the possibility of death, it is also unthinkable to reflect on what we, as family or friends, may be called upon to do when serious illness or death come unbidden into our midst.

For the Christian soul, however, “death is swallowed up in victory.” We rejoice in the certainty that, as we lay down our earthly bodies and earthly life, so we take up life eternal. Death, therefore, is not to be feared but to be observed as a rite of passage from one phase of life to another. We plan for all the other passages of life, observing them with the ritual enactment of our beliefs. Rituals center around births, baptisms, graduations, marriages, and all the other important milestones of life. So should it be with the final passage.

Here, then, is a brief guide to the rituals of death. Using it is an opportunity to celebrate the memories and accomplishments of life to the present time, as well as to show our love for those we leave behind—leaving them, not comfortless, but better prepared to make important decisions and process their grief.

In addition to worksheets for funeral planning, this booklet includes helpful information for family and friends to know what to do during serious illness, at the time death occurs, and after the funeral. It also explores, briefly, why funeral services are important, and includes records that, when completed, will leave your family the vital information needed when death occurs.

So, then, do not fear the contemplation of your own mortality. Instead, rejoice in the life you have been given, and in the life yet to come.

## Helping during a serious illness

When a patient and family undergo the stresses of a serious illness, there are some very practical things you can do to help, including:

☐ Visit: call before you come and make the visit short rather than tax the limited physical resources of the patient. Bring little gifts that will brighten the day—a plant, a photograph, a special music recording or bottle of scented lotion.

☐ Show your support by touch or hug, if the patient is comfortable with that.

☐ Bring food to the family, who may have limited time to cook meals. Be sure to consider any special needs and desires of the family. Call and ask if there is something special you can fix; consider menus that can be frozen for later use, and use disposable dishes so that the family need not take the responsibility of washing and returning items to you.

☐ Make a dessert or cookies that can be frozen to provide a treat for the family at a later date.

☐ Offer to take the patient to the doctor for treatments, or for an outing. Offer to run errands, or take children to church or school.

☐ For holidays or other special occasions, offer to shop for gifts the patient would like to give to family and friends.

☐ Help decorate the patient's room for holidays or special events.

☐ Be willing to talk about the illness, treatment or impending death—talking about fears helps them diminish. Be willing to talk about hopeful things, too—or to listen, or sit quietly for a while. Sometimes knowing you're there is enough.

☐ Don't make decisions for the patient. It is important that they stay involved in their life and choices as much as possible. This enhances self-esteem and the feeling that they are still in control.

☐ Send a note that says you care.

☐ Talk about the news/current events to keep the patient involved in their world. Bring reading material, if appropriate.

☐ Give the caregivers a break by staying with the patient for a while. Sometimes family just need an hour or two away, or a few minutes alone, in order to replenish their energy to cope more easily with the situation.

## What to do when death occurs

When a loved one dies, it is often difficult to think of what to do first. Here are a few guidelines that may help:

□ If death occurs at home, call the police and/or rescue squad. A medical examiner will need to come to the home and certify the death before the body is removed.

□ Locate any important papers and documents you may need, including completed funeral planning/information sheets, birth certificate, passport, social security number, bank deposit box information/keys, ownership of burial plot or columbarium niche. If appropriate, contact the family lawyer. If not completed already, you may find completing the Burial Information Form in this packet helpful for finding all the information you will need when you select a funeral home.

□ If one has not already been selected, look for a funeral home that is convenient for the family and which offers the range of services that fits the family's needs and budget.

□ When going to meet with the funeral home director, take the completed Information Form and, if the deceased is to be buried, any favorite clothing. Choose something the person would want to be viewed and/or buried in—a three-piece suit or formal dress is not necessary. Also take any items for burial or viewing you may find important: a pair of glasses or favorite jewelry.

□ Making decisions at a stressful time is difficult. When making selections of casket, urn or other mortuary services, be aware of what you can afford. Remember: how much you spend is not an indication of how much you love your family member. Sometimes the most simple things are the most beautiful.

□ Consider having a visitation at the funeral home for family and friends to come together. While some prefer a closed casket, seeing the person who has died can assist survivors in accepting the reality of death.

□ You will need to make official notification of the death to agencies such as Social Security, the IRS, the State, the V.A., pension/insurance policies, and for changing the title of house and car, among other things. Ask the funeral director to help you decide how many copies of the death certificate to order.

□ Don't hesitate to ask for special things—most funeral directors will be glad to include letters or other mementos in the casket for burial.

□ Accept the assistance of friends and family. Sometimes it's hard to know what to tell people who offer to help: the list of Suggestions for Assisting the Bereaved in this packet can help them know how to assist when you need it most.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

## Assisting the Bereaved

When someone you care about loses a loved one, it is often difficult for them to accept your assistance—even when offered freely and sincerely—because they cannot think of what you can do for them. Here are some ways you can help:

- Offer to go with the bereaved person of family to the funeral home.
- Be available in the bereaved's home for the first day or two, answering the phone, making calls to notify friends, and attending to any errands so that the family can attend to other matters.
- Check for often-used staples (such as coffee, milk and bread) and offer to bring in any needed items.
- Catalogue food, flowers and other gifts as they arrive. This list will prove helpful to family when it is time to acknowledge the kindness of their friends.
- Tape your phone number to the telephone so the family has ready access to you should they need to call.
- Offer to bring a light meal to the family prior to the funeral.
- Have someone stay in the home during the visitation and funeral services.
- See that anyone who needs transportation to/from the airport is accommodated, and arrange for child care or housing, if needed.
- Straighten up the house, do laundry, shine shoes, run any errands.
- Organize a Memory Book among friends and family, including photographs of the deceased and written accounts of special memories.

After the funeral,

- Call or stop by the day after the service. Return dishes, run errands, etc.
- Call often—especially evenings and weekends—and send notes to say you care.
- Bring dinner in and stay to eat/visit. If the bereaved is alone, offer to stay overnight sometimes.
- Be sensitive to dates: weekly and monthly anniversaries of the death, as well as birthdays, wedding anniversaries or other special days.

# The Importance of a Funeral

Rituals are a means of celebrating life, relationships, and the contributions we make, as individuals, to society. When death occurs, rituals are an important part of helping bereaved persons begin to face the reality that life—and perhaps their role in it—has changed. Rituals stimulate recollection and memories, and assist in the acknowledgment and expression of feelings. Rituals also create a shared experience for social groups; in this case, helping the group adjust to the loss of a member and lend support to the survivors. Rituals provide a framework for beginning the process of grieving.

The social ritual for a death is the funeral—a time when all come together to celebrate the life and acknowledge the passing of someone known and loved. For Christians, it is also a celebration of our belief that we have passed from death into everlasting life through Jesus Christ, and the burial liturgy reflects that belief.

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. This service, 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 heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” —Romans 8:38-39

This joy, however, does not make human grief “un-Christian.” 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.

# The Burial rites

When a person is seriously ill or dies, we recommend that the clergy be notified as soon as possible. They will be glad to assist you in planning a meaningful and comforting service whenever you feel it is an appropriate time to do so. Of course, advanced planning is encouraged wherever possible, so that family and friends have fewer decisions to make at a difficult time.

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER contains two rites for the burial office: Rite I uses traditional language, and Rite II is set in contemporary language. Both rites are made up of the same components: the service begins with the reading or singing of the “burial anthems” and include one or more lessons from the Bible, suitable psalms and/or hymns, and prayers for the deceased and their family and friends. We encourage you to include a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in your funeral, and to proceed from the church to the place of interment, where the priest will be glad to offer prayers of committal.

You are also encouraged to have the casket or urn present in the Cathedral for the service, as it is most appropriate for Christians to be interred from the church. Seeing the casket or urn can be very helpful in making a death more real to those who attend the service, and offers an opportunity to “pay one’s last respects” in a more tangible fashion. However, a memorial service at which no body or cremains are present may also be held.

The Episcopal burial services offer several options for the readings, psalms and/or hymns you made choose. You may also invite family or friends to participate by reading the lessons. If you decide to do so, please give the reader a copy of the “Guidelines for Readers and Eulogists” sheets included in this booklet, so that she or he may be more comfortable and prepared.

If you wish to have a eulogy offered at the service, we encourage the person be given a copy of these same “Guidelines”. It is most important to have the eulogy written down, and that it take no more than ten minutes to read—this will help keep the eulogist on track at a time when his or her emotions may run high.

The services of our organist and soloists are available for a fee. The organist will be glad to assist you in selecting hymns and other music appropriate for a church funeral. It is important to remember that a funeral conducted at the Cathedral is a worship service, and some musical selections may be more appropriate for the reception following the service than for the funeral itself.

Copies of the burial services and the most-often used readings from which to choose are included in this booklet.

# Guidelines for Readers and Eulogists

**T**hank you for agreeing to participate in the funeral of someone special. Here are a few guidelines that will help you prepare to speak at Trinity Cathedral:

☐READERS: Obtain a copy of the reading as soon as possible.

The sooner you review the Bible lesson you are to read, the more time you will have to check the pronunciation of words, look up unknown words in the dictionary, and begin practicing reading aloud. At Trinity Cathedral, the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used.

☐Plan to rehearse your reading.

If you like, you may arrange a time to come to the Cathedral to practice, or plan to come to the church early on the day of the funeral. It is important that you get used to being in the pulpit and hearing the sound of your voice in the room.

☐Speak slowly and clearly.

The pulpit is equipped with a stationary microphone; it is omni-directional, so you should not attempt to change its position. Do not hold onto the microphone, and do not “lean into” it to speak; simply stand in the pulpit and speak in a strong but normal speaking voice.

Speak rather slowly; it carries better in our live acoustical space. When nervous, most of us tend to read more quickly; it helps to take a deep breath and read at half the pace you are tempted to speak at. Also, try to enunciate the consonants of words — this will help those listening to better understand you.

☐Practice the introduction and ending to the reading.

In the Episcopal Church, readings are introduced with the phrase,

“A reading from the book of [NAME OF BOOK INSERTED HERE]”.

At the end of the reading, the reader pauses briefly and then says,

“Here ends the reading.”

☐Be careful ascending and descending the stairs into the pulpit.

The steps are a little irregular; it’s a good idea to hold the handrail!

☐EULOGISTS: write your tribute down and time reading it.

Giving a loving tribute to someone special can be an emotional time for you. So that you are able to say everything you would like, it is a good idea to write the eulogy down ahead of time, and practice reading it aloud. Include special memories and humorous anecdotes; they give everyone present a chance to remember the deceased in their own way.

It is also a good idea to limit the time you speak to a brief period—say, ten minutes or so. This will keep the service flowing and make it easier for the family to find comfort and strength in it, as the funeral is designed to do.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle (Maiden) Last

Usual Residence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code and Country

How long at this address?

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How long in Arizona?

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Date of Birth:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Day / Year

Place of Birth:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Country

Date of Death:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Day / Year

Place of Death:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, County or Country

Social Security No:

\_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of what country:

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Full Name of Father:

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First Middle Last

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Birthplace (City, State, Country)

Full Name of Mother:

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First Middle Maiden

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Birthplace (City, State, Country)

Race:

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Sex:  Male  Female

Marital Status:

Never Married  Married  Divorced  Widow/widower

Occupation:

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Education:

High School Graduate  
 Highest grade completed  
 College Graduate

High School:

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College:

\_\_\_\_\_

Military Service:

None  Army  Navy  Marines  Air Force  Coast Guard

Rank or rating:

\_\_\_\_\_

Service Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of enlistment:

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Date of discharge:

\_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affiliation:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Clergy:

\_\_\_\_\_

Church attended:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name City & State

Organ Donor?

Yes  No

Exclusions:

\_\_\_\_\_

Person authorized

for arrangements: Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address



## OBITUARY INFORMATION

Educational Background:

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Professional Background:

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Memberships (church,  
clubs, volunteerism,  
charitable agencies):

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Awards/commendations  
received (& from what  
organization):

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Any additional  
information you wish  
included:

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Newspapers in which to  
print obituaries (include  
city & state):

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# IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS/INFORMATION

Name, address & telephone number of attorney:

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Location of will:

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Name, address & telephone number of Executor:

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Safety deposit box:

Bank & branch location

Safety deposit box number:

Location of key:

Checking Accounts:

Account Number

Bank & branch location

Account Number

Bank & branch location

Account Number

Bank & branch location

Savings Accounts:

Account Number

Bank & branch location

Account Number

Bank & branch location

Account Number

Bank & branch location

Location of check/pass books:

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Name, address & telephone number of financial advisor/accountant(s):

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Investment/fund information:

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## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS/INFORMATION

Credit Cards to  
cancel/change:

Company Name	Account #	Telephone number
Company Name	Account #	Telephone number
Company Name	Account #	Telephone number
Company Name	Account #	Telephone number
Company Name	Account #	Telephone number

Insurance Policies:

Company Name	Policy #	Telephone number
Company Name	Policy #	Telephone number
Company Name	Policy #	Telephone number
Company Name	Policy #	Telephone number

Location of Policies:

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Pension Information:

Company Name	Policy #	Telephone number
Company Name	Policy #	Telephone number
Company Name	Policy #	Telephone number

Location of house  
title:

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Location of auto  
title:

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Other documents,  
their location or  
information (include  
medical power of  
attorney, living will,  
trust, etc.):

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# MORTUARY INFORMATION

Mortuary you wish to use:

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

Information on pre-paid plan, if any:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Account or File #

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number

Do you wish to be:

Buried     Cremated

Cemetery plot or columbarium niche:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery/location

\_\_\_\_\_

Lot # / identification #

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number

If you do not have a plot or niche, where would you like to be buried (or how would you like ashes distributed)?

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Type of stone or marker:

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Instructions for selection of casket, vault, urn or niche:

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Instructions for dress for burial:

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Instructions for flowers/donations made in memory:

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Do you wish to have a viewing?

Yes     No

Is the service to be:

Public     Private

Funeral held at:

Funeral home     Church     Graveside

Clergy requested:

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Name

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Church

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Telephone #



# THE EPISCOPAL FUNERAL SERVICE

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All stand while one or more of the following anthems are sung or said.  
A hymn, psalm, or some other suitable anthem may be sung instead.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

Or else this anthem

In the midst of life we are in death;  
from whom can we seek help?  
From you alone, O Lord,  
who by our sins are justly angered.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not your ears to our prayers,  
but spare us, O Lord.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

O worthy and eternal Judge,  
do not let the pains of death  
turn us away from you at our last hour.



Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of their gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased and the bereaved.

The Celebrant then says

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one of the following Collects

### At the Burial of an Adult

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant N., being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant N., and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or this

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother (sister) N. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### At the Burial of a Child

O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust N., to your neverfailing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may add the following prayer

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with NN. in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### From the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death for ever)  
Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort those who mourn)  
Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33 (The Lord is good to those who wait for him)  
Wisdom 3:1-5,9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)  
Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 42:1-7,46, 90:1-12,121,130,139:1-11

### From the New Testament

Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,35-38,42-44,53-58 (The imperishable body)  
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)  
1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)  
Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear)  
Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 23,27,106:1-5,116.

## The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying

	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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)

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says

	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Here there may be a homily by the Celebrant, or a member of the family, or a friend.

The Apostles' Creed may then be said, all standing. The Celebrant may introduce the Creed with these or similar words

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

If there is not to be a Communion, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers of the People, or with one or more suitable prayers.

When there is a Communion, the following form of the Prayers of the People is used, or another form.

For our brother (sister) N., 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 N., and dry the tears of those who weep. Hear us, Lord.

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

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother (sister) eternal life. Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother (sister) to the joys of heaven. Hear us, Lord.

Our brother (sister) was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints. Hear us, Lord.

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

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

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with one of the following or some other prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother (sister) N., who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

or this

Father of all, we pray to you for N., and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

When there is no Communion, the service continues with the Commendation, or with the Committal.

## At the Eucharist.

The service continues with the Peace and the Offertory.  
In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

If the body is not present, the service continues with the (blessing and) dismissal.  
Unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used.

## The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant N. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

The Celebrant may then bless the people, and a Deacon or other Minister may dismiss them, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be sung or said

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

or one of these Canticles,  
The Song of Zechariah, Benedictus  
The Song of Simeon, Nunc dimittis  
Christ our Passover, Pascha nostrum

## The Committal

The following anthem or one of those on pages 491-492 is sung or said

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;  
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother N., and we commit his body to the ground; \*  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. Amen.

The Celebrant says

People	The Lord be with you.
Celebrant	And also with you.
	Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. evil For thine is the kingdom, power, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. Amen.	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from For the kingdom, the and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
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Other prayers may be added. Then may be said

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;  
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

People	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Celebrant	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
People	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
	Thanks be to God.

or with the following

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Consecration of a Grave

If the grave is in a place that has not previously been set apart for Christian burial, the Priest may use the following prayer, either before the service of Committal or at some other convenient time

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the

## Additional Prayers

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life: Raise us, we humbly pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that when we depart this life we may rest in him, and at the resurrection receive that blessing which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce: "Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world."

Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through

# SUGGESTED READINGS FOR FUNERALS

Usually, two lessons are read at a funeral (usually one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, including the Gospels); three lessons may be read. When the funeral includes Holy Communion, a lesson from one of the Gospels is always included. You may choose readings from those suggested below, or choose favorite passages from the Bible. Trinity Cathedral uses the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

## Lessons 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.

### ☐ Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

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

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 destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.



## Lessons 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 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

So 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 7:9-17

After this 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

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."

## Lessons from the Gospels

❑ 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.

❑ John 6:37-40

[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."

☐ 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 will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, and one shepherd."

☐ John 11:21-27

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 14:1-6

[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, "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."

## Psalms Appropriate for Funerals

☐ Psalm 23 — traditional

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
and lead me forth beside the  
waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul,  
and bring me forth 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 shalt prepare a table before me in  
presence of them that trouble me;  
thou hast anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely 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.

☐ Psalm 23 — contemporary

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways  
for his name's sake.  
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.  
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.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever.

## Psalms Appropriate for Funerals

### ❑ Psalm 27

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?  
When evildoers came upon me to eat up  
my flesh,  
    it was they, my foes and my adversaries,  
    who stumbled and fell.  
Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.  
One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek;  
    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 seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall  
keep me safe in his shelter;  
    he shall hide me in the secrecy of his  
    swelling and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now he lifts up my head  
    above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an  
oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
    I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
    have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say,  
“Seek my face.”  
    Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me,  
    nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
    do not forsake me, O God of my  
    salvation.  
Though my father and my mother  
forsake me,  
    the Lord will sustain me.  
Show me your way, O Lord;  
    lead me on a level path,  
    because of my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of  
my adversaries,  
    for false witnesses have risen up against  
    me, and also those who speak malice.  
What if I had not believed that I should  
see the goodness of the Lord  
    in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the Lord’s pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart.

### ❑ Psalm 42:1-7

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 90:1-12

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.

❑ Psalm 106:1-5

Hallelujah!  
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.

❑ Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard the  
voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.  
The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
Then I called upon the Name of the Lord;  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”  
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
The Lord watches over the innocent;  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.  
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the Lord has treated you well.  
For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet  
from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
I believed, even when I said,  
“I have been brought very low.”  
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”  
How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.  
O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your hand-  
maid; you have freed me from my bonds.  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
In the courts of the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

❑ Psalm 121

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

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.

❑ Psalm 139:1-11

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

## PERSONAL NOTES

Sometimes, reflecting on our lives—both our accomplishments and mistakes—help us to come to a feeling of peace about moving on. These last pages are space for you to use in whatever way you find helpful, whether it is writing your own story or leaving personal messages for special family and friends. We encourage you to not only take the time to leave behind the “official” information, but to find comfort and strength in meditating on God’s grace in your life and

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

FUNERAL INFORMATION

INFORMATION ABOUT DECEASED:

First Name Middle Last

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Baptized Confirmed/Received

Date of Birth City/State of Birth

Date of Death City/State

PERSON MAKING ARRANGEMENTS:

First Name Last

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone numbers

DATE OF FUNERAL: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF FUNERAL: \_\_\_\_\_

To be held in : Cathedral Chapel  
Funeral Home Graveside

Officiant: \_\_\_\_\_

Deacon/Server: Yes No

Guest Book/Attendant: Yes No

Casket present Cremains present

Number of Guests expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Interment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interment: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Interment: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Eulogist: \_\_\_\_\_

Pallbearers: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Information

Type of Service: Burial I Burial II  
Committal Graveside

Anthem: I am Resurrection  
In the midst of life

Readings:  
Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 23 (old)  
Isaiah 61:1-3 Psalm 23 (new)  
Lament. 3:22-26, 31-33 Psalm \_\_\_\_\_  
Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 John 5:24-27  
Job 19:21-27a John 6:37-40  
Romans 8:14-19... John 10:11-16  
1 Cor. 15:20-26... John 11:21-27  
2 Cor. 4:16-5:9 John 14:1-6  
1 John 3:1-2 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. 7:9-17 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. 21:2-7 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion: Yes No

Anthem: Christ is risen...  
Canticle: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Information

(The organist will assist you with this section)

Requested hymns:

Communion:

Soloist:

Instrumentalists:

Copies to: Priest Deacon Organist Secretary Altar Guild notified: