



## Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

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### FUNERAL SERVICE DIRECTIONS

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The following are directions for my family in planning my funeral service. My prayer is that these directions will be one way to support them.

#### The Worship Service

The service can be very simple or embellished in several ways. Its purpose is to be a vehicle of consolation to family and friends, an offering of one's soul to God, and the celebration of new life given us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in whom we share life by virtue of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Eucharist is one way that family and friends may be especially aware of continued life in Christ and is a Divine Meal that is shared by all who profess Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is normative to include the Eucharist in one's funeral service.

Musically, hymns are always an appropriate part of the service. Within a reasonable number these may be included in various parts of the service. Hymns which emphasize the Resurrection of Jesus Christ are especially appropriate. All music should focus on the Christian understanding of death as an avenue to new life. Recorded music is not allowed, and the use of contemporary music selections is strongly discouraged. Our church organist has the option of playing for all funeral services conducted in the church unless she is not available. The fee for her services is \$150.

Hymns that are especially suitable for a funeral service are listed below:

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| 194/195 | ___ | <i>Jesus lives! Thy terrors now</i>                   |
| 208     | ___ | <i>Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done</i>  |
| 287     | ___ | <i>For all the saints, who from their labors rest</i> |
| 455     | ___ | <i>O Love of God, how strong and true</i>             |
| 487     | ___ | <i>Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life</i>                |
| 499     | ___ | <i>Lord God, you now have set your servant free</i>   |
| 517     | ___ | <i>How lovely is thy dwelling-place</i>               |
| 620     | ___ | <i>Jerusalem, my happy home</i>                       |

- 625 \_\_\_\_\_ *Ye holy angels bright*  
 636/637 \_\_\_\_\_ *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*  
 645 \_\_\_\_\_ *The King of love my shepherd is*  
 664 \_\_\_\_\_ *My Shepherd will supply my need*  
 665 \_\_\_\_\_ *All my hope on God is founded*  
 680 \_\_\_\_\_ *O God, our help in ages past*  
 688 \_\_\_\_\_ *A mighty fortress is our God*  
 692 \_\_\_\_\_ *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Eulogies or comments by family or friends as a part of the service are generally discouraged. Although many people may feel initially that they would like to offer comments during the service, they often find out that this is much more difficult to do than they expected. Also, our intent is to stay within a reasonable length of time for the service itself. The homily given during the service by clergy can address many of these personal things learned through conversations with family and friends.

You can involve your family members and friends in your service by designating them to perform certain roles, such as readers, oblationers, chalicifers, greeters, etc. You may indicate any selections for these roles below:

Readers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Oblationers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chalicifers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Greeters \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture is always read. The minimum is a reading from one of the Gospels. You may include one reading from either or both of the Old Testament or New Testament, and a psalm. Listed below are selected readings which are appropriate for funeral services:

***(please check desired choices)***

Old Testament:     Isaiah 25:6-9 \_\_\_\_\_ *(He will swallow up death in victory)*  
                           Isaiah 61:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ *(To comfort all that mourn)*  
                           Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 \_\_\_\_\_ *(The Lord is good unto them that wait for him)*  
                           Wisdom 3:1-5,9 \_\_\_\_\_ *(The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God)*  
                           Job 19:21-27a \_\_\_\_\_ *(I know that my Redeemer liveth)*

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 \_\_\_\_\_ *(Raised in incorruption)*  
                           2 Corinthians 4: 16-5: 9 \_\_\_\_\_ *(Things which are not seen are eternal)*  
                           1 John 3: 1-2 \_\_\_\_\_ *(We shall be like him)*  
                           Revelation 7: 9-17 \_\_\_\_\_ *(God shall wipe away all tears)*  
                           Revelation 21: 2-7 \_\_\_\_\_ *(Behold, I make all things new)*

Gospel:             John 5:24-27 \_\_\_\_\_ *(He that believeth hath everlasting life)*  
                           John 10:11-16 \_\_\_\_\_ *(I am the good shepherd)*  
                           John 14:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_ *(In my Father's house are many mansions)*  
                           John 6:37-40 \_\_\_\_\_ *(All that the Father giveth me shall come to me)*  
                           John 11:21-27 \_\_\_\_\_ *(I am the resurrection and the life)*

Psalms:             Any psalm may be chosen, but the following are especially appropriate.

Please choose your desired psalm:

- 23 \_\_\_ (*The Lord is my shepherd*)
- 27 \_\_\_ (*The Lord is my light and my salvation*)
- 42 \_\_\_ (*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks*)
- 46 \_\_\_ (*God is our hope and strength*)
- 90 \_\_\_ (*Lord, thou hast been our refuge*)
- 106 \_\_\_ (*O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious*)
- 116 \_\_\_ (*My delight is in the Lord*)
- 121 \_\_\_ (*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills*)
- 130 \_\_\_ (*Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord*)
- 139 \_\_\_ (*O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me*)

It is typical to use Rite II for the service liturgy.

**Funeral Home Arrangements:** (*If arrangements have already been made*)

Name/Phone of Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be cremated? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Honor of Ashes: Columbarium \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Garden \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If a casket is to be used, general style of casket: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dress/Suit Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments:**

While funeral homes often perform a valuable and necessary service, it is important to remember that they are in business to make a profit and generally do. Many of the services performed by funeral homes at great expense are offered through St. Patrick's at no expense. Before making any plans for your service, your family should first check with the church to schedule a suitable time. The date and time of the service is scheduled by the church—not the funeral home. While we will make every effort to accommodate your family's request, we must also work around the regular church calendar and other scheduled dates.

Obituaries are also a revenue source for newspapers. We can include any appropriate information you desire in an obituary which can be printed in the funeral bulletin at no charge.

The clergy at St. Patrick's do not charge nor expect to receive compensation for conducting services or visiting at home around the time of death; however, it is common and very appropriate for people to offer an honorarium to St. Patrick's, the amount of which is determined by each family.

If a casket is present for the service in the church, it will be closed and covered with a pall (a white cloth which totally covers the casket), The purpose of the pall is to remove physical distinctions of one's social standing. We

are all loved by God. If a floral display or American flag (if appropriate) will cover the casket, those items will be included at the cemetery.

The committal of cremains should be performed immediately following the service in the Memorial Garden or columbarium. It is most appropriate to keep cremains in one place without dividing them up among various locations or among family members.

As a sign of love and support and once again carrying forward the theme of a shared meal, St. Patrick's typically provides a meal for family and friends either before or after the funeral service. There is no cost for this meal. We will ask your family to estimate the number of people who might attend in order that we can plan for a sufficient amount of food.

Video presentations or slide shows are not appropriate during the funeral service and are not allowed. They may be shown in the parish hall following the service if desired during the luncheon time.

Flowers can be used at the altar only and most typically might be an arrangement from the family. Other flowers will be displayed in the parish hall.

It is common to designate memorial contributions but not required. These can be directed to a general or specific fund at St. Patrick's or to a charity or organization of your choice. This information will be included in the funeral bulletin.

Memorial designation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Own Additional Comments:**

**Additional Contacts You Wish the Church to Make:**

(relationship, name, address, phone number, etc.)

I have communicated these desires to the clergy of St. Patrick's. My family should include elements of the general outline of these directions, along with others which may be important or necessary for them.

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Signed

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