

Funeral Arrangement Requests

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

"The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

*"This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn." **The Book of Common Prayer**, p. 507.*

1. "The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation." **BCP**, p. 468.

I, _____, made the following arrangements for my funeral in consultation with the Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Terre Haute, IN, on _____. A copy of these arrangements is on file at St. Stephen's.

2. **"Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church.** The service should be held at a time when the congregation has opportunity to be present." Even if someone has long ceased attending, it is always appropriate to contact the church before any arrangements are finalized. Due to the realities of being near the university, the availability of adequate parking must be considered prior to finalizing any date and time.

I wish to be buried from St. Stephen's Church.

I wish my funeral to be at _____.

3. Please use the Burial of the Dead,
 Rite I with/without Holy Eucharist.
 Rite II with/without Holy Eucharist.
4. Readings and music. It is customary and often comforting to have the words of Scripture or other sacred or spiritual texts. If there is Eucharist, one must be a reading from the Gospels. Each reading is often followed by a psalm or hymn. The following are suggestions.
- a. I request the following Old Testament Reading (*choose one*):

- Isaiah 25:6-9 *He will swallow up death forever*
 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 *The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God*
 Job 19:21-27a *I know my Redeemer lives*
- Other _____
Choice of reader (lay person) _____

- b. I request the following psalm read/hymn sung after the lesson (*choose one*):

- Psalm 42:1-7 *As the deer longs for the water-brooks*
 Psalm 46 *God is our refuge and strength*
 Psalm 90:1-12 *Lord, you have been our refuge*
 Psalm 121 *I lift my eyes to the hills*
 Psalm 130 *Out of the depths have I called*
 Psalm 139:1-11 *Lord, you have searched me out*
 Psalm ____
 Hymn 668 *I to the hills will lift mine eyes*
 Hymn 687, 688 *A mighty fortress is our God*
 Hymn 680 *O God, our help in ages past*
 Hymn or other _____

- c. I request the following New Testament Reading (*choose one*):

- 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*
- Other _____

Choice of reader (lay person) _____

d. I request the following psalm read/hymn sung after the lesson
(choose one):

- Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*
- Psalm 27 *The Lord is my light and my salvation*
- Psalm 106:1-5 *I love the Lord, because he has heard*
- Psalm 116 *I love the Lord, because he has heard*
- Psalm ____
- Hymn 194, 195 *Jesus lives! thy terrors now*
- Hymn 188, 189 *Love's redeeming work is done*
- Hymn 447 *The Christ who died but rose again*
- Hymn 14, 15 *O God, creation's secret force*
- Hymn or other _____

e. I request the following reading from the Gospel (choose one):

- John 5:24-27 *He who believes has everlasting life*
- John 6:37-40 *All that the Father gives me will come to me*
- John 10:11-16 *I am the good shepherd*
- John 11:21-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*
- John 14:1-6 *In my Father's house are many rooms*

5. Officiant/Celebrant/Homilist. It is the role of the current Rector of St. Stephen's to be the pastor to the family at such times. S/he may invite and welcome others into that ministry in the best interest of the family and congregation. Other clergy, including of other denominations, may be invited to have a role in the celebration. Those invitations may only be extended to any additional pastors by the Rector. Is there anyone else you would like to be invited to participate

in the burial liturgy? (name and contact information)

6. Other music. Easter hymns are especially appropriate.

- Hymn 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God*
- Hymn 457 *Thou art the Way, to thee alone*
- Hymn 208 *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er*
- Hymn 379 *God is love, let heaven adore him*
- Hymn 690 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*
- Hymn 356 *May choirs of angels lead you*
- Hymn 492 *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*
- Hymn 620 *Jerusalem, my happy home*
- Hymn 624 *Jerusalem the golden*
- Hymn 625 *Ye holy angels bright*
- Hymn ____
- Canticle 4. or 16. *The Song of Zechariah*
- Canticle 5. or 17. *The Song of Simeon*
- Canticle *Christ our Passover*
- Hymn ____

The current Organist of St. Stephen's is customarily the organist for funerals at the church when music is desired. S/he will coordinate any additional musicians. Musicians' services are normally paid by the family at the current rate for this professional service.

8. Additional requests in regard to the service:

The Rector will choose appropriate selections when no preference has been expressed above.

Additional Arrangements

1. The Church suggests that, instead of lavish display of flowers, funds be used to help the living. In view of this, I ask that, in place of

flowers, memorial donations be made to:

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

a society engaged in research

a charity of the donor's choice _____

other(s) (*specify*) _____

2. It is appropriate that friends be given an opportunity to greet the family of the person who has died and to offer their sympathy and share memories. I would like such an opportunity to be provided

at the church

in my home

elsewhere (*specify*) _____

Such an opportunity can be provided in connection with the wake, the funeral, or at another time. My preference is

3. The Church approves of the utilization of parts of one's body to benefit the living after the death of the donor. It is a very practical expression of Christian love. Specify below arrangements which you have made for donation of your body or particular organs: _____

4. I request the firm of _____
_____ prepare my remains for burial.

5. I wish my remains be

buried

cremated

6. I request my remains to be interred in _____

_____. The

Mabley Garden is available to parishioners, past and present, at no charge and to others at the discretion of the clergy. The family is responsible for the expense of the name plaque. Cremains are poured directly into the soil without urn or container.

7. The Church teaches that it is our duty to make wills, while we are in health, making prudent provision for the well being of our families and arranging for the disposal of our temporal goods, not neglecting, if we are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable purposes. My will is kept on file at

8. My next of kin is (*name address, telephone*): _____

9. Other immediate family are (*names addresses, telephone*):

10. Others to be notified of my death are (*names addresses, telephone*). Other churches where you may have worshipped often appreciate notices of the death of a former member.:
