

Planning Your Christian Funeral

(Instruction for Your Survivors)



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Instructions Concerning My Funeral and Burial

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

This document is intended to provide instructions regarding my funeral and burial wishes. I understand that circumstances may prevent some of the specifics.

1. Upon my death:

- **Donate organs** (Complete necessary documents) _____
As transplants _____ For research _____
- **Donate body for research with ashes returned** (Complete necessary documents) _____
- **Autopsy:**
None unless legally required _____
If it will benefit medical research _____
Decision to be made by _____
- **Embalm body** (usually required if unrefrigerated over 24 hours before burial) _____
- **Cremate body:**
 - After visitation or service _____
 - Before visitation or service _____

2. Disposition of:

Glasses _____ Jewelry _____ Clothing _____
Other _____

3. If burial is planned:

Cemetery _____ Lot in name of _____

Section _____ Lot _____ Block _____ Plot _____

Interment _____ Entombment _____ Cremation _____

Location of cemetery plot deed _____

Pre-arranged Funeral with _____

Casket Selection _____

Vault Selection _____

Location of columbarium if ashes are to be kept in a columbarium

4. I have the following wishes about a memorial, monument or marker:

5. I am entitled to a military marker - indicate location of discharge papers.

6. I wish a funeral/memorial service to be held at (list name & address):

7. I do _____ do not _____ wish to have visitation hours.

8. I do _____ do not _____ wish an open casket.

9. My desires concerning flowers are:

- I wish to have flowers on the altar: Yes_____ No_____
- In lieu of flowers, I would prefer memorial donations to be sent to (list name & address of organization):

10. I would like to the following people to take part in the service if they desire (name, address, email and phone number).

11. I would like the following persons to be my pallbearers, if they are available (*list name and phone number*)

12. I would like the following Hymns at the service:

13. I would like the following readings at the service:

- From Old Testament:_____
- From Psalm or the Epistles:_____
- From the Gospel:_____

14. I would _____ would not like _____ to have Holy Communion to be part of the service.

15. I would like the following concerning a reception or gathering after a service:

16. Additional thoughts, concerns or wishes:

NOTE:

- These instructions should be updated every five years or less and may be altered if circumstances change.
- If you wish to be buried from Christ Church please sign permission below to have this information added to Christ Church's files.

Signature

Date

For Office Use: Last Name, First _____

Database ID # _____ Date recorded: _____

PSALMS AND READINGS

At the processions

*Psalm 23: The LORD is my shepherd

Psalm 90: Our dwelling place in all generations

Psalm 118: God's steadfast love endures forever

Psalm 130: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD

Isaiah 41:9b-10: Do not be afraid, for I am with you

Matthew 11:28-29: I will give you rest

John 11:25-26: I am the resurrection and the life

John 14:27: Peace I leave with you

Romans 14:7-9: Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's

Revelation 1:17-18: Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last

Revelation 14:13: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a: I know that my Redeemer lives

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8: For everything there is a season

Isaiah 25:6-9: God will swallow up death forever

*Isaiah 40:1, 6-11: God will gather the lambs

Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31: Comfort my people, says your God

*Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7: I have called you by name

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19: I am about to do a new thing

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters

Isaiah 61:1-3: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me

*Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25: A new heaven and a new earth

*Isaiah 66:10-14: As a mother comforts her child

Jeremiah 31:8-13: I will turn their mourning into joy

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33: The steadfast love of the LORD

Psalm

*Psalm 23: The LORD is my shepherd

*Psalm 42:1-5: As a deer longs for flowing streams

Psalm 46:1-7: God is our refuge and strength

*Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills

*Psalm 139:7-12: The gracious omnipresence of the LORD

*Psalm 142:1-6: I cry to the LORD with my voice

Psalm 143: LORD, hear my prayer

New Testament

Romans 5:1-11: Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

1 Corinthians 15:12-26: Christ, the first fruits, has been raised

2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18: Treasure in clay jars

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18: Teaching about those who have died

Hebrews 12:1-2: Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses

1 Peter 1:3-9: A living hope through Jesus' resurrection

*1 John 3:1-2: See what love the Father has given us

Revelation 7:9-17: God will wipe away every tear

Revelation 21:2-7: I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem

Revelation 22:1-5: The Lord God will be their light

Gospel

*Matthew 5:1-10: Blessed are those who mourn

Matthew 11:25-30: I will give you rest

*Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14: A child is the greatest in the kingdom

*Mark 10:13-16: Let the little children come

Mark 16:1-7: The resurrection of Christ

Luke 24:1-9: the resurrection of Christ

John 1:1-5, 9-14: The light shines in the darkness

John 6:37-40: I will raise them up on the last day

*John 10:11-16: I am the good shepherd

John 11:21-27: I am the resurrection and the life

John 14:1-6: I prepare a place for you

John 14:25-27: Peace I leave with you

HYMNS

308: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
313: O Lord, Now Let Your Servant
351, 352: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
377: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!
*381: Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes
391: This Joyful Eastertide
409: Kyrie! God, Father
422: For All the Saints
423: Shall We Gather at the River
429: In Our Day of Thanksgiving
447: O Blessed Spring
483: Here Is Bread
500: Now We Remain
502: The King of Love My Shepherd Is
531: The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
*595: Jesus Loves Me!
*613: Thy Holy Wings
621: Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense
622: Neither Death nor Life
629: Abide with Me
636: How Small Our Span of Life
637: Holy God, Holy and Glorious
639: When We Are Living
721: Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
730: Lord Our God, with Praise We Come
750: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
759: My Faith Looks Up to Thee
760: O Christ the Same
770: Give Me Jesus
773: Precious Lord, Take My Hand
778: The Lord's My Shepherd
786: O Holy Spirit, Enter In
787: On Eagle's Wings
*815 : I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
826: Thine the Amen