

# FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE



**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH**  
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## A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

**Jesus said, “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.” --*John 14:3***

St. Margaret’s Church is here to offer you comfort and grace as you are making funeral arrangements. Decisions through this process are many, the experience even more emotional, stressful, and demanding.



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This guide is designed to ease that burden and

- provide a tool for planning for the future when your life on this earth ends, and/or
- support and guide families making plans upon the death of a loved one.

Our clergy and staff here at St. Margaret’s are available to discuss any of these items with you when you are ready. Although there are many decisions that must be made regarding arrangements and certain legalities that must be observed, remember that your emotional needs and those of your family are more important than anything else. Nearly every decision can wait for a few hours, so be sure to take care of yourself and your family first.

If you are planning for your own service, please share your decisions with a family member or friend who will act on your behalf after your death. It would also be helpful to contact us here at St. Margaret’s and share this information with us so that it can be held in safekeeping for the future.

May the blessings of God be upon you in this holy task, and may you always know the immensity of God’s love for you and for your loved ones.

Blessings,

*Peter*

# MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

## MEETING WITH CLERGY

When a death has occurred, family should contact the church and let clergy know. If it occurs after office hours, you can contact the clergy emergency line at (443) 837-5463. Clergy will set up a time to review plans for a service/burial. Services are usually held Tuesday - Friday around 11 a.m. If a weekend funeral is requested, the church will try to honor the request with sufficient notice.

## MEETING WITH THE MORTUARY

Local mortuaries in the area with whom the church often works are:

John M. Taylor Funeral Home  
147 Duke of Gloucester  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 263-4422

Hardesty Funeral Home  
12 Ridgely Ave  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 263-2222

Barranco & Sons Funeral Home  
495 Ritchie Highway  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
(410) 647-2400

Lasting Tributes  
814 Bestgate Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 897-4852

## FLOWERS

Flowers are not provided by the church, so must be arranged by the family. Please let your florist know that the church sanctuary is open all day and night for delivery. Please arrange for flowers to be delivered directly to the sanctuary the day of the service.

St. Margaret's Church expects that the service will include two floral arrangements, one for each end of the reredos shelf, the fixed shelf on the wall behind the altar in the sanctuary. Given space available, it is suggested that **containers not exceed 12 inches in width**. Completed arrangements are **not to exceed 36 inches in height** so as not to appear higher than the cross. No flowers can be placed on the altar itself. **These arrangements near the altar must be left in the church for the weekend church services.**

Flowers may be used elsewhere in the church or in the narthex as desired during the service. Please make sure that the flowers are in place at least one hour prior to the ceremony.

**All flowers other than the arrangements on the reredos must be removed by the family after the ceremony.** No silk or artificial flowers may be used anywhere in the church.

If you need a referral for a florist, St. Margaret's has frequently used Michael's Designs at (410) 263-0401.

For questions or more information, contact Director of Operations Elizabeth Radley at 410-974-0200 or [elizabeth@st-margarets.org](mailto:elizabeth@st-margarets.org).

## **PLANNING A RECEPTION**

St. Margaret's does offer use of its parish hall to families for a reception after the service is over. The hall offers space for up to 220 guests.

For fees and other information, please see the Fees/Contract handout which is separate from this document.

Things to know about using the hall for a reception:

\*Tablecloths are not provided.

\*We do have a projector and screen but we can't promise that the technology you bring will be compatible with our A/V system. We can offer a television connected to a DVD player if requested ahead of time. There is one microphone available on the lectern in the hall.

\*Caterers need to know that they can use our oven to warm food, but food preparation is not allowed in the kitchen.

\*Wine and beer can be offered if purchased by the family, but a liquor license is required from the county and the turnaround time is at least a week. (There is an extra fee for including alcohol at the reception.) The license application must be signed by clergy before processing.

\*Set up and break down of tables and chairs can be arranged by the church. For funerals during weekdays, there is no fee, but for weekends there is a fee.

\*Food can be brought in by guests or catered. Caterers who have been used at St. Margaret's in the recent past are:

Graul's Market at Cape St. Claire  
1388 Cape St. Claire Road  
Annapolis, MD 21409  
(410) 974-0737

Market on Main  
914 Bay Ridge Road  
Annapolis, MD 21403  
(410) 626-0388

Light House B.E.S.T Catering  
202 West Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 424-0922

## **SERVICE PROGRAM**

The bulletin for the service will be drafted and printed by St. Margaret's Church. It is important to keep in touch with clergy through the proofing process so printing will be done in time for the service.

## **DAY OF THE SERVICE**

Family members can plan to meet at the church 45 minutes to a half hour before the service is scheduled to begin. You can meet in the All Saints Gathering Room in the Annex building lower level (connected to the sanctuary). Please let us know you have arrived by stopping by the administrative building.

## INFORMATION ON EPISCOPAL SERVICES

There are three types of services for the departed:

- 1) A funeral is the liturgy for the Burial of the Dead with the body present, either in a coffin or as ashes in an urn. It is usually held within a few days of the person's death. It can be held in the church, graveside, or the funeral home. A funeral liturgy can also be in the absence of a body or ashes, such as when the body is willed to science or there are no remains. This is to be distinguished from a memorial service (see #3).
- 2) A committal is a brief liturgy that usually follows the funeral directly at the place where the body or ashes are to be interred. It can also be a stand-alone event.
- 3) A memorial service is a liturgy without either the body or ashes. It can be held at a stated time from a few days up to a year after death such as an anniversary, or in a place other than where the funeral is being held.

There are two liturgies for funerals: Burial I and Burial II. As in Rite I and Rite II Holy Eucharist Liturgies, the difference is primarily the language – Burial II being the contemporary, and Burial I being the “older.” Both liturgies begin joyfully: “I am the resurrection and the life.” The collect states “grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy.”

The Old Testament lessons speak of victory, comfort, righteousness. There are psalms from which to choose dealing with praise, trust, strength, refuge, help, redemption, mercy, light; the New Testament selections are about revelation of glory, eternity, wiping away all tears, and making all things new.

After the readings, hymns may be sung. The Gospel choices are about everlasting life, good shepherd, resurrection and life, and dwelling places. The prayers are somewhat different in I and II. In either rite, a provision for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist is made, although not mandatory.

Technically, the Prayer Book liturgy does not make provisions for any non-scriptural readings. However, it is often permitted for a poem or other beloved reading to be read at the funeral. If there is something that was particularly loved by the deceased, it might be good to have someone read it (or a portion of it). Who will read the lessons? For each family, this is different. Some can't imagine trying to get up in front of the crowd. They merely wish to sit quietly. For some, however, reading at the service is a healing thing to do.

Eulogies – Generally, the priest provides the eulogy with help from the deceased's family and friends. If a family member wishes to speak, the time should be limited and followed by a priest's short homily. Multiple speakers are discouraged. It is appropriate to make time and a space available for friends to share their experiences of the deceased, since this is a healthy and healing activity. A luncheon or reception following the funeral is well suited for this.

## ORDER OF MEMORIAL SERVICE @ ST. MARGARET'S

*Prelude*

*Processional Hymn*

*Opening Anthems*

*Collect (Prayer)*

*First Reading*

*Psalm*

*Second Reading*

*The Gospel Reading (by the priest)*

*Eulogy (by friend or family member- if wanted)*

*Homily (by the priest)*

*The Creed*

*Prayers*

\_\_\_*If there is no communion, the service ends with the commendation and recessional hymn here.*

*Welcome*

*Offertory Music*

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*PostCommunion Prayer*

*Commendation*

*Recessional Hymn*

*Dismissal*

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*If there is a burial or internment here, the family proceeds to the cemetery or columbarium for the committal.*

*Special music or a hymn may be added before the Gospel reading if requested.*

*The following readings are only suggestions. Other readings from Scripture or otherwise may be suggested to the clergy.*

## **SUGGESTED OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**

### **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. 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 3:1-9**

But 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;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.  
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.  
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them forever.  
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 19:21-27**

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. My heart faints within me!

*The following Psalms are only suggestions. Others psalms or canticles may be suggested to the clergy.*

**SUGGESTED PSALMS**

**23           The Lord is my shepherd**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
    he leads me beside still waters;  
    he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
    for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
    I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
    your rod and your staff—  
    they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
    in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
    my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
    all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**27           The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
    whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
    of whom shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers assail me  
    to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
    they shall stumble and fall.  
Though an army encamp against me,  
    my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
    yet I will be confident.



One thing I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.  
Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me up.  
Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.  
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

**42:1-7** As the deer longs for the flowing streams

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?  
My tears have been my food  
day and night,

while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”  
These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.

#### 46 God is our refuge and strength

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present<sup>[a]</sup> help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city;<sup>[b]</sup> it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**90:1-12** Lord, you have been our refuge

Lord, you have been our refuge  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.  
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.  
For we are consumed by your anger;  
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.  
You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.  
For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
our years come to an end<sup>d</sup> like a sigh.  
The days of our life are seventy years,  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
even then their span<sup>d</sup> is only toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
Who considers the power of your anger?  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.  
So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

**106:1-5** Praise to the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

Praise the LORD!  
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?  
Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.  
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you deliver them;  
that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”  
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.  
The LORD protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.  
For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.  
I walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
I kept my faith, even when I said,  
“I am greatly afflicted”;  
I said in my consternation,  
“Everyone is a liar.”  
What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

121 I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

130 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.  
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

139:1-11 O Lord, you have searched me and known me

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

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## SUGGESTED NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

### **Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39**

For 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.

### **1 Corinthians 15:20-26,35-38,42-44,53-58**

But 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**

And 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.

*The following readings are only suggestions. Other readings from Scripture or otherwise may be suggested to the clergy.*

### **SUGGESTED GOSPEL READINGS**

#### **John 5:24-27**

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**

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.'

#### **John 10:11-16**

'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**

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**

'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. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

## SUGGESTED HYMNS

The following suggested congregational hymn selections are drawn from The Hymnal 1982 and the supplemental hymnals “Wonder, Love & Praise” and “Lift Every Voice & Sing II”.

### Hymnal 1982

- 194 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
- 208 Alleluia! The strife is o'er
- 287 For all the saints
- 335 I am the bread of life
- 357 Jesus, Son of Mary
- 447 The Christ who died but rose again
- 487 Come my way, my truth, my life
- 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place
- 541 Come, labor on
- 608 Eternal Father, strong to save
- 620 Jerusalem my happy home
- 625 Ye holy angels bright
- 645 The King of love my shepherd is
- 662 Abide with me
- 663 The Lord my God my shepherd is
- 664 My shepherd will supply my need
- 665 All my hope on God is founded
- 671 Amazing Grace
- 680 O God, our help in ages past
- 688 A mighty fortress is our God
- 690 Guide me, o thou great Jehovah

### Wonder, Love & Praise

- 801 God be with you till we meet again
- 810 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
- 811 You shall cross the barren desert

### Lift Every Voice & Sing II

- 103 Steal away
- 106 Precious Lord, take my hand
- 188 It is well with my soul
- 189 Great is thy faithfulness



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Next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Executor of will: \_\_\_\_\_

Others making arrangements (Names & Numbers)

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Service of Choice: Rite I (*Book of Common Prayer p. 469*) \_\_\_\_\_ Rite II (*BCP p. 491*) \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Eucharist (Communion)?    yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Readings Selected

Lessons: First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm Number \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_ (Priest reads the Gospel)

Hymns : \_\_\_\_\_

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Other music you wish to be included in the service (i.e., prelude, postlude, solos, etc.):

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Other musicians (name/contact info) who you wish to participate: \_\_\_\_\_

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