

Funeral Customary

(Reviewed 02/04/2019)

Saint Andrew's Church will assist you in making decisions for a beautiful and meaningful funeral service. All arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with the officiating priest. In the Episcopal Church, a funeral is a celebration of resurrection.

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has the opportunity to be present. The following pages are designed to facilitate the planning of a funeral during difficult times. Copies of your plans may be kept at the parish office at your request.

"Funeral" refers to a service with a casket or urn present. "Memorial" refers to an identical worship format without a casket or urn. This customary is intended to provide guidance for funerals and memorial services. Please use the "Funeral Planning Form" to record your funeral instructions.

The Rector and staff members will be glad to assist you.

The Worship Service

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church uses the *Book of Common Prayer* published in 1979. The Holy Eucharist (Communion) is customarily celebrated, as funerals are celebrations of the entrance of the deceased into the nearer presence of God. All baptized Christians present will be invited to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

Participating Clergy

Clergy known by family members may be invited to participate in the service with the permission of the Rector of Saint Andrew's.

Music at the Funeral Ceremony

There is a wealth of sacred music for the service of The Burial of the Dead.

Hymns appropriate for the Burial of the Dead*
(*The Hymnal 1982*)

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473 Lift high the cross	687 A mighty fortress is our God
474 When I survey the wondrous cross	690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
(not recommended for small funerals)	691 My faith looks up to thee
562 Onward, Christian soldiers	694 God be in my head
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608 Eternal Father, strong to save	708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us
635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee	

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Readings from Scripture

A deacon, priest, or bishop reads the Gospel. Lectors (Lay Readers) of the church read from the Old Testament and the New Testament and lead the congregation in the reading of the Psalm. If the family would like a member of the family or friend to read a lesson, please take into careful consideration the emotional state of that person.

The following readings are authorized for the service of The Burial of the Dead:

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)

I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (Raised in incorruption)

II Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things which are not seen are eternal)

I 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)

Psalms:

Psalm 21, Psalm 23, Psalm 27, Psalm 42:1-7, Psalm 46, Psalm 90:1-12, Psalm 106, Psalm 116, Psalm 121, Psalm 130, Psalm 139:1-11.

Gospel:

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)

Flowers at the Service

Family members are responsible for flowers for the service. Only two floral arrangements on the shelves to either side of the cross behind the altar are permitted. No flowers are allowed to be placed on the altar. These arrangements are to be up to 20" wide and 8" deep with no overhang. All flowers used in the church must be natural - no artificial or silk flowers may be used in the arrangements. All containers must be waterproof. All other flowers/plants/greenery must be placed in the Parish Hall.

No photographs of the deceased are permitted in the nave, except in service booklets.

Service Leaflets

Contact the Director of Communications, communications@standrewsbcs.org, if you would like the church office to produce booklets to facilitate worship.

Guest Book

Saint Andrew's Church does not provide a guest book for congregation members to sign. Please make arrangements through a funeral home or purchase one separately.

Ushers

Ushers are expected to fulfill two important responsibilities, including seating guests and directing the congregation to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. If a large congregation is expected, conscientious ushers will expedite the seating of guests and reduce both congestion and noise from the Narthex. Volunteers from Saint Andrew's parish can be scheduled to serve as ushers.

The Procession

All caskets will be closed and covered before the procession. Family members may process with the casket or be seated before the service begins.

During the Service

The congregation stands at the beginning of the procession and is seated after the opening prayer. The congregation will be invited to stand, sit, and kneel as full participants in the service using the guidelines of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and will be invited to receive communion at the appropriate time.

One (1) reflection by a family member or friend may be offered after the reading of the Gospel. The reflection may not exceed ten (10) minutes; the text will be forwarded to the officiating priest in advance.

A sermon will be preached by the officiating priest or guest clergy.

Professional photography and videography must be coordinated with the Rector of Saint Andrew's.

Reserved Seating

Pews will be reserved at the front of the church for pallbearers and family members. Please advise the ushers how many people are expected.

Receptions in the Parish Hall

The Parish Hall may be used for a reception following the funeral. The Reception Committee provides coffee, tea, water, and cookies. Additional refreshments may be purchased through local caterers or grocery stores; the parish office will provide a list of suggested vendors on request. We request that receptions not exceed 1 ½ hours due to the fact that our Reception Committee is comprised of volunteers, not paid staff.

Honoraria

Members of Saint Andrew's are not expected to compensate the parish for the use of the building. To defray additional personnel expenses, we ask the following honoraria, designated for each individual, be submitted to the Parish Administrator or coordinated through a funeral home. These are suggestions but are not required.

Priest	\$100-\$150, if travel is required \$150-\$200
Organist	\$100-\$150
Sexton (if needed)	\$100

Memorials

Memorials may be made to charity or organization of your choice or to Saint Andrew's Church or Saint Andrew's Endowment Fund.

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Funeral Planning Form

Reviewed 02/04/2019

Date _____

Full Given Name: _____

Preferred Name _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Date and place of birth: _____

Date and place of baptism: _____

Please mark a choice under each main (Roman Numerical) Heading

I. **Confirmed Episcopalian:** _____ Yes _____ No

II. **Time of funeral**

I would prefer the following arrangements

Funeral Time: Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening _____

III. **Rite**

A. **The Burial of the Dead, Rite I** (traditional language)

Would you like Holy Eucharist (Communion) to be served? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like the Holy Eucharist to be sung? Yes _____ No _____

B. **The Burial of the Dead, Rite II** (contemporary language)

Would you like Holy Eucharist (Communion)? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like the Holy Eucharist to be sung? Yes _____ No _____

IV. **Clergy** It is customary for the Rector to conduct the funeral of parishioners.

In addition to the Rector, I would like the following clergy to participate in the service:

V. **Soloist**

Would you like a soloist to sing? _____ Yes _____ No

[Generally, the family is responsible for arranging for vocal soloist]

VI. **Opening Hymn Number** _____

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473 Lift high the cross	687 A mighty fortress is our God
474 When I survey the wondrous cross (not recommended for small funerals)	690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
562 Onward, Christian soldiers (not recommended for small funerals)	691 My faith looks up to thee
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	708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

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VII. Lessons/Readings

A. *Old Testament* (select one):

- _____ 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)

B. *Psalms* (select one): _____

- Psalm 21, Psalm 23, Psalm 27, Psalm 42:1-7, Psalm 46, Psalm 90:1-12,
Psalm 106, Psalm 116, Psalm 121, Psalm 130, Psalm 139:1-11.

Reader _____

(You may designate a reader, or leave it to the family or clergy to choose a reader.)

C. *New Testament* (select one):

- _____ Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
_____ I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (Raised in incorruption)
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VIII. Sequence Hymn Number _____

(between the New Testament Readings and Gospel readings)

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| 474 When I survey the wondrous cross
(not recommended for small funerals) | 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah |
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| 635 If thou but trust in God to guide
thee | 707 Take my life |
| | 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us |

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IX. *Gospel* (select 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)
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_____ John 11:21-27 (I am the resurrection and the life)
_____ John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house are many rooms)

X. Homilist

The officiating Priest or guest Clergy preaching the sermon if other than the Rector

Name: _____

Phone: _____

XI. Offertory Hymn Number _____ (optional)

(If none chosen, organist plays quietly at the offertory)

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XII. Eucharistic Prayer: (from the Book of Common Prayer)

The Burial of the Dead, Rite I BCP Page 333 _____ Page 340 _____

The Burial of the Dead, Rite II BCP page 361 _____ Page 367 _____
Page 369 _____ Page 371 _____ Page 372

XIII. Hymn(s) during Communion – (optional)

(If none chosen, organist plays quietly during Communion)

Hymns: _____

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XIV. Closing Hymn Number _____

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These instructions pertain to the Funeral Service itself.

If you have additional preferences or instructions, please note them below.

Additional Instructions

Name of Funeral Home: _____

Address of Funeral Home: _____

Telephone of Funeral Home: _____

Visitation Instructions: _____

Names of Ushers and/or Pall Bearers: _____,

_____, _____,

_____, _____, _____

Place of Burial: _____

Location: _____

Cremation Instructions: _____

Instructions for donation of organs: _____

Memorials to be given to: _____

A copy of my will is located: _____

Executor of my will is: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Additional Requests/Instructions (If more space is needed please include additional information)

A copy of these instructions should be given to the Parish Administrator and the duplicate copy kept in an appropriate place at home. These instructions may be changed at any time.

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