



# EMMANUEL

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## PLANNING A FUNERAL AT EMMANUEL

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## INTRODUCTION

This customary is intended as a guide to planning for the Burial of the Dead as it is prescribed in The Book of Common Prayer. The Prayer Book allows several options for the shape of the burial office. Planning for the service beforehand will allow you to express your wishes, will give you a sense of peace in knowing that the end of your mortal life will be marked by an observance you have helped to shape, and it will give your family and loved ones the assurance that they are offering an act of care and love for you by carrying out your wishes. This booklet is intended to be used in consultation with your parish clergy, your family and loved ones.

## THE CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP

The Book of Common Prayer counsels, “When a person is near death, the Minister of the Congregation should be notified, in order that the ministrations of the Church may be provided” (*BCP 462*). The Prayer Book also teaches us that baptized Christians are properly buried from the church, and the service should be held at a time when the congregation can be present (*BCP 468*). We also read that, “The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible” (*BCP 468*).

In times of serious illness, when death seems near, or when a death has occurred, please contact the Rector of Emmanuel, the Rev. Matthew Rowe, at any time of day or night. He may most easily be reached by mobile phone (*the number is in the church directory*) or by email. The parish office phone number is (325) 653-2446, and his extension is 1001.

## MINISTRIES THE CHURCH PROVIDES

- ❖ **BCP 453 Ministration to the Sick:** readings from Holy Scripture, prayer, anointing with oil and Holy Communion.
- ❖ **BCP 462 Ministration at the Time of Death:** prayer for a person near death, Litany at the Time of Death, and a Commendation at the Time of Death.
- ❖ **BCP 465 Prayers for a Vigil:** a time for family and friends to gather for prayers prior to the funeral. In some places this is called the Wake, and is a time for offering sympathy and solace to the bereaved by being present with them, sharing stories of witness to the good the deceased contributed to the world in this life, and even for the raising of a glass in memory of the departed.
- ❖ **BCP 469ff The Burial Office:** the service can be in the traditional language of Rite I or the contemporary language of Rite II. Holy Communion is appropriate for those who in life were active Communicants of the parish.

## FEES AND HONORARIA

- ❖ Columbarium niche for the interment of cremated remains is \$350 in the bell tower or \$390 in the Memorial Garden.. Arrangements for a niche must be made in advance by contacting the church office.
- ❖ Sexton fee: \$100 to open, clean, and close the church. \$50 to open and close the columbarium.
- ❖ Altar flowers are generally provided by the family. The florist who knows Emmanuel the best is Stemmed Design, 135 W. Twohig Ave., Ste. E, San Angelo, TX 76903. 325.656.3889.  
[www.stemmeddesign.com](http://www.stemmeddesign.com).
- ❖ The family may wish to have the floor candelabra to flank the altar. The cost for this is \$100, to cover the cost of the 42 candles needed and set up time for the Sexton.
- ❖ The family may wish to have votive candles in the window sills of the church. The cost for this is \$50, to cover the cost of candles and set up time for the Sexton.

- ❖ If the choir presents music at the service, there is a fee of \$40 for each of the student choral scholars who participate.
- ❖ Suggested Honoraria
  - Organist - \$150
  - Choir Fund (if the choir sings for the service) - \$100
  - Live Stream Video (*if utilized*)- \$100
  - Operating Fund (for printing of service leaflets) - \$50
  - Funeral Guild (*for a church reception*) - \$100
  - Altar Guild (*for setting the altar*) - \$100
  - Officiating Clergy (*at the family's discretion. Clergy honoraria go to the Discretionary Fund and are used for benevolent purposes*)

Checks for fees and honoraria should be addressed to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, with the intention noted on the memo line. When advising family and friends about memorial offerings, the Memorial Fund is an appropriate designation for such gifts.

### OFFICIATING CLERGY

The Rector of Emmanuel is in charge of all funeral arrangements, and is considered to be the Officiant or Celebrant of the liturgy. If the family wishes to invite another member of the clergy to assist, the Rector must grant permission. If the family wishes another member of the clergy to officiate, the Rector must grant permission.

### MILITARY HONORS

Those who have served our nation in the military are entitled to military honors as part of the funeral service. The church is happy and honored to include such ceremonies in the funeral. The funeral director typically makes the arrangements to have the honor guard present.

### THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

In our particular expression of the Christian faith, we observe the liturgy for one who has died as an Easter event, finding all its meaning in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because he was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised (BCP 507). The liturgical color of the burial office is

therefore white, or the festive tapestry altar paraments. The Easter emphasis is also supported by the bearing of the lighted Paschal Candle, the symbol of our Lord's Easter triumph over the powers of death, as the body is borne into and out of the church.

The Book of Common prayer teaches us that, "While the liturgy 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' (Romans 8:38-39). 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" (BCP 507).

### DECORATING THE CHURCH

- ❖ Candles - the only candles permitted are those normally used for worship services at Emmanuel. These include the altar candles, the 42 candle candelabra, votive lights in the windows. The Paschal Candle is always used for a funeral. No other candle displays are permitted.
- ❖ Altar Paraments - the normal color for the altar paraments is white or festive tapestry, to emphasize the Easter faith that is central to the theology of Christian burial.
- ❖ Flowers - The family is usually responsible for the altar flowers, which can be arranged through the Stemmed Design florist shop. A floral spray may be placed on the floor in front of the table that holds the cremated remains. A floral spray may also be placed on the casket at the graveside, but the casket will be covered by a pall, or if desired, the U.S. flag for military veterans, during the service in the church. Other flowers sent in sympathy will be placed in the narthex or may be brought to the reception.
- ❖ Secular symbols that may have been important to the departed may not be placed in the church, and are better suited to be displayed at the Vigil or the reception that follows the service.

## CHOOSING THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE

The choice to use the traditional language of Rite I or the contemporary language of Rite II is offered at Emmanuel. Either is acceptable. On occasions when neither order is deemed appropriate for pastoral reasons, The Book of Common Prayer provides *An Order for Burial* that begins on page 506. The service requires careful planning with the Rector or the Minister who is to officiate, and a sufficient pastoral reason why one of the rites provided in the prayer book must be demonstrated.

Holy Communion is especially appropriate for those who have been active communicants of the church. As they were regularly nourished by the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, so the church should partake of that most heavenly food at the funeral of an active member, for it is a foretaste of the banquet being prepared for us in God's eternal and everlasting kingdom. When Holy Communion is celebrated at a funeral, it is for the entire congregation, and all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive it.

The homily is a theological reflection on the life of the deceased and on the meaning of life and death in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is most appropriately offered by the Celebrant, or another member of the clergy. It is not intended to be a "eulogy" with the sharing of anecdotes about the life of the deceased. Those are best shared at the Vigil, described in the list of ministries the Church provides. The Rite II burial office allows for a family member or friend to offer the homily, but this can only be done in careful consultation with the Minister who is to officiate.

## THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY

- ❖ *With a casket* The funeral car arrives at the main church entrance. The funeral director waits to remove the coffin from the car until the following have arrived: members of the family, clergy, and pallbearers. Once all is in readiness, the casket is removed from the car and borne by the pallbearers to the main landing of the church steps. The casket is placed on the carriage. The Celebrant leads the prayers for the reception of the body. The altar guild places the pall

(or U.S. flag when appropriate) over the coffin. The coffin remains on the church steps until the entrance procession.

- ❖ *With cremated remains* The remains are carried to the main church entrance and placed on a stand or table in the narthex. Family members gather with the Celebrant, who places a pall over the urn and leads the appointed prayers. The urn remains in the narthex until the entrance procession.

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## TYPES OF FUNERAL SERVICES

### RITE I WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P.469

- ❖ Entrance of Family
- ❖ Entrance of Ministers
- ❖ Collect for Burial
- ❖ Scripture Readings
- ❖ Homily
- ❖ Apostles' Creed
- ❖ Prayers of the People
- ❖ The Commendation (*if the committal not to immediately follow*)
- ❖ Procession to the Place of Rest
- ❖ Committal of Remains
- ❖ Military Honors (*when appropriate*)
- ❖ Benediction and Dismissal

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### RITE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P.469

*A Service for Active Communicants of the Parish*

- ❖ Entrance of Family
- ❖ Entrance of Ministers
- ❖ Collect for Burial
- ❖ Scripture Readings
- ❖ Homily
- ❖ Apostles' Creed

- ❖ Prayers of the People
  - ❖ The Holy Communion
  - ❖ The Commendation (*if the committal not to immediately follow*)
  - ❖ Procession to the Place of Rest
  - ❖ Committal of Remains
  - ❖ Military Honors (*when appropriate*)
  - ❖ Benediction and Dismissal
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RITE II WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION  
THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P.491

- ❖ Entrance of Family
  - ❖ Entrance of Ministers
  - ❖ Collect for Burial
  - ❖ Scripture Readings
  - ❖ Homily
  - ❖ Apostles' Creed
  - ❖ Prayers of the People
  - ❖ The Commendation (*if the committal not to immediately follow*)
  - ❖ Procession to the Place of Rest
  - ❖ Committal of Remains
  - ❖ Military Honors (*when appropriate*)
  - ❖ Benediction and Dismissal
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- ❖ Apostles' Creed
- ❖ Prayers of the People
- ❖ The Holy Communion



- ❖ The Commendation (*if the committal not to immediately follow*)
  - ❖ Procession to the place of burial
  - ❖ Committal of Remains
  - ❖ Military Honors (*when appropriate*)
  - ❖ Benediction and Dismissal
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BURIAL OF ONE WHO DOES NOT PROFESS  
THE CHRISTIAN FAITH  
*BOOK OF OCCASIONAL SERVICES*

- ❖ Opening Anthems
  - ❖ Scripture Readings (*listed on Page 15*)
  - ❖ Prayers
  - ❖ Committal of Remains
  - ❖ Military Honors (*when appropriate*)
  - ❖ Benediction and Dismissal
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SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (***Choose One***)

*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 3:1-5,9*

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. 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 19:21-27a*

Job said, "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."

SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALTER (*Choose one or two*)

*Psalm 23*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*Psalm 27*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.  
Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.  
Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the LORD will sustain me.  
Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.  
What if I had not believed that I should see  
the goodness of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the LORD.

*Psalm 42:1-7*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,  
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.  
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God; \* for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
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 her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.  
The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,

and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*Psalm 90:1-12*

Lord, you have been our refuge \*

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the land and the earth were born, \*

from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, \*

"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \* and like  
a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; \*

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; \*

we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you, \*

and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*

we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; \*

yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,

for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

Who regards the power of your wrath? \*

who rightly fears your indignation?

So teach us to number our days \*

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

*Psalm 106:1-5*

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, \* and  
visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

*Psalm 116*

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

The LORD watches over the innocent; \*

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*

for the LORD has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." \*

In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

How shall I repay the LORD \*

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*

in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.  
O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this  
time forth for evermore.



*Psalm 130*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice; \*

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*

O LORD, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; \*

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \* more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*

for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Psalm 139:1-11*

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*

you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*

but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before \*

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*

where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning \*

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me \*

and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*

and the light around me turn to night,"  
Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE READINGS (*Choose One*)

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

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*

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*

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*

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*

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."

GOSPEL READINGS (*Choose One*)

*John 5:24-27*

Jesus said, "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*

Jesus said to the people, "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*

Jesus said, "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, Lazarus, 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*

Jesus said, "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."

READINGS FOR THE BURIAL OF ONE WHO DOES NOT  
PROFESS THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Ecclesiastes 12:1-7, Psalm 23, Psalm 90, Psalm 121,  
Psalm 130, Romans 8:35-39, John 10:11-16

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FAVORITE HYMNS OF THE CHURCH THAT ARE APPROPRIATE  
FOR A FUNERAL

*These are suggestions. Other hymns may be considered.  
The music for a funeral must come from the classical or sacred repertoire.*

Morning Hymns

H7 - Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
H8 - Morning has broken  
H10 - New every morning is the love

Evening Hymns

H24 - The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended  
H25 - O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ  
H35 - Christ, Mighty Savior, Light of all creation  
H42 - Now the day is over

Advent Hymns

H56 - O come, O come, Emmanuel  
H61 - Sleepers, wake!  
H67 - Comfort, comfort ye my people

Holy Week Hymns

H167 - There is a green hill far away  
H168 - O sacred head, sore wounded

Easter Hymns

H174 - At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
H178 - Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord  
H180 - He is risen  
H194, 195 - Jesus lives!  
H204 - Now the green blade riseth  
H208 - The strife is o'er  
H209 - We walk by faith, and not by sight

### Holy Day and Various Occasion Hymns

H232 - By all your saints still striving (with All Saints Day verse as verse 2)

H252 - Jesus! Name of wondrous love!

H287 - For all the saints

### Communion Hymns

H304 - I come with joy to meet my Lord

H314 - Humbly I adore thee

H316, 317 - This is the hour of banquet and of song

H321 - My God, thy table now is spread

H324 - Let all mortal flesh keep silence

H325 - Let us break bread together on our knees

H336 - Come with us, O blessed Jesus

H339 - Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

### Burial Service Hymns

H354 - Into paradise may the angels you

H355 - Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints

H356 - May choirs of angels lead you to Paradise on high

H357 - Jesus, Son of Mary

H358 - Christ the Victorious

### Hymns to the Holy Trinity

H362 - Holy, holy holy

H366 - Holy God, we praise thy Name

H370 - St. Patrick's Breastplate

### Hymns of Praise to God

H376 - Joyful, joyful we adore thee

H380 - From all that dwell below the skies

H383 - Fairest Lord Jesus

H390 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

H397 - Now thank we all our God

H400 - All creatures of our God and King

H410 - Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

H423 - Immortal, invisible, God only wise



### Hymns in Praise of Jesus Christ our Lord

- H435 - At the Name of Jesus
- H439 - What wondrous love is this
- H445, 446 - Praise to the holiest in the height
- H450 - All hail the power of Jesus' Name
- H458 - My song is love unknown
- H460 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus
- H469, 470 - There's a wideness in God's mercy
- H473 - Lift high the cross
- H474 - When I survey the wondrous cross
- H478 - Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness
- H482 - Lord of all hopefulness
- H483 - The head that once was crowned with thorns
- H487 - Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
- H488 - Be thou my vision
- H493 - O for a thousand tongues to sing
- H494 - Crown him with many crowns
- H495 - Hail, thou once despised Jesus
- H499 - Lord, God, you now have set your servant free

### Hymns in Praise of the Holy Spirit

- H505 - O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God
- H506, 507 - Praise the Spirit in creation
- H508 - Breathe on me, breath of God
- H516 - Come down, O Love divine

### Hymns in Praise of the Church

- H522 - Glorious things of thee are spoken
- H525 - The Church's one foundation

### Hymns of the Mission of the Church

- H529 - In Christ there is no East or West
- H535 - Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
- H537 - Christ for the world we sing
- H539 - O Zion haste
- H544 - Jesus shall reign

### Hymns of Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage

- H550 - Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
- H551 - Rise up, ye saints of God
- H552, 553 - Fight the good fight
- H554 - Simple gifts
- H555 - Lead on, O King eternal
- H556 - Rejoice, ye pure in heart
- H558 - Faith of our fathers!
- H559 - Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
- H560 - Remember your servants, Lord (The Beautitudes)

### Hymns of Our Christian Responsibility

- H569 - God the Omnipotent
- H577 - Here in Christ we gather
- H583 - O holy city, seen of John
- H593 - Lord, make us servants of your peace
- H608 - Eternal Father, strong to save (Navy Hymn)

### Hymns of the Church Triumphant

- H618 - Ye watchers and ye holy ones
- H620 - Jerusalem, my happy home
- H623 - Oh, what their joy and their glory must be
- H624 - Jerusalem the golden
- H625 - Ye holy angels bright

### Hymns of the Christian Life

- H635 - If thou but trust in God to guide thee
- H636, 637 - How firm a foundation
- H645 - The King of love my shepherd is
- H649 - O Jesus, joy of loving hearts
- H655 - O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end
- H656 - Blest are the pure in heart
- H657 - Love divine, all loves excelling
- H662 - Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
- H664 - My Shepherd will supply my need
- H671 - Amazing grace
- H676 - There is a balm in Gilead
- H680 - O God, our help in ages past
- H685 - Rock of ages
- H688 - A mighty fortress is our God

- H690 - Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
H691 - My faith looks up to thee  
H692 - I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest"  
H693 - Just as I am  
H699 - Jesus, Lover of my soul  
H701 - Jesus, all my gladness  
H708 - Savior like a shepherd lead us

Rounds and Canons

- H711 - Seek ye first  
H712 - Dona nobis pacem  
H713 - Christ is arisen, Alleluia  
H714 - Shalom, my friends  
H715 - When Jesus wept the falling tear

National Songs

- H717 - My country, 'tis of thee  
H718 - God of our fathers  
H719 - O beautiful, for spacious skies  
H720 - The National Anthem
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