

St. John's, Marion, NC - Funeral Planning

Full Name: _____ (please print)

Birthday & Year: _____ Date of death _____

Military service: ___ Yes ___ No If yes, Branch of Military _____

If yes, will there be Military Honors before or after the service and/or at the grave site?

___ Yes ___ No

Full Name of Spouse or Significant Other: _____ Living ___ Deceased ___

Names of Children/Grandchildren: _____

_____ (attach another page if needed)

Executor of your will or family member to contact: phone # & email address:

Preferred Funeral Home: _____

Are you interested in or do you already have a space in St. John's Columbarium?

Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

Preexisting burial plot/columbarium (not at St. John's) _____

Ministries/groups participated in at St. John's (attach another page if needed):

The Service

Book of Common Prayer Rite: I (p. 469) or II (p. 491)

or Episcopal Funeral Rites EOW 2 (full text of EOW rite is included in this packet)

Old Testament Lesson: _____ Psalm: _____

New Testament Lesson: _____ Gospel Hymn: _____

If Eucharist is provided, what is your Gospel preference: _____

Eucharistic Prayer:

Rite I: Prayer I ___ or II ___

Rite II: Prayer A ___ or B ___ or C ___ or D ___

Communion ___ Yes ___ No

Incense ___ Yes ___ No

Lord's Prayer: Said ___ or Sung ___

Offertory Hymn or Other Music: _____

Communion Hymn(s): _____

Anthem (p. 483/500) or Hymn as body is borne from the Church: _____

Location of Committal: _____

Date Completed: _____

Signed: _____

Rector's signature: _____

***Talk to the Rector about additional Lessons and Liturgy for the Burial of a Child.*

Further Notes (use back if needed):

Regarding Funerals and Memorial Services at St. John's

Christians are an Easter people and our liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. Because God raised Jesus from the dead, we too shall be raised. "I am Resurrection and I am life," says Christ. Therefore, in the Church's burial service the principal theme is of joyous expectation 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."

Nonetheless, we also grieve for our dead because the love we have for one another in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted. Jesus wept at the grave of his friend, Lazarus. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Savior, our tears are shed in sympathy with those who mourn. Funerals provide opportunities to express the mixture of these feelings.

In the Christian church, a funeral or memorial service for one who has died serves as a communal time for mourning, an opportunity to remember the departed, and a time to proclaim the resurrection promised by Christ. When you have a death in the family, do not try to endure your grief and shock alone; no one expects you to do so. Do not hesitate to call your parish priest immediately, even if it is the middle of the night. Your pastor cannot take away your pain, but they can stand by you with spiritual resources and advice at a time when pain and shock may make it difficult to think clearly, or to make choices.

For the celebration of a funeral, memorial service, or burial, be certain to make an appointment with our priest to begin planning the service right away. It is best to meet with us prior to, or at the same time, you meet with a funeral home. Churches and Funeral homes need to work together to care for your needs and plan the service for your loved one. It is an especially good ideal to take the priest with you when you go to the funeral home in order to avoid miscommunication and unnecessary emotional pain, as all who will be involved in the planning for your loved one's service will be together and any needed coordination between the two can be done in one meeting.

If you have immediate need, our deep condolences are with you. Funerals at St. John's can be scheduled on Saturdays, or in great need (for example to accommodate active military who wish to attend) on a Wednesday or Sunday afternoon. Please let our priest know immediately when there has been a death as St. John's requires a minimum of four days to prepare for a funeral. Though we understand the desire to move as quickly

towards a funeral as possible we do not schedule funerals the week prior to Christmas or anytime between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We encourage you to surround yourself with your beloved community if death occurs in your family near these Holy seasons and take this time to plan. By delaying the service briefly, to a time when you, and our staff can focus solely on your loved one's funeral, the extra time will ultimately provide you space to grieve and celebrate their life without the added pressure on you of a surrounding holidays and all the stress that can entail.

Music:

The Musician for St. John's shall have right of first refusal in regard to providing music for all weddings and all funerals in the Parish. The Church Musician may, within their discretion, and in consultation with the Rector, permit other musicians to provide music for these services if such will serve the pastoral aims of the services. St. John's musician shall be responsible for determining, by audition or other means, that the music and the ability of an outside musician for such services will be appropriate to the standards and liturgical requirements of the Parish. St. John's musician shall receive a customary minimum fee for weddings or funerals when another musician is requested and permitted to play, unless Musician waives such fee.

The minimum fee for weddings or funerals, exclusive of any rehearsal with requested soloists, shall be \$200.00 to be paid by the family no later than the day of the service. Rehearsals with requested soloists, additional rehearsals of the Parish choir and other extraordinary work performed by Musician in connection with weddings or funerals shall be compensated by the family at the hourly rate of \$50.

The following scripture readings are suggestions from the funeral liturgy in the Book of Common prayer, you are not limited to them.

Old Testament:

Isaiah 25:6-9 (The Lord will wipe the tears)

Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort those who mourn)

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good)

Daniel 12:1-3 (Those who sleep in the dust) Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-5, 9

Job 14:7-12 (Mortals die, and are laid low)

Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)

Psalms:

23 27 42:1-7 46 90:1-12 106:1-5 116 118:14-29 121 130 139:1-11

New Testament:

Romans 6:3-11 (Walk in newness of life)

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (All who are led)

Romans 14:7-9 (We die in the Lord)

I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things that are unseen) I John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)

I Peter 1:3-9 (He has given us a new birth)

Revelation 7:9-17 (...wipe away every tear)

Revelation 21:2-7 (I make all things new)

Gospel:

Matthew 11:25-30 (Come to me)

Luke 24:13-35 (The road to Emmaus)

John 5:24-27 (Everlasting Life)

John 6:37-40 (All that the Father gives me)

John 10:11-16 (Good Shepherd)

John 11:21-27 (Resurrection and the Life)

John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house)

John 20:11-18 (Mary encounters Risen Christ)

To see the texts for these readings and view a selection of suggested/favorite hymns used at Episcopal Funerals please visit: <https://www.stjohnsepiscopalwnc.org/funerals.html>