



Funeral Planning at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the funeral is an Easter liturgy, finding its meaning in Christ's resurrection and 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."

As Christians, we know that death does not have the final word. The burial liturgy is a witness to your Christian life and faith. We comfort one another in our grief, we gather in community, and we proclaim Christ crucified and risen. These planning sheets are meant to serve as a guide as you begin the planning process. In the days following a death, it can often be overwhelming for family members to put the details of a funeral together. Whether death follows a long illness or a surprising accident, your loved ones will appreciate knowing your wishes. The best liturgies are celebrations that will commend the person to God and give hope to those who mourn.

It is important that the priest be informed whenever there is serious illness or death. We wish to be present with you and your family whenever possible throughout the dying and grieving process.

If you wish, a copy of these plans will be kept in a confidential file at St. Andrew's. It is not a legally binding document. May the planning of your funeral be a meaningful time of prayer and reflection.

God's peace and blessings to you,

Rev. Ginny Bain Inman, Rector

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Funeral Service Planning Sheet

Today's date _____

General Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Birthdate _____

Place of birth _____

Next of Kin or Primary Contact

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am attaching a copy of my preferred Obituary: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have made a will: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, a copy of my will may be found: _____

I have made a living will: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Disposition of My Body

Funeral Director or Home: _____

I wish to donate my body for medical use: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I wish to donate the following organs for medical use: _____

My preference is ☐ burial ☐ cremation

If cremation, my ashes are to be disposed of as follows: _____

I would like information about St. Andrew's Memorial Garden: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If burial, my burial plot is located at: _____

If no burial plot is owned, I wish to be buried in the following cemetery:

I would like Military Honors: ☐ Yes; I served in the _____ branch. ☐ No

Memorial Gifts

Memorial donations may be made to: _____

Parish: _____

Other: _____

I would like information about including St. Andrew's in my estate plan or will: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Service Scheduling and Planning Details

Funerals at St. Andrew's are held Mondays through Thursdays. Funerals generally are not scheduled on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Do you want the Holy Eucharist to be offered at your funeral? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committal at graveside following: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Liturgical Choices

If no preference is indicated the priest will make appropriate choices.

Hymns or Special Music: _____

Old Testament / Hebrew Bible Reading (optional): _____

Psalm: _____

New Testament Reading (optional): _____

Gospel: _____

Requested Participants in the Service: _____

Planning for Music and Flowers—Notes about Fees

The organist fee for funerals is \$100. Funeral fee for our staff vocalists is \$75. Instrumentalists are secured by the music director and set their own fees. There is no additional fee for the choir to sing at funerals at St. Andrew's.

If flowers are desired, the family will arrange for these by contacting Plants and Answers at 336-274-8933 or plantsandanswers@gmail.com. The florist should contact the parish office to schedule delivery. For a service in the Sanctuary, one or two flower arrangements can be used. For a service in the Chapel, two small arrangements are customary. If the service in the Chapel does not include Eucharist, however, one larger arrangement can be used instead.

Additional Notes

Please provide any other instructions or requests regarding your funeral service.

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