



The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy

Death finds all its meaning in the resurrection, it is a new beginning in a new form. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, 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.” The love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when saying goodbye to our physical family and friends.. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. Yet the love we shared is lasting and can sooth the soul. So, while we rejoice for those who have entered into full union with Christ, we share in sympathy with those who mourn.

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 coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate with coffin or ashes that they be covered with a pall or other suitable covering. Services are to be conducted at St Paul's Episcopal Church in San Miguel de Allende

1. Full Name of deceased _____

Date of birth: _____

2. Who is the representative for final arrangements made with the church? _____

email _____ phone _____

2. Name of the cremation service provider _____

3. Commitment of Ashes ____ Before the Burial Service ____ After the burial Service ____ At a separate time

If you have purchased a niche for the St Paul's Columbarium a plaque will read;

The plaques will be updated upon request up to four Names::

4. Do you have any preference with regard to memorial gifts? _____

5. My next of kin is/are _____

6. I would like a Reception following the Service ___ Yes ___ No

Location: Church Parish Hall _____ Other (please name) _____

The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two (BCP p. 491) _____ The Burial of the Dead: Rite One (BCP p. 469)

I would like The Holy Eucharist to be celebrated as a part of the service. _____ Yes _____ No

If so, please (Rite Two): Eucharistic Prayer A ___ Eucharistic Prayer B ___ Eucharistic Prayer C ___

Eucharistic Prayer D ___ Other: _____

If the Holy Eucharist is celebrated: I would like the following people to present the offerings of bread and wine at the Offertory (optional)

1) _____

2) _____

I would like the following people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers (optional)

1) _____

2) _____

I would like the following people to serve as Reader(s) (optional)

1) _____

2) _____

I would like to request these participants in the service

Eulogist: _____ (optional)

Usher _____ (optional)

Other: _____ (optional)

Music

Organ: If you have favorite organ pieces, please list below. The Organist will try to honor your requests. Because of lead time the Organist may need to substitute another piece in similar style or by the same composer. Organ music can be used in the service in the following places:

- 1). Prelude 3). During Communion
- 2). Offertory (when the Table is set) 4). Postlude

Hymns: The number of hymns sung at a funeral can be as many as five:

- 1). In place of the opening anthems said by the celebrant or immediately after them
- 2). As a Sequence hymn (before the gospel)
- 3). At the Offertory (when the Table is set)
- 4). During or at the end of Communion
- 5). A final hymn before the Dismissal

Very seldom are five hymns sung. The average is between 2 and 4. Sometimes there are services without hymns and sometimes with as many as 5 hymns.

Some hymns appropriate for the Burial of the Dead:

208 The strife is o'er 293 I sing a song of the saints of God
314 Humbly I adore Thee 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
335 I am the bread of life 358 Christ the Victorious
383 Fairest Lord Jesus 388 O worship the King
473 Lift high the cross 474 When I survey the wondrous cross
490 I want to walk as a child of the light 608 Eternal Father, strong to save
620 Jerusalem, my happy home 623 O what their joy
635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee 636/637 How firm a foundation
645 The King of love 662 Abide with me
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
691 My faith looks up to thee 707 Take my life
708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

The Liturgy of the Word (Please choose from the following category) You may choose either one, two or three readings [excluding psalms]. One selection from the Gospel is necessary.

1. Reading One: Old Testament

_____ Isaiah 25: 6-9 He will swallow up death forever
_____ Isaiah 61: 1-3 To comfort those who mourn
_____ Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33 The Lord is good to those who wait for him
_____ Wisdom 3: 1-5,9 The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God
_____ Job 19: 21-27a I know that my Redeemer lives

Other: _____

2. Response after the Reading(s)

_____ Psalm 42: 1-7 As the deer longs for the water brooks (After Reading One)
_____ Psalm 46 God is our refuge and strength (After Reading One)
_____ Psalm 90: 1-12 Lord, you have been our refuge (After Reading One)

_____ Psalm 121 I lift my eyes to the hills (After Reading One)
_____ Psalm 130 Out of the depths have I called (After Reading One)
_____ Psalm 139: 1-11 Lord, you have search me out (After Reading One)
_____ Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd (After Reading Two)
_____ Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation (After Reading Two)
_____ Psalm 106: 1-5 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord (After Reading Two)
_____ Psalm 116 I love the Lord... (After Reading Two)

_____ Psalm (After Reading One)

_____ Psalm or Hymn # _____ (After Reading Two)

Other response(s): _____

3. Reading Two: 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 The imperishable body
_____ II Corinthians 4:16-5:9 Things that are unseen are eternal
_____ I John 3: 1-2 We shall be like him
_____ Revelation 7: 9-17 God will wipe away every tear
_____ Revelation 21: 2-7 Behold, I make all things new

Other: _____

4. Response after the lesson

5. The Gospel

_____ John 5: 24-27 He who believes has everlasting life
_____ John 6: 37-40 All that the Father gives 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

Other: _____

Additional requests for the service:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

These instructions should be placed on file at the church and a copy given to a close friend or relative.