

## Funeral Planning Guide and Worksheet

*“The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. 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.”*

*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.”* Book of Common Prayer, pg 507

As Christians, we proclaim boldly that death does not have the last word. Through God’s grace, Jesus has conquered sin and death forever. As we profess in the Apostles’ Creed, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Funerals are among the times that Christians have the opportunity to *be church* and proclaim the Good News of Christ through word and action most clearly. We comfort one another in our grief, we gather in community, and we proclaim Christ crucified and risen. Rather than a time to pay tribute to how wonderful a person was, the purpose of a Christian funeral is to affirm the saving power of God and show how God was at work in the life of the deceased.

In the days following a death, it can often be overwhelming for family members to put the details of a funeral together. Regardless of the circumstances surrounding your death, your loved ones will want to know what your wishes really were. This worksheet is an opportunity for you to think about these things now, discussing them with your family, friends, and clergy. Once completed and returned, a copy of this form will be kept on file at the church office to assist the clergy and your family in planning your funeral. This is not a legally binding document, but a guide and starting point for these conversations.

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## GENERAL CHECKLIST

To aid your survivors, you should consider the following subjects, make a concise record of the information, and notify the appropriate people of its location.

- \_\_\_ Personal affairs records including date and place of birth, marriage, etc
- \_\_\_ Personal lawyer or trusted friend
- \_\_\_ Family records, especially those showing evidence of birth, marriage, divorce, adoption, naturalization, death, etc.
- \_\_\_ Military service personnel file (DD-214)
- \_\_\_ Insurance policies
- \_\_\_ Social Security Information
- \_\_\_ Property records: Real estate, automobile, etc
- \_\_\_ Stocks, bonds, securities, etc
- \_\_\_ Bank accounts
- \_\_\_ Safety deposit box location and needed information for access

**Basic information** *(Most of this information should already be on file at St.*

*Mary's for members. Please take a moment to verify that the correct information is on file)*

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Survived by: \_\_\_\_\_

Preceded in death by: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of kin and/or those making funeral arrangements: \_\_\_\_\_

Work and education: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, activities, and passions: \_\_\_\_\_

## Care of the body

*This worksheet is not a binding document, but it can guide your loved ones in making decisions. Please talk with your family about these options now. Some decisions require separate signed documents.*

Organ donation (circle one):                      Yes    No

Donation for research (circle one):            Yes    No

Cremation (circle one):    Yes                      No

Have you done any pre-planning with a funeral home? (circle one):    Yes    No

If yes, which funeral home? \_\_\_\_\_

## Visitation

*The visitation/wake is an opportunity for friends and family to gather, share stories, offer condolences, and enjoy fellowship, often in the evening before the funeral.*

Please Circle One:    No visitation    Visitation at funeral home or other location \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: because church activity is focused on the funeral, it is rarely considered for a visitation.*

## Funeral service

*The clergy of St. Mary's Church normally preaches and officiates at funerals held at the church. Other clergy or lay ministers may participate in the service at the Rector's invitation and discretion. At St. Mary's, a white funeral pall covers the casket as a reminder of baptism, and the paschal candle is lit as a reminder of Christ's triumph over death. Episcopalians leave the casket closed as a sign of resurrection. Communion is normative at funeral liturgies, though not required.*

Funeral location (circle one):    St. Mary's Church      Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*It is normative that the body or cremains are present for liturgies in the Church.*

Body/cremains present? (circle one):    Yes (funeral)    No (memorial service)

Liturgy (circle one):                      Rite I (BCP pg. 469)                      Rite II (BCP pg. 491)

Communion? (circle one):    Yes    No    Unsure

*One or more of the following passages of Holy Scripture is read. If there is Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the readings. A full print-out of each of the suggested readings is included in Appendix A.*

**Please select one from the following Old Testament reading options:**

- Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death for ever)
- 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 reading from the Old Testament (in consultation with the Rector)
- No reading from the Old Testament

*A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow.*

*The following Psalms are appropriate: 42:1-7, 46, 90:1-12, 121, 130, 139:1-11.*

Please write the desired Psalm, hymn, or canticle here: \_\_\_\_\_ (see notes below about hymn selections)

**Please select one from the following New Testament reading options:**

- Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)
- 2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)
- 1 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 reading from the New Testament (in consultation with the Rector)
- No reading from the New Testament

*A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow.*

*The following Psalms are appropriate: 23, 27, 106:1-5, 116.*

Please write the desired Psalm, hymn, or canticle here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select one from the following Gospel reading options:**

- 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)
- Other reading from the Gospels (in consultation with the Rector)
- No reading from the New Testament (only possible if there is not to be Eucharist)

*It is normative for the clergy of St. Mary's Church give the homily, if one is desired. It is unusual in Episcopal liturgies for there to multiple speakers at a burial liturgy and consultation with the clergy is needed if this is desired. Please indicate here if such a request is expected to be made.*\_\_\_\_\_

## **Music**

*Music is not a requirement for a burial liturgy. However, it is through music, that we are often able to express what words alone cannot. For this reason, music is often an incredibly powerful, joyful, and helpful element of a burial liturgy.*

***For services at the church, St. Mary's Organist & Choirmaster will be the musician for organ or piano music, unless she or he is unavailable. A \$300 for this service is due prior to the funeral liturgy. In some circumstances, other musicians may participate at the Rector's and Organist & Choirmaster's invitation and discretion. In selecting music, it is important to consider how the piece proclaims Christ crucified and risen.***

Appendix B is a list of suggested hymns from the Hymnal, 1982, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, and *Wonder, Love, and Praise* that are especially appropriate for burial liturgies, though hymns outside of this list may be appropriate.

Please indicate any desires for music in the burial liturgy, noting that a selection is not required for each of these possibilities:

Chanted Opening Anthem (BCP Pg. 469 or 491) or Processional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn, if a Psalm is not desired to be read after the first reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Sequence Hymn before the Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory Hymn or Anthem: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Including Others In Your Service**

*There are several opportunities for including friends and family in the service.*

Assisting Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Pall bearers, if a casket/coffin is present (up to eight): \_\_\_\_\_

Readers (up to three): \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers (two to four – four needed for Eucharist): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Crucifer: \_\_\_\_\_

Torchbearers: \_\_\_\_\_

Thurifer (if incense is desired): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Burial**

Please circle one:    Body interred    Cremains interred    Cremains taken with family

If interment is desired, have you secured a cemetery plot? (circle one):    Yes    No

If yes, where:            St. Francis' Garden            Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Cremated ashes of communicants and former communicants of St. Mary's Church and their families, after request approved by the Rector, may be buried in the grounds of the St. Francis Garden of St. Mary's Church. A signed copy of the St. Francis Garden Burial Policy is required (see Appendix C).

### **Funeral Reception**

*St. Mary's is glad to provide food and hospitality at funeral receptions for members of the parish. The St. Mary's Parish Services Committee will coordinate food items with the family. We will do all we can to accommodate your wishes. Please understand, however, that some individual choices may not be possible.*

### **Military Honors**

*Those who have served in the military may be eligible for military honors. A flag is usually placed on the casket after the funeral for transport to the burial site, or is on display in the parish hall if there is a reception. Other military honors may take place before the beginning of the Committal at the graveside.*

Have you served in the military? (circle one):    Yes    No

What branch? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like Military Honors, please describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Memorial gifts**

I have shared with my next of kin where financial gifts in my memory should be directed. (circle one):    Yes    No

Recipients include:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church: Yes No

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts are to be in lieu of flowers (circle one): Yes No

If so, how should the gifts be directed?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Planned giving (optional section):**

I have included St. Mary's Episcopal Church in my will (circle one): Yes No

I am a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church's Legacy Society (circle one): Yes No

I have planned another type of deferred gift (circle one): Yes No

Please list: Life insurance, gift-annuity, charitable trust, etc:

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If you have circled yes above, you may wish to note the following:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is included in my estate plan for:

Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ % Estimated value of gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fixed amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please share any additional details or requests:**

Name of person preparing this form (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you desire a visit with the priest to discuss these plans? (circle one): Yes No

*Please feel free to call upon the Rector at any time for help with issues of death, dying, grief, or mourning.*

*Please return this worksheet to:*

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## **Suggested Readings for Burial Liturgies**

The following readings are those suggested in the Book of Common Prayer. Other readings from Scripture may be suggested to or by the clergy. Generally, one reading from each group (Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and Gospel) is chosen. The officiating clergy will normally read the gospel lesson. In consultation with the officiant, please select persons you would like to read at the service (then see if they are willing!). Readers should have had at least some public speaking experience.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**

#### ***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 3:1-9***

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; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. 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 19:21-27***

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. My heart faints within me!

### **PSALMS**

23	The Lord is my shepherd
27	The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
42:1-7	As the deer longs for the water-brooks
46	God is our refuge and strength
90:1-12	Lord you have been our refuge
106:1-5	Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good
116	I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication
121	I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where is my help to come?
130	Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice
139:1-11	Lord, you have searched me out and known me

### **NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**

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

For 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***

But 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***

So 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***

After this 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***

And 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**

### ***John 5:24-27***

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***

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***

‘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 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***

‘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

## Suggested Hymns for Burial Liturgies

The music at funerals should be appropriate for the occasion. The music serves to support, clarify, and complement the action and words of the liturgy at all times. It should suggest ideas of triumph, resurrection, strength, comfort, thanksgiving, and repose; Easter hymns are especially appropriate. In general, secular music is not appropriate.

When the family of the deceased meets with the clergy, suitable hymns and music should be discussed. It is appropriate to sing hymns or have organ music according to the wishes of the family. Other favorite hymns of the deceased or family may be suggested to the clergy and Organist & Choirmaster. Some hymn suggestions from Episcopal hymnals include:

### Opening/Processional Hymn

#### *The Hymnal, 1982*

8	Morning has broken
178	Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
191	Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise
194/195	Jesus lives! thy terrors now
199/200	Come ye faithful raise the strain
208	Alleluia! The strife is o'er
287	For all the saints
293	I sing a song of the saints of God
362	Holy, holy, holy
376	Joyful, joyful we adore thee
405	All things bright and beautiful
410	Praise my soul, the King of heaven
423	Immortal, invisible, God only wise
455/456	O love of God, how strong and true
482	Lord of all hopefulness
488	Be thou my vision
535	Ye servants of God
558	Faith of our fathers
608	Eternal Father, strong to save
618	Ye watchers and ye holy ones
620	Jerusalem, my happy home
637	How firm a foundation
653	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
657	Love divine, all loves excelling
671	Amazing Grace
680	O God our help in ages past
686	Come thou fount of every blessing
687/688	A mighty fortress is our God
690	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

### *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

60	How great thou art
101	Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
106	Precious Lord, take my hand
183	God will take care of you
184	Blessed assurance
188	When peace like a river/It is well
189	Great is thy faithfulness
218	Jesus love me! this I know

### *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

775	Give thanks for life
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### Hymn Settings of Psalms

#### *The Hymnal, 1982*

517	Ps. 84: How lovely is your dwelling place
645/646	Ps. 23: The King of love my shepherd is
664	Ps. 23: My shepherd will supply my need
658	Ps. 42: As longs the deer for cooling streams
680	Ps. 90: O God our help in ages past
687/688	Ps. 46: A mighty fortress is our God

### *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

764	Ps. 34: Taste and See
810	Ps. 91: On Eagles' wings

### Sequence or Communion Hymns

#### *The Hymnal, 1982*

188/189	Love's redeeming work is done
304	I come with joy to meet my Lord

316 This is the hour of banquet and of  
 song  
 335 I am the bread of life  
 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with  
 gladness  
 354 Into paradise may the angels lead  
 you  
 355 Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant  
 356 May choirs of angels lead you  
 357 Jesus, Son of Mary  
 358 Christ the Victorious, give to your  
 servants  
 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him  
 388 O worship the King, all glorious  
 above!  
 397 Now thank we all our God  
 416 For the beauty of the earth  
 433 We gather together  
 455 O love of God, how strong and true  
 469/470 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
 482 Lord of all hopefulness  
 487 Come, my way, my truth, my life  
 488 Be thou my vision  
 508 Breathe on me breath of God  
 510 Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove  
 517 How lovely is your dwelling place  
 593 Lord make us servants of your  
 peace  
 635 If thou but trust in God to guide  
 thee  
 645/646 The King of love my shepherd is  
 660 O Master, let me walk with thee  
 662 Abide with me  
 676 There is a balm in Gilead

***Lift Every Voice and Sing II***

8 Deep River  
 16 Yahweh, I know you are near  
 19 Wayfaring stranger  
 69 In the garden  
 111 Come thou fount of every blessing  
 152 Let us break bread together  
 154 Taste and See  
 188 When peace like a river/It is well  
 194 Lead me, guide me

203 There is a balm in Gilead  
***Wonder, Love, and Praise***  
 764 Taste and See  
 810 On Eagles' wings  
 822 You shall cross the barren desert  
 825 Bless the Lord my soul

***Closing/Recessional Hymn***

***The Hymnal, 1982***

7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
 180 He is risen, he is risen  
 194/195 Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
 207 Jesus Christ is risen today  
 208 Alleluia! The strife is o'er  
 287 For all the saints  
 335 I am the bread of life  
 376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee  
 397 Now thank we all our God  
 400 All creatures of our God and King  
 405 All things bright and beautiful  
 473 Lift high the cross  
 562 Onward Christian soldiers  
 599 Lift every voice and sing  
 608 Eternal Father strong to save  
 620 Jerusalem, my happy home  
 625 Ye holy angels bright  
 657 Love divine, all loves excelling  
 665 All my hope on God is founded  
 671 Amazing grace  
 680 O God our help in ages past  
 687/688 A mighty fortress is our God  
 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

***Lift Every Voice and Sing II***

1 Lift every voice and sing  
 60 How great thou art  
 106 Precious Lord, take my hand  
 130 Glory, glory, hallelujah  
 183 God will take care of you  
 188 When peace like a river/It is well  
 189 Great is thy faithfulness  
 226 Mine eyes have seen the glory

***Wonder, Love, and Praise***

775 Give thanks for life

## A Policy Concerning the Burial of Human Ashes in St. Francis Garden

Cremated ashes of communicants and former communicants of St. Mary's Church and their families, after request approved by the Rector or another member of the parish's full-time clergy, may be buried in the grounds of St. Mary's Church, in what is referred to as St. Francis Garden. Cremated ashes of others may be buried with the approval of both the Rector and Wardens, provided that it is the policy not to make such burial to the general public.

The St. Francis Garden area is designated as the location for burial of cremated ashes; provided no physical identification as a burial site shall be made.

At each burial, a priest of the Episcopal Church authorized by the Rector shall officiate and provide an appropriate committal. Burial and committal normally shall be:

- (a) immediately preceded by a funeral service in the chapel or church with burial as the conclusion of the rites; or
- (b) a burial that occurs after a memorial service; or
- (c) a burial that occurs shortly after cremation, with a memorial service to be held later.

Ashes must be in a biodegradable container, or interred with no container.

There shall be no reservation in advance of a particular location for burial; the location of an actual burial spot will not be marked; and no object or decoration of any kind shall be placed at such location.

A common plaque shall be placed in a designated area in the church, chapel or cloister, providing an appropriate verse from Scripture or the liturgy and listing of the names and dates of birth and death of persons whose ashes are buried. Its placement, design and wording are subject to the approval of the Rector and Vestry.

On the Feast of All Saints' all persons whose cremated ashes are interred in the interment area of St. Mary's Church will be remembered during special prayers.

The costs of burial and inscription on the memorial plaque shall be paid by the family representative of the decedent at a rate to be determined from time to time by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry. There shall be no advance payments or

collection of costs prior to death of the decedent. The Rector and Wardens may wave payment of the fees. The fee structure is not intended to provide additional revenue to the parish beyond provision of adequate financing of the burial of ashes and maintenance of the grounds and plaques.

Ashes in St. Francis Garden may not be removed.

By this Policy no cemetery is created, no rights or special privileges are granted to families of those whose ashes are buried, and full right and power is reserved by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry to encumber or sell the church grounds, or any portion, to erect buildings on it or any portion, all without removing interred ashes or providing for continuation of the property as a burial site.

The decedent's next of kin, or if none, then their personal representative, must sign the Agreement below, acknowledging and agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Policy.

The Rector will notify parishioners of the availability for burial.

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of  
(Name) (Relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge and agree to be bound by  
(Decedent)

the above Policy.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_