

FUNERAL SERVICE PLANNING FORM

The liturgy of the dead is an Easter Liturgy which finds its meaning in the Resurrection of our Lord. A Christian funeral or memorial service proclaims hope in the face of death; it is an affirmation of the continuity of fellowship with God even after our temporal lives are ended. *“Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church.”* (BCP p. 490)

You may wish to prepare the form in consultation with your priest and family. This form should be kept where it will be readily available when needed, and, if appropriate, you may wish to send copies to your next of kin. It should also be kept on file in the parish office. If at any time your wishes change, please update this form and place it on file in the parish office. Feel free to omit the items that do not apply and/or choices you prefer to leave to the judgment of your next of kin or clergy. To know your wishes in these matters will help your survivors immeasurably at what is usually a very difficult time.

Date _____

Full Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Birth Place _____ Baptism Date _____

Name, address and phone number of person(s) authorized to handle your funeral arrangements:

I wish to have a Vigil (calling or visitation): Yes _____ No _____

If yes, it is to be held at: My home _____ The Funeral Home _____ St. John's _____

What burial office do you want? Rite I _____ Rite II _____

Do you want The Holy Eucharist offered at your funeral? Yes _____ No _____

Rite I _____ Rite II _____

What scripture passages do you wish to have read? One or more readings/Psalms are appropriate. if you wish to have Holy Eucharist, a reading from a Gospel is required. (Suggestions are found in St. John's [SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES](#)) Also, please indicate who you would like to have read the lessons and lead the Psalm(s):

Old Testament _____ Reader: _____

Psalm _____ Leader: _____

New Testament _____ Reader: _____

Psalm _____ Leader: _____

Gospel _____ Clergy: _____

What music do you wish to have St. John's organist play, or congregational hymns to be sung? (Suggestions are found in St. John's [HYMNS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES](#)). Please list them along with any specific wishes you have for a prelude or postlude.

Do you wish to have other instruments, musicians or soloists provide additional music?

Names, addresses and phone numbers of persons you would like to have as pallbearers and/or honorary pallbearers: _____

Do you wish to have your committal immediately following the service or at a later date?

Do you wish to have a reception for guests following the service? Yes _____ No _____

If you do, where do you wish it to be held? _____

I understand that no eulogy will be offered during the service. The priest will offer a homily. We recommend that comments may be shared at a reception or other gathering when all can participate and enjoy the remembrances.

Are there other special instructions regarding your funeral service? _____

Do you wish flowers to be sent or donations made in your memory?

If donations are suggested, what organization(s) do you wish to name?
