

## Funeral Instructions

*It is highly recommended that individuals give sincere thought to their funerals. Having a funeral planned in advance is a wonderful gift to family and friends; freeing them from guess work and wondering during their time of loss and grief. The following form facilitates the planning. It is important that you discuss these plans with your loved ones. Copies should be placed with your personal papers, given to close friends and family members and filed in the church office.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security**  
**Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names, Addresses and phone numbers of those who will make funeral arrangements at the time of your death:**

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**Funeral Director, Address, and Telephone**

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**Do you have a living will?** \_\_\_\_ **Do loved ones have a copy?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Do the clergy have a copy?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you indicated that you would like your organs donated at the time of your death?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific organs or whole body?**

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**Funeral Director, Address, and Telephone**

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Will you be cremated? \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Interment of body or cremated remains? \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Cemetery Deeds \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Will and/or living will? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a viewing? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like the viewing to take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like the funeral service to take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a Rite I or Rite II Service? \_\_\_\_\_

It is our custom to celebrate Holy Communion at a funeral service, would you like that? \_\_\_\_\_

What readings would you like to have at your funeral service? There is generally an Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel Reading. Suggestions are attached but other scripture readings may be selected.

Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

What hymns would you like to have sung at your service? There are generally 3-4 hymns.

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**Do you have any other special music requests? (soloists? Prelude? Postlude?)**

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**Are there friends or family members you would like to participate in the service? They may do readings, serve at the altar, do a eulogy?**

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**Do you have any other wishes for your service?**

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**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Possible Readings**

*Generally readings are from the New Revised Standard Version and the Psalms are from the Book of Common Prayer*

### ***From the Old Testament***

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)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (There is a time for every matter under heaven...)

*The following Psalms are appropriate: 42:1-7, 46, 90:1-12, 121, 130, 139:1-11, 23, 27, 106:1-5, 116.*

### ***From the New Testament***

Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed) 1

Corinthians 15:2-26,35-38,42-44,53-58 (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)

### ***The Gospel***

John 5:24-27 (He who believes has everlasting life)

John 6:37-40 (All that the Father gives me will come to you)

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)