

## A Guide for Funeral Arrangements

*The funeral liturgy 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."*

### Things to consider as you plan your service:

*The following questions are meant to promote discussion, provoke thought, and provide additional information about your funeral arrangements. We suggest you discuss them with your family prior to completing the reverse.*

- ❖ Do you wish to be buried or cremated?  
Have you made any arrangements for this?  
Where do you wish to be buried?
- ❖ What type of service do you want? Would you like a regular funeral service, a memorial service, or a simple graveside service? Keep in mind that there is a need, deeply imbedded in human beings, to celebrate the life of a loved one. In other words, funerals are for the living. They help family and friends to bring closure and come to grips with their loss and grief.
- ❖ What will be the overall theme of the service? What is the feel that you want? Traditional and dignified? Celebration? Party?
- ❖ What style of music will help carry through the overall theme you desire?
- ❖ What type of instruments do you want used? Organ? Guitar? Other? Combination of one or more instruments?
- ❖ Music desired: Congregational singing? Soloists? Instrumental music only? Provide a list of hymns, songs of praise, or other music selections.
- ❖ While we recognize that many people have played a role in the faith development of an individual, including clergy, all pastoral services at St. Andrew's are officiated by the Rector of St. Andrew's or his designated associate clergy. If you desire to include clergy not affiliated with St. Andrew's we recommend that they take part in the graveside service.

Usually, the family decides if the Eucharist will be celebrated, if family or friends will share remembrances, who the Layreader will be, and about flower arrangements or memorial gifts. However, you may want to provide some input regarding those matters.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_

I wish for the funeral service to take place in/at  Church  Ministry Center  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Committal (graveside/mausoleum) service requested  Yes  No

Burial/Cremation has been pre-arranged through \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a veteran?  Yes  No

Do you want a flag at graveside or other military honors?

Military honors and flags are arranged through the funeral home. \_\_\_\_\_

For a funeral/memorial service at St. Andrew's, the following decisions need to be made:

Rite I  or Rite II  Communion Service  Yes  No

*Readings – Most families choose 2 readings. Please circle your choices.*

Old Testament Reading

Psalm

Isaiah 25:6-9

23

Isaiah 61:1-3

27

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

42

Job 19:21-27a

46

90

New Testament Reading

106

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

116

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58

121

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

130

1 John 3:1-2

139

Revelation 7:9-17

Revelation 21:2-7

Layreaders \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Passage

*The church will provide readers if needed.*

John 5:24-27

John 6:37-40

John 10:11-16

John 11:21-27

John 14:1-6

Do you wish for remembrances to be shared by family/friends?  Yes  No

By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like music?  Yes  No

Style: Contemporary Traditional Blended

Do you have any preferences in selection? \_\_\_\_\_

Once you have completed this form, place it with your important papers and mail a copy to the Rector's Personal Assistant or you may bring it to the office and someone will make a copy for you.