

Celebration of New Life

A Memorial Service Resource Guide

We believe very strongly in Jesus' promise of eternal life to all who put their trust in Him. Because of this, we often title the service for the burial of the dead **A Celebration of New Life**. These services, following the format from the *Book of Common Prayer*, are a solemn moment in the life of the church. They are not only a reminder of physical mortality, but also serve as a time to give thanks again to God for the gift of eternal life through His Son.

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Family Checklist

- ___ Funeral Home/Cremation Service
- ___ Service Planning Meeting
- ___ Photo for Worship Bulletin (emailed/given to clergy)
- ___ Photo(s) for Credenza/Reception
- ___ Guestbook for Credenza/Reception
- ___ Columbarium Agreement (if applicable)
- ___ Altar Flowers
- ___ Delivered Payment

General Information

The format for any Burial or Memorial Service is from the *Book of Common Prayer* beginning on page 491.

What type of music would you like?

We offer both traditional services with a piano or organ **and** contemporary services with a band.

Would you like communion to be part of the service?

Yes _____ No _____

Who would you like to be involved in the service?

Are there family members who would like to serve as ushers, readers, pall bearers (if casket) or people to assist with communion?

What passages of Scripture would you like read?

Suggested readings begin on **pg. 9**, but you may choose from any passage of Scripture in each category.

It is not necessary to have four readings ... however, we request a minimum of two (a Gospel Reading and either Old or New Testament Reading).

Old Testament Reading: _____

Psalm Reading: _____

New Testament Reading: _____

Gospel Reading: _____

What songs would you like to be part of the service?

There is a list of songs from the hymnal on **pg. 15**. Non-worship songs will need to be approved by the Director of Worship Arts.

Pre-Service Music (instrumental, or 1-2 songs): _____

Between Readings (1): _____

Communion (1-2): _____

Departing (1): _____

Funeral Costs

MUSICIANS

Organist or Pianist	\$200.00	_____
Soloist (other than pianist or organist)	\$100.00	_____
Ensemble / Band Arrangements for music by the band are made directly with the Director of Contemporary Music	\$100.00/each	_____

RECEPTION

Room set-up and reception supplies	\$35.00	_____
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TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Sound check and set-up	\$50.00	_____
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INTERMENT

Includes the cost of a bronze plaque with individual's name, year of birth and year of death, and general maintenance and beautification of Disciples' Garden	\$400.00/each	_____
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CLERGY

It is customary to provide an honorarium for each participating clergy member's discretionary fund. Gifts may be of any amount, but typically begin at \$150.00.	\$150.00 each	_____
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FLOWERS

The family orders the Altar flowers. We recommend using the Christ Church florist:

Daltons Flowers
8135 Santa Fe Drive
Overland Park, KS 66204
(913) 642-2112

Flowers are approximately \$130.00 for two containers, but the actual cost is determined by what is ordered. Required dimensions for the altar arrangements are 18" high and 15" across (the liners are 8" wide and 5" deep). Any additional flowers will be received by the church the day of the funeral and will be placed in the entryway or reception area. These flowers are taken home by the family after the service.

Interment

Baptized Christians, having been nurtured in the church, are properly buried from the church. Christ Church offers the opportunity for the interment of the cremated remains of members of Christ Church and their immediate family members in our **Disciples' Garden**.

The interment fee is \$400 for each person to be interred. This fee is paid when the *Interment Agreement* is signed.

The interment fee includes the cost of a bronze plaque with the individual's name, year of birth and year of death to be displayed in the Garden. It also funds the general maintenance and beautification of Disciples' Garden.

Family members can be interred in the same location if desired.

All remains interred in Disciples' Garden must be in a biodegradable urn or container provided by the family or funeral home.

Spots for interment are selected by the family at the time of death.

Copies of the *Interment Agreement* are available in the Church Office upon request.

Funeral Receptions

Funerals are always a difficult time, no matter the circumstances. For the family of the deceased, funerals can also create a lot of busyness as you need time to both grieve the loss of your loved one and to plan and coordinate a funeral and funeral reception. In times like these, Christ Church would love to offer a comfortable place to host the reception and provide beverages and light snacks.

It is also customary, however, for members of the Christ Church community who were especially close to the deceased to come alongside the family and help plan the reception. Was your loved one in a small group? A participant in Alpha? Volunteers in one of our many ministries? If so, please contact their leaders or close friends in their respective areas of involvement to help.

Funeral Home Instructions

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN
5500 West 91st Street (91st & Nall)
Overland Park, KS 66207
913.648.2271
www.christchurch-op.org

The following information is intended to help in coordinating the efforts of the funeral home representatives and those participating on behalf of Christ Church.

Flowers

The only flowers to be brought into the worship area for a funeral are the altar flowers. These are usually ordered by the family from Dalton's (913.642.2112) and are placed on the altar by the Altar Guild. Other flowers may be placed in the entrance area. These are to be removed following the service and are usually distributed among family and friends.

Ashes

Ashes which are to be interred in the Christ Church Disciples' Garden must be in a biodegradable (cardboard) container (12"x 8"x 6" or smaller). When a container of ashes is brought to the church, the Altar Guild will cover it with a pall and place it on a small table in the worship area prior to the service. It may also be delivered in the days preceding the service and given to the Pastor of Care Ministries. (This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis.) Ashes are borne out of the church by the Celebrant or another member of the clergy and carried into the Disciples' Garden.

Casket

The casket remains in the hearse until the clergy comes out to meet the body and is not opened once it is in the church. Once the casket is inside the entrance area, it is covered with a funeral pall. As the service commences, the casket (with the deceased person's feet first) is moved into the worship area in procession, following the clergy. Pall bearers accompany the casket and, once it is in position in the center aisle (about 6 feet from the step to the altar), the pall bearers are seated in the front pews. The family can follow the casket in but may chose to be seated before the service begins. At the end of the service, the casket follows the clergy to the hearse.

In addition to the clergy whom officiate at funerals, Christ Church has a Verger (or "master of ceremonies") whose task it is to ensure a smooth and dignified service. On the day of a funeral, the Verger or the Pastor of Care Ministries (Nick Comiskey) is the proper point of contact for the Funeral Home Representative.

For additional details concerning funerals at Christ Church, contact the church office at 913.648.2271.

Suggested Readings

OLD TESTAMENT

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 for ever. 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.

Job 19:21-27a

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."

Suggested Readings

NEW TESTAMENT

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.

Suggested Readings

NEW TESTAMENT *(cont'd)*

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 the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped 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."

Suggested Readings

PSALMS

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (KJV)

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths
of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted
in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PSALMS *(cont'd)*

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 139:1-12

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Suggested Readings

GOSPEL SELECTIONS

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." (NRSV)

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."

Hymn Suggestions

Hymns for Memorial/Funeral Services

(from the 1982 Hymnal)

687/688	A Mighty Fortress
662	Abide With Me
400	All Creatures of Our God and King
579	Almighty Father, Strong to Save
671	Amazing Grace
435	At the Name of Jesus
488	Be Thou My Vision
686	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
608	Eternal Father, Strong to Save
383/384	Fairest Lord Jesus
558	Faith of Our Fathers
287	For All the Saints
522	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
690	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
366	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
362	Holy, Holy, Holy
636/637	How Firm A Foundation
644	How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
335	I Am the Bread of Life
423	Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise
376	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
555	Lead On, O King Eternal
473	Lift High the Cross
657	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
691	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
664	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
493	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
680	O God, Our Help in Ages Past
390	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
685	Rock of Ages
707	Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated
525	The Church's One Foundation
646	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
676	There Is A Balm in Gilead
439	What Wondrous Love Is This
474	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Other Songs and Hymns:

On Eagle's Wings (based on Ps. 91) by Michael Joncas

In the Garden (trad. 19th century hymn)

Psalm 121 by Brian Doerksen



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