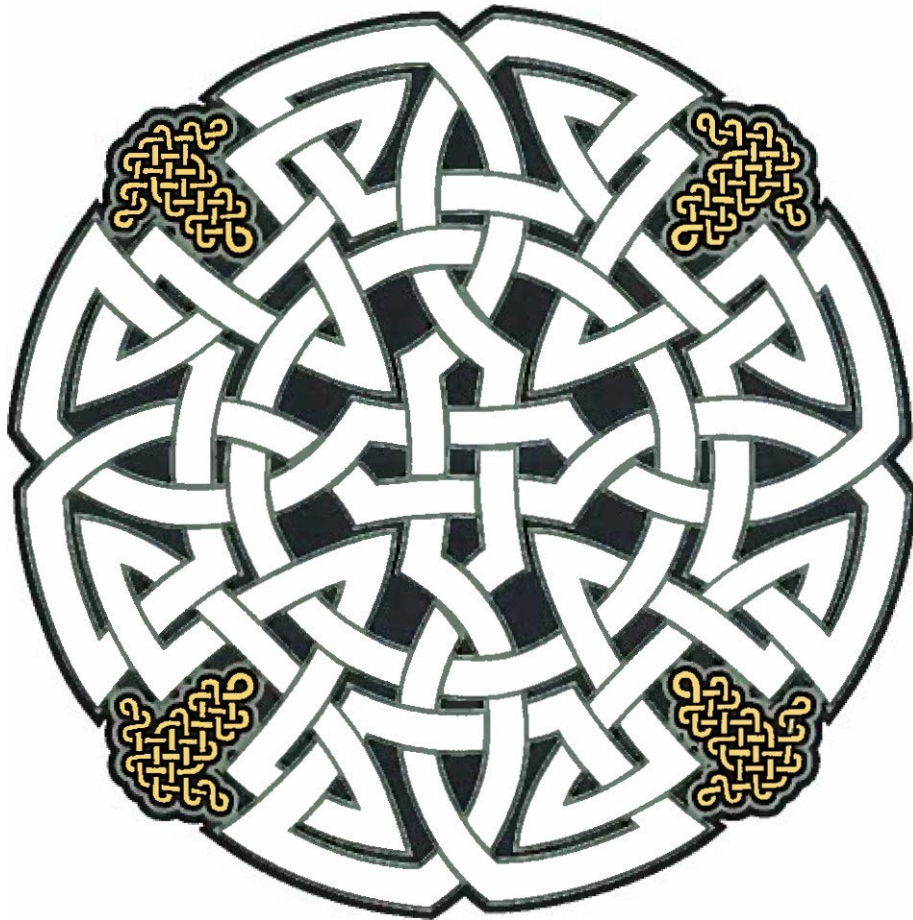


PLANNING FOR FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

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ST. PAULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

About the Liturgy of the Burial of the Dead. 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.” (Romans 8:38-39) 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. - The Book of Common Prayer, page 507.

Dear Family Members & All Who Mourn,

We are already praying for you as we are here to be of support. Please let us know when you would like to get together to plan the service for your loved one.

Yours in Christ,

The Clergy & People of St. Paul's

St. Paul's Funeral Planning Worksheet

1. Please indicate the type of remains will be present for the funeral (check one):

- Ashes with urn
 Casket
 No remains present

2. Liturgy

a. Please indicate rite for the Order of Burial (check one)

Rite I (See BCP page 469; if communion Pages 469, 482, & 333)

Rite II (See BCP page 491; if communion Pages 491, 498, & 367)

b. Please indicate if Holy Eucharist will be celebrated (check one):

Yes, Holy Eucharist will be part of the funeral service

- If yes, indicate preference for Eucharistic Prayer: _____

No, Holy Eucharist will not be part of the funeral service

c. Please indicate location and timing of burial (check one):

- Burial before church service
 Burial immediately following service
 Burial on later date after service

d. Location of Burial (write in): _____

3. Lessons

a. Old Testament (select one):

- Isaiah 25:6-9 Isaiah 43:1-2,4-5 Isaiah 61:1-3
 Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 Job 19:21-27a Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33
 Other: _____ Reader: _____

b. Psalm (select one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 (KJV) | <input type="checkbox"/> 27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 42: 1-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> 46 | <input type="checkbox"/> 90: 1-2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 106: 1-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 116 | <input type="checkbox"/> 130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 139: 1-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 106:1-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Reader: _____

c. New Testament (select one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> I John 3:1-2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 7:9-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> II Corinthians 4:16-5:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 21:2-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | Reader: _____ |

d. Gospel (select one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> John 5:24-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 11:21-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 6:37-40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 10:11-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:1-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:1-10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | Reader*: _____ | |

**Please note that if Holy Eucharist is celebrated, a member of the clergy will read the Gospel.*

4. Homily

Please indicate the clergy person whom you would like to preach the homily: _____

Please list an alternative choice if your first choice is not available: _____

*****A Special Note on Remembrances:** We invite and encourage family members and friends to share remembrances and eulogies during a visitation, reception, or wake rather than during the funeral service.

5. Music and hymns

- a. Indicate whether you would like a cantor or a quartet (circle one):
 Cantor
 Quartet
- b. List at least 3 hymns selected from Page 3 to be included in service
Hymn #1: _____
Hymn #2: _____
Hymn #3: _____
- c. Other special music requests: _____

6. Service participants

Please indicate any special requests for crucifer, acolytes, pall bearers, or ushers below.

- a. Crucifer and acolytes: _____
- b. Pall bearers: _____
- c. Ushers: _____

7. Flowers

Do you want flowers for the altar? (circle one)

- Yes
- No

Do you want flowers for the narthex? (circle one)

- Yes
- No

Do you have any special instructions for the flowers (type of flowers, florist or arranger)?

8. Virtual service option

Do you want this service to be livestreamed? (circle one)

- Yes
- No

9. Will there be a reception?

- Yes, and if so where: _____
- No

HYMNS:

Music at a funeral can be a great source of comfort of solace for family or friends. It may include congregational hymns, organ music, a vocal soloist/cantor or other music. Generally, there is an organ before and after a service. Typically, 2 or 3 hymns are chosen and a cantor is recommended to lead the singing. *We respectfully ask that any secular music or recorded selections be played during the reception rather than during the funeral service.*

Hymn Title Hymn No. The following are some of the suggested hymns from the Hymnal 1982 which are most appropriate for funerals:

- A mighty fortress is our God (Psalm 46) 688
- Alleluia, the strife is o'er 208
- Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! 460, 461
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind 652 or 653
- Fairest Lord Jesus 383
- For all the saints 287
- God is love, let heaven adore him 379
- Guide me, O thou great Jehovah 690
- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty 362
- How firm a foundation 637
- How lovely is thy dwelling place 517
- I am the bread of life 335
- If thou but trust in God to guide thee 635
- I'll praise my Maker while I've breath (Psalm 146) 429
- Jerusalem, my happy home 620
- Jesus Christ is Risen Today 207
- Joyful, joyful we adore thee 376
- Let saints on earth in concert sing 526
- Lord of all hopefulness 482
- Love divine, all loves excelling 657
- My Shepherd will supply my need (Psalm 23) 664
- God, our help in ages past (Psalm 90) 680
- Jesus, I have promised 655
- Master, let me walk with thee 660
- O worship the King (Psalm 104) 388
- The Church's One Foundation 525
- The Day thou gavest 24
- The King of love my shepherd is (Psalm 23) 645-46
- The Lord my God my shepherd is (Psalm 23) 663
- Thou art the Way, to thee alone 457
- Ye holy angels bright 625
- Ye watchers and ye holy ones 618

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 43:1-2,4-5

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

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 cast off for ever, but, though he cause grief he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men.

Wisdom 3:1-5.9

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 an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction;

but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men 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; Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

[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? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh? “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Psalms:

Psalm 23 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 612)

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever

Psalm 23 (King James Version, Book of Common Prayer, page 476)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.

4 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.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 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

Psalm 27 (Book of Common Prayer, page 617)

Dominus illuminatio

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 42:1-7 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 643)

Quemadmodum

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God
3 My tears have been my food day and night * while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who keep hold day.
6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 46 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 649)

Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *

God shall help her at the break of day.
7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
10 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.
11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 90:1-12 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 717)

Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Psalm 106:1-5 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 741)

Confitemini Domino

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?
3 Happy are those who act with justice *
Dominus illuminatio

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and always do what is right. 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have
for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

Psalm 116 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 759)

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of
my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul. *
for the LORD has treated you well.
7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.
9 I believed, even when I said,
"I have been brought very low." *
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."
10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.
16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Psalm 121 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 779)

Levavi oculos

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

Psalm 130 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 784)

De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Psalm 139:1-11 (Book of Common Prayer, Page 794)

Domine, probasti

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *

and are acquainted with all my ways.
3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
10 If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,”
11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

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

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

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

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 22:2-7

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; 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.'

The Gospel

John 5:24-27

Jesus said, "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

Jesus said to the people, "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, Lazarus, 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, 27

‘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. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

FUNERAL CUSTOMS AT ST. PAUL'S

The casket is brought into the church for the funeral by pall bearers and positioned in front of the altar where it will stay for the service. The casket is closed before the funeral and not opened again (BCP 468, 490). Visitors are asked to be reverent and respectful in the church, using the time prior to the beginning of the service for meditation rather than visiting.

Instead of being covered with a blanket of flowers, the casket is covered with a brocade pall that belongs to the church and is used to cover every casket placed here. The principle behind this practice is illustrated by an experience related by the Bishop of Alaska. On the day that the Archbishop of Canterbury conducted the funeral service of King George VI of England, the Bishop of Alaska was burying an Indian woman in a remote village in the Arctic Circle. The services were identical; the king and the Indian woman were both children of God and equal in God's sight and love. Funeral decorations, however lovingly provided, may obscure this point and are, therefore, not used in church.

If the body has been cremated in time for the service, the urn will be covered with a white embroidered pall and placed on a stand in front of the altar prior to the beginning of the service. If the cremains are to be interred in the garden, the committal service may be held immediately after the burial office. Alternatively, a memorial service is sometimes before the remains are cremated in which case the committal service may be held at another time. The committal may also take place before the funeral or memorial service.

FLOWERS:

The Altar Guild charges \$275 to provide and arrange the flowers for a funeral. This includes the two arrangements that go on the altar as well as an arrangement that goes on the table in the narthex (entrance) of the church. After the service, the family is welcome to take the narthex flower arrangement home. Additional flowers sent to the church will be placed in the gathering space or Scott Hall for the reception, but are not permitted in the church sanctuary or narthex. Friends and family are welcome to send flowers to the graveside service (this is usually arranged by the funeral home) and/or to the offsite reception if applicable.

St. Paul's typically orders from Coleman Brother Flowers, however you may use a florist of your choice. It is important that you let the florist know (if you are not using Coleman's Florist) that the flower arrangement be no taller than the cross on the altar. The Altar Guild is happy to work directly with the florist, and if the florist would like to use the church's vases, the Guild will coordinate with the florist.

VISITOR BOOKS

Funeral homes usually supply visitor books or you may bring your own (that you can order from Amazon or any bookstore). St. Paul's will provide the podium for the guest book. If you are planning to have more than one book, please let us know beforehand.

RECEPTIONS

Mike Dabney, Facilities Supervisor, is the contact person for receptions at the church. He will be able to answer any questions in regards to the use of the parish hall. Once you have decided on a caterer (see list below for recommendations), please convene a meeting with Mike and the caterer at St. Paul's to discuss the details.

Mike Dabney's contact information:

Email: mdabney@stpaulsrva.org

Mobile Phone: (804) 928-6619

The following is a list of caterers that are familiar with St. Paul's kitchen as well as policies. However, you are not restricted to this list and may choose a caterer of your preference.

Recommended Caterers for Events at St. Paul's:

Catering for all Occasion (Stan Barnett)	(804) 852-7118
White House Catering (Christy)	(804) 644-4411
Homemades by Suzanne's	(804) 798-8331
The Sharper Palate	(804) 553-0495
Chez Foushee (Andrew)	(804) 648-3225
Ulli Robinson, St. Paul's Kitchen Supervisor	(804) 349-3375

Please note: Caterers are responsible for all clean-up so we ask that there be no "drop off" catering.

Additional notes: The burgundy vinyl tablecloths that are used on the rectangular tables in the parish hall are available for your use during the reception. If, however, you would prefer table linens, your caterer must provide. All tables are rectangular 6 footers. There are no round tables.

A large screen is available in the parish hall for photo or video presentations during the reception.

Funeral and Memorial Service Fees*

Rector's

Rector's Discretionary Fund ----- \$300
(This fund is used to meet charitable needs in the parish & in the
Community.)

Musician Fees:

Organist – (includes playing for service, consultation, & contracting ---- \$300
of any other musician)**

Cantor/Soloist (optional) ----- \$150

Flowers:

Flowers (if arrangement is provided by Altar Guild) ----- \$275

Reception Fees:

Reception for St. Paul's members ----- \- No Charge

Reception room for non-members ----- \$400

Memorial Garden:

Cremains interred in the Memorial Garden with brass plaque ----- \$350

Place-holding Rosette ----- \$75

*Rates can be reduced or waived for financial hardship

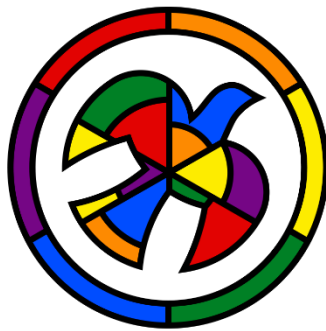
**The Director of Music will coordinate arrangements with any outside musicians

For more information about funeral and memorial service planning at St. Paul's, please contact:

The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care

Email: gcrichton@stpaulsrva.org

Phone: (804) 545-5415



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