



# *Burial*

*Planning for a Burial at St. Bartholomew's*  
Vigil ✦ Service ✦ Committal ✦ Music ✦ Flowers ✦ Reception

*“Someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ You foolish one! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as God has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body .... 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 .... Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet .... Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-44, 51-52, 54b*

This booklet has information to assist you in planning a funeral service and other activities around the time of a death. First, review “Christian Burial” which gives information about funerals at St. Bartholomew’s. You will then be prepared to complete “Planning a Funeral” either alone or with a family member and/or a clergy person.

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

“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.’ 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.”

Burial plans at the time of death should be made by the family in consultation with the parish clergy. Burial services are best held in the church using one of the prescribed rites of the church. The burial service in the Episcopal Church is found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, “The Burial of the Dead”, p. 491.

### ***The Vigil***

A vigil may be a helpful way for family and friends to come together for a pastoral visit and prayers before the burial service. A vigil, found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, may be held at the church, the home, or the funeral home where the body is kept before the service.

### ***The Burial Service***

At the burial service, relatives and friends may read lessons and prayers, present the bread and wine at the offertory. A member of the clergy preaches a sermon. Eulogies, by themselves, are not typical in the Episcopal Church, however, the *Prayer Book* does allow for brief words from a family member or a friend. Please discuss with the clergy any particular requests you may have.

### ***The Committal***

A brief Service of Committal at the cemetery or in the St. Joseph of Arimathea Memorial Garden at St. Bartholomew's, restricted to the family or open to all, comes typically after the burial service. There is also a simple burial rite for those who are not professed Christians. Information regarding interment in the St. Joseph of Arimathea Memorial Garden at St. Bartholomew's is available from the church. Cremated remains/ashes are placed in a simple linen bag and placed directly into the ground. Fee: \$600.

### ***The Presence of the Body***

Where possible, the body or cremated remains of the person who has died are present in the church for the burial service. The casket is closed and covered with a pall upon entry into the church (provided by the church), as are the cremated remains, signifying the equality of all before God.

### ***The Paschal Candle***

The paschal candle, used at all burial services, is a visual reminder of the connection between Christian death and the Easter mystery.

### ***Reception***

St. Bartholomew's offers to host a reception for parishioners who have died. This is coordinated by the Parish Life Committee. Attendees are encouraged to bring finger-food for the reception.

Fee: \$100 for use of space. (fees are subject to change)

*Receptions for non-parishioners are the responsibility of the family.*

### ***Flowers***

Flowers in the church are limited to those placed at the altar, arranged by the flower guild. Other floral arrangements from family and friends may be placed in the Brooks Room where the family meets before the liturgy, in the outer narthex, or in the parish hall for the reception.

Fees: \$150 for the altar arrangement and flowers around the paschal candle, \$100 for an arrangement in the parish hall for the reception, and an additional \$4 for each table arrangement.

## **Music**

In keeping with the Easter theology of the burial liturgy, hymns for the service emphasize the resurrection of the dead. Often families do not know where to turn when thinking of hymns - if there is no clear wish from the deceased about funeral hymns, friends and family will turn to "favorite" hymns, whether or not they have a place in a burial liturgy. There are many hymns that fit well into a burial service; below is a list of appropriate hymns, and all of them have been sung at St. Bartholomew's. It is important to note that congregational hymns are limited to those found in hymnals approved for use by the Episcopal Church and various supplements. The director of music can assist you with this information. If your requested hymn is not found in these materials, it may be incorporated into the prelude music.

## **Hymnal 1982**

208 Alleluia, the strife is o'er  
210 The day of resurrection  
287 For all the saints (vs. 1-4)  
335 I am the bread of life (vs. 4-5)  
354 Into paradise may the angels lead you  
357 Jesus, Son of Mary  
358 Christ the Victorious  
383 Fairest Lord Jesus  
390 Praise to the Lord  
410 Praise my soul the king of heaven  
429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath  
457 Thou art the Way, to thee alone  
460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
473 Lift high the cross  
482 Lord of all hopefulness  
490 I want to walk as a child of the light  
492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness  
517 How lovely is thy dwelling place  
526 Let saints on earth in concert sing  
618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones  
623 O what their joy and their glory must be  
625 Ye holy angels bright  
635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
636 How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord

645 The king of love my shepherd is  
662 Abide with me  
664 My shepherd will supply my need  
665 All my hope on God is founded  
671 Amazing grace  
680 O God our help in ages past  
688 A mighty fortress  
690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
693 Just as I am

### ***Lift Every Voice & Sing II***

54 Nearer, my God, to thee  
55 How great thou art  
56 In the garden  
106 Precious Lord, take my hand  
189 Great is thy faithfulness

### ***Memorial Gifts***

In place of flowers, it is usual for families to suggest memorial gifts to the church, to the St. Bartholomew's Endowment Fund, or to a charity of your choosing.

### ***Funeral Homes & Cremation Societies***

Many funeral homes and cremation societies allow for pre-planning and pre-payment. If you have made arrangements with a funeral home or a cremation society, let the clergy know, and include the name and number of the funeral home or society in the planning information that follows.

## PLANNING A FUNERAL

*Please read the previous section "Christian Burial" before completing this form. If you have any questions, please contact the clergy at (404) 634-3336.*

Plans for (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Name and address of the person(s) responsible for making arrangements for the burial service:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*and/or*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have made arrangements with a funeral home or cremation society, please indicate the name and address and what the arrangements are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Arrangements:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the body is to be cremated, please check here .....

If the body or cremated remains are not to be at the church for the service, please check here .....

Where is the body or cremated remains to be laid to rest?

If in St. Joseph's of Arimathea Memorial Garden, please check here .....

Fee: \$600.

or check here if the burial will be at an alternate location ·

Please provide name and address of alternate location

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you want pallbearers, please list below those men and women you would like to serve:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If the family members do not want to walk in procession behind the coffin or the cremated remains, please check here .....

How many family will attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many people do you anticipate will attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many do you anticipate will receive communion? \_\_\_\_\_

**The Readings**

*Please check which reading from the Old Testament you prefer to be read: (a booklet with each reading in full is available)*

- Isaiah 25: 6-9                       Wisdom 3: 1-5, 9
- Isaiah 61: 1-3                       Job 19: 21-27a
- Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check which Psalm you prefer to be read after the First reading:*

- Psalm 23                               Psalm 27
- Psalm 42                               Psalm 46
- Psalm 90                               Psalm 106
- Psalm 116                               Psalm 121
- Psalm 130                               Psalm 139

*Please check the reading from the New Testament you prefer to be read:*

- 1John 3:1-2                       Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39  
 Revelation 7:9-17               Revelation 21:2-7  
 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:9  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check which Gospel you would prefer to have read:*

- John 5: 24-27                       John 10: 11-16  
 John 14: 1-6                         John 6: 37-40  
 John 11: 21-27                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Readers**

*If family members or friends are to read the Old and New Testament lessons, please list their names below:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list which hymn (see suggested hymns in the section on "Christian Burial") you would like used after the second reading:*

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Remarks**

*If there is a particular person you would like to speak following the Homily, please list:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Homily (a short sermon)**

*If there is a particular priest you would like to preach, please list:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Music**

*Using the list of hymns in the section "Christian Burial" and in consultation with the parish clergy (and organist if necessary), please indicate the music for the service:*

*Three to four hymns are ample.*

Prelude: \_\_\_\_\_

Sequence Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymns: \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Postlude: \_\_\_\_\_

**Oblation Bearers**

*If there are particular people you would like to bring forward the communion elements, please list them*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acolytes**

*If there are acolytes you would like to invite to serve, please name them here:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ushers**

If there are particular ushers you would like to invite to serve, please name them here:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to have a reception at the church or elsewhere? \_\_\_\_\_

(Fee: \$100 for basic usage.)

**In Lieu of Flowers**

*As gifts flowers are not used in the Nave (the worship space), please check to whom you would prefer that people make donations to instead of flowers:*

*St. Bartholomew's* .....

*or*

*The Endowment Fund* .....

*or*

*Another charity of your choice* .... .

*Please describe here including the necessary address (es):*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments or Notes:

## Concerning Fees

Offering the Burial Service is an important part of our life together as a Christian community. We are here for one another; the Burial Service is one of the many things that we do for one another. While there is no charge for the Burial Service, there are fees associated with optional items that cannot be absorbed by the budget.

### Flowers

If you wish to have flowers, the Flower Guild will make the arrangements at cost.

\$150 for the altar arrangement and flowers around the paschal candle,

\$100 for an arrangement in the parish hall for the reception

\$4 for each table arrangement.

### Reception

If you wish to have a reception in the Parish Hall following the service, the Parish Life committee will host the reception and there is a basic setup fee of

\$100 to cover the cost of building usage and supply items used at the reception.

### Memorial Garden

The fee for the Committal of Ashes in the Memorial Garden is \$600 which covers the internment, upkeep, and a small bronze plaque on the wall listing name and dates.

### Honorariums

Clergy and the Organist/Choirmaster do not charge for Burial Services. Honorariums are welcomed, not required. If a guest organist is required, there is a standard fee of \$350.

# Ministration at the Time of Death

*When a person is near death, the Minister of the Congregation should be notified, in order that the ministrations of the Church may be provided.*

## *A Prayer for a Person near Death*

Almighty God, look on this your servant, lying in great weakness, and comfort him with the promise of life everlasting, given in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Litany at the Time of Death**

*When possible, it is desirable that members of the family and friends come together to join in the Litany.*

God the Father, *Have mercy on your servant.*

God the Son, *Have mercy on your servant.*

God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on your servant.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on your servant.*

From all evil, from all sin, from all tribulation, *Good Lord, deliver him.*

By your holy Incarnation, by your Cross and Passion, by your precious Death and Burial, *Good Lord, deliver him.*

By your glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Spirit, *Good Lord, deliver him.*

We sinners beseech you to hear us, Lord Christ: That it may please you to deliver the soul of your servant from the power of evil, and from eternal death, *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please you mercifully to pardon all *his* sins, *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please you to grant *him* a place of refreshment and everlasting blessedness, *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please you to give *him* joy and gladness in your kingdom, with your saints in light, *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Jesus, Lamb of God: *Have mercy on him.*

Jesus, bearer of our sins: *Have mercy on him.*

Jesus, redeemer of the world: *Give him your peace.*

Lord, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
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*The Officiant says this Collect*

Let us pray.

Deliver your servant, *N.*, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set *him* free from every bond; that *he* may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Commendation at the Time of Death*

Depart, O Christian soul, out of this world; In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created you; In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed you; In the Name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you. May your rest be this day in peace, and your dwelling place in the Paradise of God.

*A Commendatory Prayer*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *N.* Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

May *his* soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*



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