



Burial

Planning for a Burial at St. Bartholomew's

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.”

I 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 one altar arrangement; \$100 for reception arrangement.

Audio-Visual

If you would like the service live-streamed, there will be a \$200 fee for audio-visual use.

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

- 42 He Lives
43 Because He Lives
54 Nearer, my God, to thee
59 My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me
60 How great thou art
69 In the garden
106 Precious Lord, take my hand
189 Great is thy faithfulness
191 His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Memorial Gifts

In place of flowers, it is usual for families to suggest memorial gifts to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal 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 who 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

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

- Psalm 23 Psalm 27
- Psalm 42:1-7 Psalm 46
- Psalm 90 :1-12 Psalm 106:1-5
- Psalm 116 Psalm 121
- Psalm 130 Psalm 139:1-11

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

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

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

Readers

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Remarks

If there is a particular person you would like to speak, please list:

(Maximum time of 3 minutes)

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: \$125 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 one arrangement
- \$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 \$125 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.

NOTES



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