

## Planning a Burial Service at St Michael's

### Overview

Please know that the clergy, staff and congregation of St Michael's offer their prayers and sympathy at this time.

Planning a Burial Service for a family member or a friend can be challenging. It is often fraught with emotion related to pain and sorrow over loss and death. Culturally, we are reinforced with the message that death is to be treated with grief. Yet the Christian perspective is that death is one aspect of life that leads to new life through the promise given to us in Jesus Christ -- and as a result, we go to the grave with shouts of "Alleluia." Know that grieving is a natural and appropriate response to death. Our prayer is that the Burial (Memorial) service can be helpful to alleviating your loss.

Here is an excellent summary of this theology as found in the *Book of Common Prayer* (p. 507):

*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 un-Christian. 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 the one whom we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

This is a guide to help you with those choices based on the Burial Service and theology about death as found in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

### First Things

Before you look at the details of the worship service, you will want to think about some of the following as they will have implications on the details of planning a Burial Service:

- Body (embalmed); Body (unembalmed); Cremation?
- Location(s) of Service (Church, Funeral Parlor, Grave Site, etc)
- Will there be a viewing of the body (or family receiving period prior to the service)?
- Who will lead the Burial Service? Will there be a preacher?
- Who will assist in the service (ushers, acolytes, EM, lectors, intercessor, pall-bearers)?
- Will you want a reception afterwards?

You should also plan financially for a service. The costs to be arranged with the Funeral Director (and associated services) can be quite steep. On the other hand, the costs associated for a Burial Service at St Michael's are rather modest. They are as follows:

- Officiant: \$0  
(There is no fee for the services of a Priest. Any honorarium goes into the Priest's discretionary fund used to help the poor and needy.)
- Music Director/Organist: \$100
- Reception Meal: \$3/person  
(There is an option of four menus that can be arranged with the Reception Team.)
- Remains placed in the Columbarium: \$500 (with a \$250 reservation deposit)
- Remains placed in the Memorial Garden: \$0

There are some quirks associated with an Episcopal Burial Service. Here are some details that may not be largely known:

- The Priest of St Michael's should be contacted as soon as possible after the death.
- The time and date of the funeral should be planned to coordinate all parties of interest (the family, the Church, the Priest, the Funeral Director, etc).
- The service is to be simple -- to concentrate the liturgical action on the theme of resurrected life. Simple music; simple appointments. The color is white to remind us of the Easter story.
- There are to be no elaborate flower arrangements in the sanctuary. A modest flower arrangement can be ordered/placed behind the altar with the agreement of the Priest. (Other flower arrangements can be placed in the Narthex or Emrich Room.)
- There are to be no photos of the deceased in the sanctuary. Photos (or slide shows) may be arranged for in the Narthex.
- If there is a viewing in the Narthex, the casket will be closed and remained closed once the service begins in the Sanctuary. A white pall will cover the casket or urn during the liturgy.

Our prayer at St Michael's is that you will find the sacrament of the Burial Service as a consolation and comfort. Our goal is to clarify anything that is unclear about planning the service and to be pastorally responsive to your needs.

You will be encouraged to complete a form with your directions about the Burial Service at St Michael's. This form can be found in Appendix F (pp. 23-25) and can be filled out with the guidance of the rest of this document and Appendices A-E.

## Liturgical Choices

### Introduction

There are several options for prayers, hymns and other details of a Burial Service. This is a guide designed for family members to make those choices in conjunction with the Priest and the Music Director. The primary resources used are the *Book of Common Prayer* and *The 1982 Hymnal*. Additional (and permissible) resources are available and listed in Appendix A (found on p. 6).

Planning a Burial Service can be a highly emotional experience. If the choices are overwhelming, know that the Priest and Music Director are happy to make suggestions and/or design the service in its entirety.

### First Choice: The Burial Rite

It is necessary to understand the shape of the Burial Service to begin to make choices<sup>1</sup>. The service is comprised of:

- The Entrance
- The Liturgy of the Word [and Homily]
- The Prayers
- [Eucharist: The Peace, Offertory and Communion]
- The Commendation<sup>2</sup>, or the Committal<sup>3</sup>

So the first choice to be made is selecting the "Rite" of Burial and in deciding whether a Eucharist will be part of that Rite. (Note that it is strongly encouraged to have Eucharist as part of the Burial Rite. Not only is Communion a shared meal for the gathered community, it also is a reminder of the promises made to us through Christ's death and resurrection. Both are helpful to resolve our grief over death and to celebrate the new life that is to come.)

The Rites for Burial are as follows:

- Rite One, pp. 469 of the BCP.
- Rite Two, beginning on p. 491 of the BCP.
- An Order for Burial, p. 506-7 of the BCP

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<sup>1</sup> The assumption is that the service is being held at St Michael's. If the service is held at a Funeral Home or cemetery or some other venue, there may be some variations to the service that can be discussed with the Priest.

<sup>2</sup> The Commendation is "commending" the body (or remains) into God's arms and mercy. The service (at St Michael's) ends with the Commendation if the body is to be borne away to a site other than the Church for the committal (returning the body/remains to the ground; i.e., a final resting place), like a cemetery.

<sup>3</sup> The Committal is the combination of commending the body to God and of returning the body to the ground (final resting place). The service will end with the Committal if the remains of the deceased are to be placed immediately in the Columbarium or Memorial Garden.

The most familiar liturgy for members of St Michael's is Rite Two. This prayer uses modern language and encourages lay leadership and participation in the service. On the other hand, for those who love language reminiscent of the 1928 Prayer Book and/or who enjoy the Rite I Eucharistic prayer, the Rite One service may be selected. The third option, An Order for Burial, is rarely used. An example of when it might be used is when the deceased is estranged from the Church or has never been a member of the Church or is perhaps not Christian, even.

If Eucharist is to be a part of the service, the next choice is to select a Eucharistic Prayer. If the Burial Service selected were Rite One, the Eucharistic Prayer would be Rite I (pp. 333-342 of the BCP). If the Burial Service selected is Rite Two, the Eucharistic Prayers choices<sup>4</sup> include:

- Eucharistic Prayer A, p. 361-366 of the BCP
- Eucharistic Prayer B, p. 367-369 of the BCP
- Eucharistic Prayer C, p. 369-372 of the BCP
- Eucharistic Prayer D, p. 372-375 of the BCP

#### Details of The Burial Rite

After you have selected the Burial Rite and decided on a Eucharistic Prayer, there are still several choices to be made regarding prayers and scripture readings throughout. Some people want to examine each and every choice; some prefer to have the priest make all selections; and most of us are somewhere in the middle (picking out scripture readings, for example). A step-by-step document has been compiled for each of the Burial Rites:

- Burial of the Dead: Rite One, Appendix B (found on p. 7).
- Burial of the Dead: Rite Two, Appendix C (found on p. 9).

#### Second Choice: The Music

It is not necessary to have music at a Burial service although hymns often have deep emotional resonance and can help celebrate and resolve a death. Music selection should be done with the Music Director (or Priest). Not all music is appropriate for a Burial service so final selection of hymns, anthems and solos will be left to the Music Director. And the Music Director should assign the musician(s) to play or sing and the corresponding appropriate fees to be paid to those musicians.

There are typically four hymns selected for a Burial service:

- Processional
- Sequence (sung prior to the Gospel reading)
- [Communion]
- Recessional

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<sup>4</sup> Note that Eucharistic Prayers from *Enriching Our Worship I* are also appropriate. The text of those can be made available upon request.

The musician may also play a prelude and/or postlude of his/her own choosing. And instrumental music may be played during the offertory. Occasionally, a soloist may sing during the offertory or during the prelude.

Finally, service music can also be selected for the liturgy (for example; the Lord's Prayer, *Sanctus*, and/or the entrance anthem). Likewise, the psalm can be sung or chanted, if desired. These choices usually are not made unless a large portion of St Michael's membership will be in the congregation who will be familiar with the music.

Appropriate hymn choices can be found in Appendix D (found on pp. 11-12).

## Final Things

A word about preparing for death: we are all mortal; we will all die; and if our hope is in the Resurrection, we can anticipate the joy of being reunited with our Creator. This promise is made to us in several instances in scripture. For example:

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

Many have reservations about cremation versus allowing the body to be buried -- and some of these concerns are raised because of scriptural references to one's body be raised upon the second coming of Jesus Christ. This theology seems to limit God's ability. The One who is all-powerful will be able to reconstitute our essence or being in a way that is pleasing to God. The One who has created us will be reunited with God's creation, as God desires -- whether our mortal remains are a decomposing body or combusted pieces of bone and sinew. For in death, we are but dust, and to dust we shall return. But soon we will be reunited with God forever. Alleluia!

And finally, there are two other kinds of liturgies or services relating to death that will not be addressed in this document, but that you may want to explore for use surrounding the death of someone you love. Just prior to death, there are several **prayer and litany options as one approaches death** (this is commonly referred to as "Last Rites"). This is a service that can help family and friends pray with one who is near death -- being both a comfort to the dying and to those who grieve and mourn the impending loss. Likewise, there are services that act as a **memorial or remembrance of the dead**. The celebration of All Saints Day (November 1) is one of these. But there can be specific memorials held at other significant time points. Talk to the Priest if you want to explore these options.

Appendix A: Resources for Planning a Burial Services and/or Ministry to the Dying

Prayer Books

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Enriching our Worship 1*

*Enriching our Worship 2 (Ministry with the Sick or Dying; Burial of a Child)*

*Enriching our Worship 3 (Burial Rites for Adults together with a Rite for the Burial of a Child)*

*Enriching our Worship 5 (Liturgies and Prayers Related to Childbearing, Childbirth, and Loss)*

Hymnals

*The 1982 Hymnal*

*Wonder, Love and Praise*

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

Websites

<http://www.bcponline.org>

[http://www.episcopalarchives.org/e-archives/acts/source\\_doc/2009/2009-A102\\_enrich\\_worship.pdf](http://www.episcopalarchives.org/e-archives/acts/source_doc/2009/2009-A102_enrich_worship.pdf)

<http://www.hymnary.org>

## Appendix B: Liturgical choices to be made in a Rite One Burial Service

For lack of more precise terminology, there are "minor" and "major" choices in determining a Rite One Burial Service. In the following outline, the "minor" choices are indicated in *italic print*; whereas the "major" choices are in regular and **bold print**. The Book of Common Prayer is abbreviated by BCP. The rubrics for this service are on BCP, 468 and the service starts on BCP, 469.

1. Choose which anthem is said/sung at the start of the service (there are four choices<sup>5</sup>):
  - *"I am the resurrection and the life ...* BCP, 469
  - *"I know that my Redeemer liveth ...* BCP, 469
  - *"For none of us liveth to himself ...* BCP, 469
  - *"Blessed are the dead ...* BCP, 469
2. Choose a **Processional Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
3. Choose one of the *Collects* BCP, 470
4. Choose the **1st Reading** of Scripture (see Appendix E, p. 13) BCP, 470
  - Isaiah 25:6-9
  - Isaiah 61:1-3
  - Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33
  - Wisdom 3:1-5, 9
  - Job 19:21-27a
5. Choose the **Psalm** to follow the first reading ((see Appendix E, p. 14) BCP, 471-475
6. Choose the **2nd Reading** of Scripture (see Appendix E, p. 17) BCP, 475
  - Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39
  - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9
  - 1 John 3:1-2
  - Revelation 7:9-17
  - Revelation 21:2-7
7. Choose the **Sequence Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)  
(Or, a psalm could be said or sung instead -- Appendix E, p. 19) BCP, 476-479

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<sup>5</sup> Any one, or more, of the four choices (as indicated) can be said.

8. Choose the **Gospel** reading (see Appendix E, p. 21) BCP, 480
- John 5:24-27
  - John 6:37-40
  - John 10:11-16
  - John 11:21-27
  - John 14:1-6
9. Choose whether you want a **Sermon** to follow the readings and who will preach it. (Note that the Priest of St Michael's typically preaches the sermon and she/he has the final say on whether it is delivered by someone else.)
10. *The Apostles' Creed will be said unless there are circumstances that indicate otherwise.*
11. Choose whether there will be a **Eucharist (Communion)** or not. If there is no communion, the Lord's Prayer will be said here. Otherwise, the Prayers of the People will be said. (BCP, 480).
13. If there is to be a Eucharist, Rite I will be prayed. BCP, 333
- 13a. Choose if there is to be an Offertory Hymn or instrumental music*
- 13a. Choose a **Communion Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
14. Choose whether the body/remains will be interred at St Michael's in the **Columbarium or Memorial Garden** and whether this will occur as part of the service. If so, the service continues directly with the **Committal** (preceded by a hymn). BCP, 484
- 14a. Choose a **Recessional Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
15. If the body/remains will be buried somewhere other than St Michael's, the service will end with the **Commendation** (succeeded by a hymn). BCP, 482
- 15a. Choose a **Recessional Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
- 15b. If the body/remains are to be interred elsewhere immediately after the service (or even at some later date), the **Committal** portion of the Rite can be said at that location. BCP, 484



## Appendix C: Liturgical choices to be made in a Rite Two Burial Service

For lack of more precise terminology, there are "minor" and "major" choices in determining a Rite Two Burial Service. In the following outline, the "minor" choices are indicated in *italic print*; whereas the "major" choices are in regular and **bold print**. The Book of Common Prayer is abbreviated by BCP. The rubrics for this service are on BCP, 490 and the service starts on BCP, 491.

1. *Choose which anthem is said/sung at the start of the service (there are five choices<sup>6</sup>):*
  - *"I am Resurrection and I am Life ...* BCP, 491
  - *"As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives ...* BCP, 491
  - *"For none of us has life in himself ...* BCP, 491
  - *"Happy from now on ...* BCP, 492
  - *"In the midst of life we are in death ...* BCP, 492
2. Choose a **Processional Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
3. *Choose one of the Collects* BCP, 493-4
4. Choose the **1st Reading** of Scripture (see Appendix E, p. 13) BCP, 494
  - Isaiah 25:6-9
  - Isaiah 61:1-3
  - Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33
  - Wisdom 3:1-5, 9
  - Job 19:21-27a
5. Choose the **Psalm** to follow the first reading (see Appendix E, p. 14) BCP, 494
6. Choose the **2nd Reading** of Scripture (see Appendix E, p. 17) BCP, 495
  - Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39
  - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9
  - 1 John 3:1-2
  - Revelation 7:9-17
  - Revelation 21:2-7
7. Choose the **Sequence Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)  
(Or, a psalm could be said or sung instead -- Appendix E, p. 19) BCP, 495

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<sup>6</sup> Any one, or more, of the first four choices (as indicated) can be said. Or the fifth choice (alone) can be said. The first set is spoken by an officiant only. The final choice is responsive between the officiant and the congregation.

8. Choose the **Gospel** reading (see Appendix E, p. 21) BCP, 495
- John 5:24-27
  - John 6:37-40
  - John 10:11-16
  - John 11:21-27
  - John 14:1-6
9. Choose whether you want a **Sermon** to follow the readings and who will preach it. (Note that the Priest of St Michael's typically preaches the sermon and she/he has the final say on whether it is delivered by someone else.)
10. *The Apostles' Creed will be said unless there are circumstances that indicate otherwise.*
11. Choose whether there will be a **Eucharist (Communion)** or not. If there is no communion, the Lord's Prayer will be said here. Otherwise, the Prayers of the People will be said.
12. *Choose a form for Prayers of the People* *BCP, 497 (or 465 or 480)*
13. If there is to be a Eucharist, choose the **Eucharistic Prayer** BCP, 361 (or 367, 369, 372)
- 13a. Choose if there is to be an Offertory Hymn or instrumental music*
- 13a. Choose a **Communion Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
14. Choose whether the body/remains will be interred at St Michael's in the **Columbarium or Memorial Garden** and whether this will occur as part of the service. If so, the service continues directly with the **Committal** (preceded by a hymn). BCP, 501
- 14a. Choose a **Recessional Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
15. If the body/remains will be buried somewhere other than St Michael's, the service will end with the **Commendation** (succeeded by a hymn). BCP, 499
- 15a. Choose a **Recessional Hymn** (see Appendix D, pp. 11-12)
- 15b. If the body/remains are to be interred elsewhere immediately after the service (or even at some later date), the **Committal** portion of the Rite can be said at that location. BCP, 501

## Appendix D: Hymn Choices for a Burial Service

### The 1982 Hymnal

151	From deepest woe I cry to thee	based on Psalm 130
645, 646	The King of love my shepherd is	based on Psalm 23
658	As longs the deer for cooling streams	based on Psalm 42:1-7
663	The Lord my God my shepherd is	based on Psalm 23
664	My Shepherd will supply my need	based on Psalm 23
666	Out of the depths I call	based on Psalm 130
668	I to the hills will lift mine eyes	based on Psalm 121
680	O God, our help in ages past	based on Psalm 90:1-5
687, 688	A mighty fortress is our God	based on Psalm 46
444	The Christ who died but rose again	paraphrase of Canticle 4 & 16
499	Lord God, you now have set your servant free	paraphrase of Canticle 5 & 17
194, 195	Jesus lives! thy terrors now	
208	Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done	
287	For all the saints, who from their labors rest	
326	From glory to glory advancing	
338	Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants	
354	Into paradise may the angels lead you	
355	Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s)	
356	May choirs of angels lead you	
357	Jesus, Son of Mary	
358	Christ the Victorious, give to your servants	
429	I'll praise my Maker, while I've breath	
447	The Christ who died but rose again	
455, 456	O Love of God, strong and true	
487	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life	
517	How lovely is thy dwelling-place	
560	Remember your servants, Lord	
620	Jerusalem, my happy home	
621, 622	Light's abode, celestial Salem	
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, 637	How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord	
665	All my hope on God is founded	
690	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah	
692	I heard the voice of Jesus say	

Wonder, Love and Praise

760 O wheat whose crushing was for bread  
762 I am the bread of life  
765 O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us  
770, 771 O God of gentle strength  
775 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days  
776 No saint of earth lives life to self alone  
791 Peace before us  
793 Here, O Lord, your servants gather  
799 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide  
801 God be with you till we meet again  
810 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
811 You shall cross the barren desert  
816, 817 Christ is risen from the dead

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

103 Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus  
106 Precious Lord, take my hand  
180 I got a robe up in-a that kingdom  
181 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
188 When peace like a river  
190 If when you give the best of your service  
204 When waves of affliction sweep over the soul  
207 We are often tossed and driv'n  
213 Children of the heav'nly Father

## Appendix E. Choices for the Scripture Readings in a Burial Service

Note that the scripture readings below are those suggested for the Burial Service in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Other readings may be permitted upon consultation with the Priest.

### First Reading (from the Hebrew Scriptures)

#### Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death for ever)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured 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 for ever. 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 (To comfort those who mourn)

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 broken-hearted, 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 Lord is good to those who wait for him)

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.

#### Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)

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 a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others 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 holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Job 19:21-27a (I know that my redeemer lives)

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 for ever! 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, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My  
heart faints within me!

Psalm after the 1st Reading

Psalm 42:1-7 (BCP, 643)

- 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 holy-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 (BCP, 649)

- 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 (BCP, 717)

- 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 121 (BCP, 779)

- 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 (BCP, 784)

- 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 (BCP, 794)

- 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.

Second Reading (from the New Testament)

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)

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 (The imperishable body)

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.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)

So 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 (We shall be like him)

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 (God will wipe away every tear)

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 around 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 for ever 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 (Behold, I make all things new)

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.'

Psalm after the 2nd Reading

Psalm 23 (BCP, 612)

- 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 27 (BCP, 617)

- 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.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*

- he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

Psalm 106:1-5 (BCP, 741)

- 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 \*  
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 (BCP, 759)

- 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!

### Gospel Reading

John 5:24-27 (He who believes has everlasting life)

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 (All that the Father gives me will come to me)

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)

'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 (I am the resurrection and the life)

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. 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 (In my Father's house are many rooms)

'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

Appendix F. Form to be filed at St Michael's regarding Burial Service instructions.

**Pre-arrangements**

Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Date of Death:	
Next of Kin (Relation to Deceased):	
Contact Info for Family:	

Funeral Home:	
Do you have a pre-arranged plan there?	

Desire to be cremated?

- No
- Yes, before the Service
- Yes, after the Service

Desire to have a visitation at St Michael's prior to the Service (and please indicate if there will be an open or closed casket, if applicable)?

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Desire to have remains interred at St Michael's (if applicable)?

- Columbarium
- Memorial Garden

If the Burial Service is to be done at a place other than St Michael's, please describe the place and indicate any special details/arrangements to be made:

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Is St Michael's included in the will of the Deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions for the Burial Service

Will the Service be Rite One \_\_\_\_ or Rite Two \_\_\_\_ ?

Will there be a Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Rite I \_\_\_\_\_  
Rite II, A \_\_\_\_\_  
Rite II, B \_\_\_\_\_  
Rite II, C \_\_\_\_\_  
Rite II, D \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1st Reading

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

#### 2nd Reading

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

#### Psalm after 1st Reading

\_\_\_ 42:1-7  
\_\_\_ 46  
\_\_\_ 90:1-12  
\_\_\_ 121  
\_\_\_ 130  
\_\_\_ 139:1-11

#### Psalm after 2nd Reading (optional)

\_\_\_ 23  
\_\_\_ 27  
\_\_\_ 106:1-5  
\_\_\_ 116

#### Gospel Reading

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

Will there be a Sermon? \_\_\_\_\_

Homilist: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Hymns

Processional \_\_\_\_\_  
Sequence \_\_\_\_\_  
Communion \_\_\_\_\_  
Recessional \_\_\_\_\_  
[Other] \_\_\_\_\_



