



**ST PATRICK'S**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# **Customary Funeral & Memorial Service**

For: \_\_\_\_\_

*St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30338  
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## **Funeral / Memorial Service Customary**

This customary has been designed to assist families in decisions concerning the service celebrating the life of their loved one.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. There is no charge for the use of St. Patrick's Nave for a funeral or memorial service, nor is there a charge for use of the Parish Hall for a reception.
2. In the case of cremation, there is a \$2,000.00 fee for a niche in St. Patrick's Columbarium in the Chapel. Spouses/Partners may reserve a space next to their loved one for an additional \$2,000.00 non-refundable fee. We do not sell urns. Your urn must fit the niche, or you may simply choose to use the box in which the ashes are presented. Niches are 12" width, 9" height, 8.75" depth. Please be prepared to give the Parish Administrator your loved one's favorite Bible verse for the nameplate, if desired.
2. There is no charge for the Service of Burial. Please provide the Director of Communications with a photo, if desired, for the front of the Altar. Also, please provide the Director of Communications with an obituary or other suitable family history for inclusion in an email notice of the service. This Customary gives suggested texts and hymns, and the Celebrant will assist the family in making choices. The Clergy will obtain Verger, Chalice Bearers, Lectors, Crucifer, and Ushers as needed for the service. Please give the names of Pall Bearers and other participants, such as musicians and eulogists, to the Clergy for inclusion in the Order of Service.
3. There is no charge for the Celebrant's services, but it is customary for the family to make a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The Discretionary Fund gives the Rector means to assist people and projects in the parish at his/her discretion. Please make a check payable to "St. Patrick's Episcopal Church" and indicate "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo field.
4. If the Music Director or another musician plays at the service, a check should be made to him/her personally for \$350. Please provide payment to the church office at least one day prior to the service.
5. The Parish Hall is available for no charge for a reception space. The family should contact the head of Funeral Receptions Ministry concerning the time and set-up.
6. Flowers for the service will be arranged for by the Altar Guild. Other flowers that arrive at the parish in honor of the deceased may be set in the Narthex.
7. Please contact the Parish Administrator with any questions (770-455-6523).

**Funeral / Memorial Service Information**

Rite 1  Rite II  Memorial Service  Casket  Urn

Place of Funeral: Church  Chapel

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Does family wish to: Process In  Be seated

Number of rows reserved for family: \_\_\_\_\_, for pallbearers: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Lessons:

OT \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_

NT \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_

Hymns: Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_ Sequence: \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory  Communion

Procession into the World: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Eucharistic Prayer: Rite 1  Rite 2  A  B  C  D

Other Readers \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Acolytes \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Ministers \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Graveside / Interment Service  Following the Funeral

Date/Time, if other than after funeral: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Reception at St. Patrick's  Reception Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Funeral Arrangement Form**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Burial Office for (full name): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Cause of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized  Confirmed  Communicant

Date of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Family contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (O) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Visitation Times: \_\_\_\_\_ Visitation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

*Contacts:* Organist: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Acolyte: \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Ministers: \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Guild: \_\_\_\_\_ Ushers: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
BURIAL OF THE DEAD RITE II & HOLY EUCHARIST**

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Opening Anthems	BCP 491
Opening Collects	BCP 493
Psalm 23	BCP 612
Epistle	
<i>The people stand.</i>	
Holy Gospel	
Homily	The Rev. P. Richard Game
The Apostles Creed	BCP 496
The Petitions	BCP 497
Holy Eucharist	
Eucharistic Prayer ____	BCP ____
Holy, Holy, Holy . . .	BCP 362
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
The Communion	
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 498
Commendation Anthems	BCP 499
Blessing	BCP 500
Dismissal	BCP 500

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### *From the Old Testament*

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

Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort those who mourn)

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good to those who wait for him)

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

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

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalm are appropriate: 42:1-7, 46, 90:1-12, 121, 130, 139:1-11

### *From the New Testament*

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

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)

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

1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)

Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear)

Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 23, 27, 106:1-5, 116.

### *The Gospel*

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

John 6:37-40 (All that the Father gives me will come to me)

John 10:11-16 (I am the good shepherd)

John 11:21-27 (I am the resurrection and the life)

John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house are many rooms)

*Here there may be a homily by the Celebrant, or a member of the family, or a friend.*

*The Apostle's Creed may then be said, all standing.*

*If there is not to be a Communion, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers of the People or other prayer.*

*When there is Communion, the prayer form on BCP 497 is used.*

*The service continues with the Peace and the Offertory.*

Hymns may be inserted in the service as deemed appropriate.

In choosing hymns, consider carefully the theology that is reflected. Given our theology of resurrection, any of the Easter hymns (174-213) in our hymnal is appropriate for a burial rite. You might also consider the following:

A mighty fortress is our God	688
The King of love my shepherd is	645
Lift high the cross	473
O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height	432
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er	208
Alleluia, alleluia! give thanks to the risen Lord	178
For all the saints, who from their labors rest	287
All things bright and beautiful	405
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!	362
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy	482
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound	671
I am the bread of life	335
I come with joy to meet my Lord	304
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	390
O God our help in ages past	680
I sing a song of the saints of God	293

*Note: Hymns 335 and 390 are appropriate for Communion hymns.*



**The following paragraphs are included in the Service Bulletin:**

***Thank you*** for attending the memorial service for \_\_\_\_\_. If this is your first memorial service in an Episcopal Church, several elements of what we are doing may need explanation.

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all 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.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this service, or anything in connection with your own grief, please catch any one of the clergy afterwards. They will be glad to spend time with you.

*The family invites everyone to join them for a reception in the Parish Hall following this service.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to \_\_\_\_\_.*

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