



Christ the Servant Church

Funeral Service Planning Workbook

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Key Information

- Your Name: _____
- Date this guide was completed: _____
- Family contact name: _____
- Family contact phone number: _____
- Funeral Home Name: _____
- Funeral Home phone number: _____
- Funeral Preplanned? _____

Purpose of this Guide

- To assist you to plan your funeral service the way you would want it, to include the readings & songs that you would like, & remove the burden from your family members
- To coordinate your service with the various ministries (clergy, music, altar) in advance, to make sure that your wishes can be fulfilled

Funeral Mass – Outline (1)

- Introductory Rites
 - Greeting
 - Sprinkling with Holy Water
 - [Placing of the Pall]
 - Entrance Procession
 - [Placing of Christian Symbols]
 - Opening Prayer

Funeral Mass Outline (2)

- Liturgy of the Word

- Readings

- First Reading: _____

- Psalm: _____

- Second reading: _____

- Gospel: _____

- Homily

- General Intercessions

- Liturgy of the Eucharist

- [Words from the family]

Funeral Mass Outline (3)

- Final Commendation
 - Invitation to Prayer
 - Silence
 - [Signs of Farewell]
 - Song of Farewell
 - Prayer of Commendation
- Procession to Place of Committal

Music Suggestions (1)

- Pre-Mass Song

- My All in All
- Nearer than Before
- This is Holy Ground
- Breathe on me Breath of God

- Opening Song

- Make My Heart a Dwelling Place
- Shout to the Lord
- Step by Step
- Surround Us Lord
- Yahweh I know You Are Near

Music Suggestions (2)

- Psalm
 - The Lord's My Shepherd
 - On Eagle's Wings
- Procession of Gifts
 - Be Not Afraid
 - Give Thanks
 - How Great Thou Art
 - We are an Offering
- Communion Song
 - I am the Bread of Life
 - Here I am Lord
 - Lay Your Hands

Music Suggestions (3)

- Committal Song
 - Song of the Angels

- Closing Song
 - He is Exalted
 - And the Father Will Dance
 - Lord I Lift Your Name on High
 - You Shall be Clothed With Power
 - Be Exalted Oh God
 - Blest be the Lord

Old Testament Readings

- Job 19:1, 23-27
- Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6, 9
- Wisdom 4:7-15
- Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
- Lamentations 3:17-26
- Daniel 12:1-3
- 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

New Testament Readings (1)

- Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36, 42-43
- Romans 5:5-11
- Romans 5:17-21
- Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9
- Romans 8:14-23
- Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
- Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28 or 15:20-23
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

New Testament Readings (2)

- 2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
- Philippians 3:20-21
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- 1 John 3:1-2
- 1 John 3:14-16
- Revelation 14:13
- Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

Responsorial Psalms

- Psalm 23
- Psalm 25
- Psalm 27
- Psalm 42 and 43
- Psalm 63
- Psalm 103
- Psalm 116
- Psalm 122
- Psalm 130
- Psalm 143

Gospel Readings (1)

- Matthew 5:1-12a
- Matthew 11:25-30
- Matthew 25:1-13
- Matthew 25:31-46
- Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 or 15:33-39
- Luke 7:11-17
- Luke 12:35-40
- Luke 23:33, 39-43
- Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a or 23:44-46, 50, 52-53
- Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13-16, 28-35

Gospel Readings (2)

- John 5:24-29
- John 6:37-40
- John 6:51-58
- John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27
- John 11:32-45
- John 12:23-28 or 12:23-26
- John 14:1-6
- John 17:24-26
- John 19:17-18, 25-30