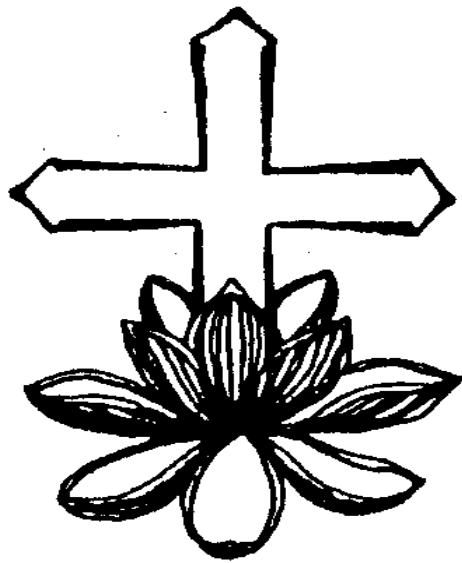


# FUNERAL GUIDELINES



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The Rector of Christ Church should be called when a member of the church (or a close relative of a church member) is near death. In all cases, the rector will come to the hospital or home of the person or make arrangements for another member of the clergy to do so, that appropriate prayers may be said and comfort given. If this has not happened, the death should be reported as soon as possible to the Rector of Christ Church. Christ Church is very aware that this is often a difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. We will do everything possible to assist you in planning the funeral service and supporting you in the days ahead.

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. Whether in the church or the chapel of a funeral home, the coffin is to be closed before the service and remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that the coffin be covered with a pall (supplied by the church) or other suitable covering. In the case of cremation, the ashes are brought to the church and are also covered with a suitable pall provided by Christ Church.

The Funeral Service itself may be Rite I or Rite II from *The Book of Common Prayer*. The priest will meet with the family to plan the service, helping them to select scripture readings and music that will be meaningful to them. A list of these readings and music suggestions may be found in Appendices at the back of this booklet. In all cases, the Director of Music Ministries at Christ Church is responsible for the music and for arranging for a soloist or instrumental musician if that is desired.

If the family elects to include Holy Communion as a part of the service, all baptized people will be invited to come to the Lord's Table for communion. Holy Communion is not only a way in which we are connected to our Lord but also to all of the "saints" who have gone before us.

Flowers for funeral services are limited to arrangements at the altar, the baptismal font, the Verger's Table (at the rear of the church), and the narthex (entrance area) to the church.

There are no fees associated with funeral services conducted at Christ Church or by its clergy at Funeral Home Chapels or graveside. The only exception to this is if the family should elect to have a soloist or instrumental musician other than the Director of Music Ministries provide special music for a service held at the church.

**CHRIST CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN**  
(Guidelines Adopted by the Vestry on March 12, 1990)

Members of Christ Church may have their ashes (cremains) buried in Christ Church Memorial Garden. Others eligible for burial are spouses and children of members and former members of Christ Church who have moved away from Elizabeth City but, because of strong ties to this parish and community, wish to be buried here. This wish may be indicated to the rector prior to death by the person or following death by a family member or next of kin.

Cremated remains will be placed in a hole that is eighteen inches deep, either directly into the earth or in a biodegradable container. Urns will not be buried and individual burial sites will be unmarked. The full name of the deceased with the complete date of birth and death will be inscribed on the granite marker at the entrance to the garden. There is a charge for this inscription to be done by a local monument company.

To preserve and encourage the appearance of the Garden as a natural setting, no flowers are allowed. Gifts to Christ Church Memorial Fund or other charities are encouraged and welcomed in lieu of floral arrangements. The care of the Garden will be the responsibility of the Junior Warden of Christ Church.

All interments in the Memorial Garden shall be recorded in the Parish Register. The family of each individual whose ashes are placed in the Memorial Garden shall be required to sign the following release:

“It is my wish that the ashes of \_\_\_\_\_  
be placed in the Memorial Garden of Christ Church. I  
understand that these ashes will be unrecoverable, that they are  
here to be recycled into God’s continuing creation.”

1. Eligibility: Members of Christ Church may have their ashes (cremains) buried in Christ Church Memorial Garden. Others eligible for burial are:
  - a. Spouses and children of members.
  - b. Former members of Christ Church who move away from Elizabeth City but, because of strong ties to this Parish and community, wish to be buried here. This wish may be indicated (to the Rector) prior to their death or following their death by a family member or next of kin.
  
2. Cremated remains shall be placed in eighteen-inch deep holes, either directly into the earth or in a biodegradable container. Urns will not be buried and individual burial sites will be unmarked. The full name of the deceased with complete date of birth and death will be inscribed on the granite marker at the entrance to the garden.

3. To preserve and encourage the appearance of the Garden as a natural setting, no flowers shall be allowed. Gifts to Christ Church Memorial Fund or other charities are encouraged and welcomed in lieu of floral arrangements.
4. No fees shall be charged.
5. All interments shall be recorded in the Parish Register.
6. The family of each individual whose ashes are to be placed in the Memorial Garden shall be required to sign the following release:  
*It is my wish that the ashes of \_\_\_\_\_ be placed in the Memorial Garden of Christ Church. I understand that these ashes will be unrecoverable, that they are here to be recycled into God's continuing creation.*
7. The care of the Memorial Garden will be the responsibility of the Junior Warden of Christ Church

Christ Episcopal Church

Funeral Arrangements for: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

My Mortuary preference is: \_\_\_\_\_

I desire my church funeral to be at: \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Communion: (Yes) (No) \_\_\_ Do you wish the body to be present? (Yes) (No)

Prayer Book Order for the Burial of the Dead: (Rite I) (Rite II) \* Circle Choice

Funeral Home arrangements are with: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Options: (**Typically 2-3 Lessons and 2 Psalms are read**)

1)  Isaiah 25:6-9  Isaiah 61:1-3  Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9  Job 19:21-27a (Please choose one or none of these)

2)  Psalm 42  Psalm 46  Psalm 90  Psalm 121  Psalm 130  Psalm 139

(Please choose one or none of these)

3)  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

(Please choose one or none of these)

4)  Psalm 23  Psalm 23 K. James Version  Psalm 27  Psalm 106  Psalm 116

(Please choose one of these)

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

(Please choose one of these)

Desirable Hymns: (**Choose none of up to three hymns**)

**Burial:**  356 May Choirs of angels lead you  358 Christ the victorious

Easter Hymns:  174- 213  208 The strife is o'er (especially appropriate)

National Hymns:  716-720  608 Eternal Father, strong to save (Navy Hymn)

Others:  151 From deepest woe I cry to thee  194 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

287 For all the Saints  326 From glory to glory advancing

338 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants  662 Abide with me

354 Into paradise may the angels lead you  355 Give rest, O Christ, to your servants

356 Jesus, Son of Mary  429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

- 447 The Christ who dies but rose again    455 O Love of God, how string and true
- 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus    473 Lift High The Cross
- 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life    685 Rock of Ages
- 499 Lord God, you now have set your servant free    671 Amazing Grace
- 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place    518 Christ made the sure foundation
- 560 Remember your servants, Lord    620 Jerusalem, my happy home
- 621 Light's abode, celestial Salem    622 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
- 658 As long the deer for cooling streams    663 The Lord my God my shepherd is
- 664 My Shepherd will supply my need    665 All my hope on God is founded
- 666 Out of the depths I call    668 I to the hills will lift mine eyes
- 680 O God, our help in ages past    688 A mighty fortress is our God
- 689 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah    692 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Do you wish to have a Memorial Service? Yes    No

(Traditionally the body is not present for this Service)

I desire a homily to be given by clergy? Yes    No

I desire cremation as soon as possible: \_\_\_\_\_ Embalming    No Embalming

I desire my body be interred in the ground at

Cemetery:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS regarding disposition of ashes, location of cemetery plot, mausoleum, columbarium, etc.

Instead of flowers I wish any memorial contributions to be given to:

My pallbearers (if they are able to serve) are as follows:

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION- (any information that would be helpful to your survivors, such as having willed any portion of your body for medical purposes; please list specific details.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness (if necessary):** \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX A – APPROPRIATE READINGS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES

### At the Burial of the Dead

#### **[He will swallow up death forever]**

##### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever. 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.

*or this*

#### **[To comfort those who mourn]**

##### **Isaiah 61:1-3**

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 brokenhearted, 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.

*or this*

#### **[The Lord is good to those who wait for him]**

##### **Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33**

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 forever. 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.

*or this*



**[The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God]**

**Wisdom 3:1-5, 9**

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.

*or this*

**[I know that my Redeemer lives]**

**Job 19:21-27a**

Job answered, "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 forever! 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."

**Psalm 42**

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, \*  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night, \*  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?  
Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; \*  
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into  
the house of God;  
In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among such as keep holy-day.  
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why art thou so disquieted within me ?  
O put thy trust in God; \*  
for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my  
countenance, and my God.

**Psalm 46**

God is our hope and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved;; \*  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, \*  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.  
God is in the midst of her,  
therefore shall she not be removed; \*  
God shall help her, and that right early.  
Be still then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
and I will be exalted in the earth.  
The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Psalm 90**

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, \*  
from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever the earth and the world were made, \*  
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.  
Thou turnest man to destruction; \*  
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.  
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday  
when it is past, \*  
and as a watch in the night.  
As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep, \*  
and fade away suddenly like the grass.  
In the morning it is green, and groweth up; \*  
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.  
For we consume away in thy displeasure, \*  
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.  
Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.  
For when thou art angry all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.  
The days of our age are threescore years and ten;  
and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, \*  
yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow,  
so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.  
So teach us to number our days, \*  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

**Psalm 121**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; \*  
from whence cometh my help?  
My help cometh even from the Lord, \*  
who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, \*  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper; \*  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, \*  
neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; \*  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**Psalm 130**

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; \*  
Lord, hear my voice.  
O let thine ears consider well \*  
the voice of my complaint.  
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who may abide it?  
For there is mercy with thee, \*  
therefore shalt thou be feared.  
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; \*  
in his word is my trust.  
My soul fl eeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \*  
I say, before the morning watch.  
O Israel, trust in the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy, \*  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he shall redeem Israel \*  
from all his sins.

**Psalm 139**

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me. \*  
Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising;  
thou understandest my thoughts long before.  
Thou art about my path, and about my bed, \*  
and art acquainted with all my ways.  
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, \*  
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.  
Thou hast beset me behind and before, \*  
and laid thine hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; \*

I cannot attain unto it.  
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? \*  
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?  
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; \*  
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.  
If I take the wings of the morning, \*  
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
Even there also shall thy hand lead me, \*  
and thy right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me, \*  
then shall my night be turned to day.  
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,  
but the night is as clear as day; \*  
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

**[The glory that shall be revealed]**

**Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39**

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.

*or this*

**[The imperishable body]**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58**

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.

*or this*

**[Things that are unseen are eternal]**

**2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9**

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.

*or this*

**[We shall be like him]**

**1 John 3:1-2**

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.

*or this*

**[God will wipe away every tear]**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

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 worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever 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."

*or this*

### **[Behold, I make all things new]**

#### **Revelation 21:2-7**

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 as their God; 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 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture, \*  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul, \*  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them  
that trouble me; \*  
thou hast anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the

days of my life; \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Psalm 23 King James Version**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; \*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies; \*  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely 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**

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?  
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, \*  
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the  
days of my life,  
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.  
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; \*  
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,  
and set me up upon a rock of stone.  
And now shall he lift up mine head \*  
above mine enemies round about me.  
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with  
great gladness; \*  
I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.  
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; \*  
have mercy upon me, and hear me.  
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face. \*  
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.  
O hide not thou thy face from me, \*  
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.  
I should utterly have fainted, \*  
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in

the land of the living.  
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; \*  
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;  
and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

### **Psalm 106**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, \*  
and his mercy endureth for ever.  
Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, \*  
or show forth all his praise?  
Blessed are they that alway keep judgment, \*  
and do righteousness.  
Remember me, O Lord, according to the favor that thou  
bearest unto thy people; \*  
O visit me with thy salvation;  
That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, \*  
and rejoice in the gladness of thy people,  
and give thanks with thine inheritance.

### **Psalm 116**

My delight is in the Lord, \*  
because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;  
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, \*  
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.  
The snares of death compassed me round about, \*  
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.  
I found trouble and heaviness;  
then called I upon the Name of the Lord; \*  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; \*  
yea, our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserveth the simple; \*  
I was in misery, and he helped me.  
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.  
Any why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, \*  
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.  
I will walk before the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.  
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people; \*  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.



**[He who believes has everlasting life]**

**John 5:24-27**

Jesus said, “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.”

*or this*

**[All that the Father gives me will come to me]**

**John 6:37-40**

Jesus said, “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.”

*or this*

**[I am the good shepherd]**

**John 10:11-16**

Jesus said, “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.”

*or this*

**[I am the resurrection and the life]**

**John 11:21-27**

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.”

*or this*

**[In my Father's house are many rooms]**

**John 14:1-6**

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

## APPROPRIATE HYMNS FOR FUNERALS

<b>Burial:</b>	356	May choirs of angels lead you
	358	Christ the victorious
<b>Easter Hymns:</b>	174-213	
	208	The strife is o'er (especially appropriate)
<b>National Hymns:</b>	716-720	
	608	Eternal Father, strong to save (Navy Hymn)
<b>Others:</b>	151	From deepest woe I cry to thee
	194	Jesus lives! thy terrors now
	287	For all the Saints
	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 servants
	356	Jesus, Son of Mary
	429	I'll praise my Maker while I've breath
	444	Blessed be the God of Israel
	447	The Christ who dies but rose again
	455	O Love of God, how strong and true
	460	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
	473	Lift High The Cross
	487	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
	499	Lord God, you now have set your servant free
	517	How lovely is thy dwelling place
	518	Christ is made the sure foundation
	560	Remember your servants, Lord
	620	Jerusalem, my happy home
	621	Light's abode, celestial Salem
	622	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
	658	As longs the deer for cooling streams
	662	Abide with me
663	The Lord my God my shepherd is	
664	My Shepherd will supply my need	
665	All my hope on God is founded	
666	Out of the depths I call	
668	I to the hills will lift mine eyes	

671 Amazing Grace

680 O God, our help in ages past

685 Rock of Ages

688 A mighty fortress is our God

689 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

692 I heard the voice of Jesus say