

PLANNING & INSTRUCTIONS FOR BURIAL - Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, Southaven, MS

From the Book of Common Prayer, about the liturgy and its preparation:

'The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy. In the certainty that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.' (p. 507)

'The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with the Minister of the Congregation.

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has the opportunity to be present.' (p. 490)

Services at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

'The Burial of the Dead' from the Book of Common Prayer is the standard liturgy to be used in this church. However, a number of options within and supplemental to that rite may be used as pastorally appropriate. The following should be filled out in consultation with the Rector of St. Timothy's, who has final responsibility for the services of the church offered in this parish.

See *Appendix A* for additional details about building use and associated fees and arrangements.

When completed, please maintain a copy of this planning sheet for yourself, and provide a copy to be kept on file at the parish office.

If it is your desire to have a service at a location other than St. Timothy's, indicate that here:

Name & location of church or funeral home: _____

(Note: If services are to be held in another church, the clergy of that church should be contacted, as they will be the ones responsible for the planning and oversight of the service.)

For services at St. Timothy's, please select:

Rite 1 _____ Rite 2 _____

Will the service include the celebration of Holy Communion? _____

Requested Scripture Readings, Psalms, & Music (see the options at the end of this form)

Old Testament: _____

New Testament: _____

Gospel: _____

Requested psalms: _____

Requested hymns: _____

Requested Pall Bearers (actual or honorary):

Will the Committal be read at the graveside? _____

Instead of flowers, many prefer to encourage a more lasting memorial. St. Timothy's has both a general memorial fund, or donations may be otherwise designated. If you so desire, please indicate where you would like to have memorial contributions in your name made:

Members of the church are reminded of the importance of making wills, while in good health, for the well-being of their families and the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses. (BCP, p. 445)

I wish to be:

Buried ____ Cremated ____

Before ____ After ____ the funeral

Final resting place: _____

Location of cemetery lot deed, crypt deed, columbarium contract: _____

Funeral home to be used: _____

I request the following people be invited/included as clergy, readers, ushers, acolytes, eucharistic ministers or other participants in the service, as needed:

Other information for survivors (attach additional pages, as needed):

Full Name: _____

Signature & Date: _____

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To be completed by clergy, when known:

Date & time of service:

Other details:

Scripture Readings and Music for the Burial Liturgy

See the Book of Common Prayer, p. 494-495

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

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 Psalms 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 you)

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)

Suggested Hymns (*The Hymnal 1982*) appropriate for the Burial of the Dead:

188 Love's redeeming work is done
194 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
208 The strife is o'er, the battle done
209 We walk by faith, and not by sight
287 For all the saints, who from their labor rest
314 Humbly I adore Thee
326 From glory to glory advancing
335 I am the bread of life
337 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
341 For the bread which you have broken
354 Into paradise may the angels lead you
355 Give rest, O Christ, to your servants
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
455 O love of God, how strong and true
487 Come my Way, my Truth, my Life
488 Be thou my vision
517 How lovely is thy dwelling-place
560 Remember your servants, Lord
620 Jerusalem, my happy home
623 O what their joy and their glory must be
624 Jerusalem the golden
625 Ye holy angels bright
635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
636 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
645 The King of love my shepherd is
662 Abide with me
664 My Shepherd will supply my need
665 All my hope on God is founded
671 Amazing grace!
680 O God, our help in ages past
688 A mighty fortress is our God
690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
691 My faith looks up to thee
699 Jesus, lover of my soul

Appendix A:
Additional Details & Fees for Burial Services at St. Timothy's

Commending people back to God at life's end is one of the great privileges and responsibilities of the church. The burial of the dead is part of the regular life of the Christian community: all members of the body of Christ should rightly expect to be reverently cared for at death by the faithful, and St. Timothy's takes seriously this holy responsibility.

Accordingly, the church does not charge a fee for the conduct of burial rites. However, the following fees may apply, depending on the type of services requested.

Organist/pianist: \$150

Additional music/Soloist: \$100 (each)

Use of the parish hall (for a large reception): \$200

Use of the library (for a small reception): \$100

Custodial: \$100

An honorarium for the officiating minister is customary, but not required.

The liturgy may be livestreamed, if desired, subject to the availability of our volunteer team who provide this ministry; you may choose to make a donation for the person providing this service.

You may also choose to make a donation to the Altar Guild, which is responsible for preparing for all liturgies: the setting of the altar, maintenance of vestments and communion vessels, changing of paraments, etc. Our volunteer Altar Guild teams devote considerable time faithfully and lovingly to planning and caring for the worship of the church and all pastoral services.

Flowers

St. Timothy's is not able normally to provide flowers for funeral services. *Please use the florist of your choice to arrange for flowers at the service*, and communicate to the church any expected deliveries.

Interment in St. Timothy's Memorial Garden

To inquire about reserving a niche in the columbarium or arranging to have cremated remains placed in the scattering garden, contact the parish office. Additional fees apply for interment at St. Timothy's.

Please confirm service details with the church before communicating them to the public.

The Rector of St. Timothy's has final responsibility for the conduct of the services of the church.

***If any of the associated fees here listed present a hardship, please speak to the rector.
St. Timothy's wishes to ensure both the responsible use of our facilities and that the ministries of the church are readily available to all.***