**Questions to be answered about a Burial Service**

Name

Birth Date

Were you Baptized? Where (if you know)? (Note that anyone can be buried from the church, this question is just for church records.)

When you die, would you like a funeral service at Church or a Memorial Service or Celebration of Life at another location?

If you want a Burial Service do you want Rite I or Rite II? (BCP 469 or 491). Do you want Communion? Do you want incense?

Do you want a Committal Service before the service or at the graveside or with ashes either interred or released to the elements after the Burial Service at Church? (See instructions on BCP 468 and prayers at BCP 501).

Where would you like to be buried or have your ashes interred or spread? If you would like your body left to science, have you made those arrangements?

Who would you like to be involved in planning your service? Are there any other clergy besides the priest at Nativity whom you would like involved in the service? Names and Phone numbers and emails?

Do you want your casket or ashes present at the service?

Do you have any special roles for family or friends? (Readers, ushers, eulogy?)

Do you want your service videotaped, audiotaped or livestreamed?

Do you have anything that you written that you would like included in the funeral bulletin, or published as an obituary, or read at your service? (Please attach or send to nativityonthehill@gmail.com.)

If friends or family wish to make a donation to a charity or church in your memory, where would you like those donations to go?

Do you have a favorite picture that you would like included in your service bulletin?

(Please attach or send a digital photo to nativityonthehill@gmail.com.)

Do you have any special music you would like performed at the service? Who will pay for live musicians (pianist, organist or other instrumentalist or vocalist)? If you have recorded music that you would like played, who will provide that as part of the planning?

What hymns would you like sung at the service? (See below for suggestions).

What readings would you like for your funeral? (See below for suggestions).

Hebrew Bible:

Epistle:

Psalm:

Gospel:

Do you have any special requests for readings or prayers **that are not found** in the *Book of Common Prayer* <https://www.bcponline.org/> p 491 or *Enriching our Worship Volume 3*: https://www.episcopalcommonprayer.org/existing-liturgies1.html?

Would you like to be remembered with a plaque on Nativity’s Memorial Wall? If yes, please ask for a separate form and price sheet to purchase before your death, or leave instructions for family or friends who will make these arrangements after you die.

Have you included the Church in your will, on your life or other insurance policy or in some other way in your estate plan?

Do you have any special requests for a reception or flowers at the service or other celebration? If you have specific details that you would like to mention, put them here.

Signature Date

SUGGESTED READINGS FOR FUNERALS

Chose 1 from the Hebrew Bible:

**Job 19:21-27**

21 Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,  
   for the hand of God has touched me!   
22 Why do you, like God, pursue me,  
   never satisfied with my flesh?

23 ‘O that my words were written down!  
   O that they were inscribed in a book!   
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead  
   they were engraved on a rock for ever!   
25 For I know that my Redeemer[\*](javascript:void(0);) lives,  
   and that at the last he[\*](javascript:void(0);) will stand upon the earth;[\*](javascript:void(0);)   
26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
   then in[\*](javascript:void(0);) my flesh I shall see God,[\*](javascript:void(0);)   
27 whom I shall see on my side,[\*](javascript:void(0);)  
   and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
   My heart faints within me!

## Isaiah 25:6-9

6 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.   
7 And he will destroy on this mountain  
   the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
   the sheet that is spread over all nations;   
8 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.   
9 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.

## Is. 61:1-3

61The 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;   
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour,  
   and the day of vengeance of our God;  
   to comfort all who mourn;   
3 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.

## Lam 3:22-26, 31-33

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,[\*](javascript:void(0);)  
   his mercies never come to an end;   
23 they are new every morning;  
   great is your faithfulness.   
24 ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,  
   ‘therefore I will hope in him.’

25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
   to the soul that seeks him.   
26 It is good that one should wait quietly  
   for the salvation of the Lord.   
31 For the Lord will not  
   reject for ever.   
32 Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
   according to the abundance of his steadfast love;   
33 for he does not willingly afflict  
   or grieve anyone.

## Wis 3: 1-5,9

3But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.   
2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,   
3 and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.   
4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.   
5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;   
9 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.[\*](javascript:void(0);)

Choose one or two Psalms

The following Psalms are appropriate: 23, 27, 106:1-5, 116, 42:1-7, 46, 90:1-12, 121, 130, 139:1-11.

## Choose one Epistle (or choose a reading from another source).

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

14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For 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![\*](javascript:void(0);) Father!’ 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness[\*](javascript:void(0);) with our spirit that we are children of God,17and 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.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 34Who 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.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 35Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?   
37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor 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 Cor. 15:20-26, 35-38,42-44, 53-58

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 21For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end,[\*](javascript:void(0);) when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

35 But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ 36Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37And 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. 38But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 43It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. 53For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54When 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.’   
55 ‘Where, O death, is your victory?  
   Where, O death, is your sting?’   
56The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved,[\*](javascript:void(0);) be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

## 2 Cor 4:16-5:9

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18because 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.

5For 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. 2For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— 3if indeed, when we have taken it off[\*](javascript:void(0);) we will not be found naked. 4For 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. 5He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— 7for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

## 1 John 3:1-2

31See 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. 2Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he[\*](javascript:void(0);) is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

## Rev. 7:9-17

9 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. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’   
11And 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, 12singing,  
‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ 14I 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.   
15 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.   
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
   the sun will not strike them,  
   nor any scorching heat;   
17 for the Lamb at the centre 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.’

## Rev. 21:2-7

2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
‘See, the home[\*](javascript:void(0);) of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell[\*](javascript:void(0);) with them;  
they will be his peoples,[\*](javascript:void(0);)  
and God himself will be with them;[\*](javascript:void(0);)   
4 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.’

5 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.’ 6Then 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. 7Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Choose one Gospel Reading:

**John 5:24-27**

24Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

25 ‘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.26For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; 27and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

## John 6:37-40

37Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39And 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. 40This 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

11 ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The 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. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.16I 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

21Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ 23Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ 24Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ 25Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.[\*](javascript:void(0);) Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ 27She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,[\*](javascript:void(0);) the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

## John 14:1-16

14‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe[\*](javascript:void(0);) in God, believe also in me. 2In 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?[\*](javascript:void(0);)3And 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. 4And you know the way to the place where I am going.’[\*](javascript:void(0);) 5Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’6Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you know me, you will know[\*](javascript:void(0);)my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

8 Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’9Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me[\*](javascript:void(0);) for anything, I will do it.

15 ‘If you love me, you will keep[\*](javascript:void(0);) my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,[\*](javascript:void(0);) to be with you for ever.

Matthew 25:34b

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

**THE HYMNAL 1982:**

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. (Prayer Book, p. 507)

**Burial Of The Dead**

358 Christ the Victorious, give to your servants (1 Cor 15) (Cantakion) (Commendation)  
355 Give rest, O Christ (1 Cor 15)  
354 Into paradise may the angels lead you (Rev 7 & Rev 21) (In Paradisum)  
357 Jesus, Son of Mary (Communion)  
356 May choirs of angels lead you (Rev 7 & Rev 21) (In Paradisum)

***Also see:***

671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
688 A mighty fortress is our God (Psalm 46) also 687  
665 All my hope on God is founded  
208 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o’er (1 Cor 15)  
658 As longs the deer for cooling streams (Psalm 42)  
695 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered also 696  
487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life  
669 Commit thou all that grieves thee (Psalm 37)  
287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest  
151 From deepest woe I cry to thee  
326 From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord  
677 God moves in a mysterious way  
379 God is Love, let heaven adore him  
690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
637 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord also 636  
517 How lovely is thy dwelling place (Psalm 84)  
335 I am the bread of life (Jn 6 & Jn 11)  
692 I heard the voice of Jesus say  
668 I to the hills will lift mine eyes (Psalm 121)  
635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
429 I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath (Psalm 146)  
620 Jerusalem, my happy home (2 Cor 4-5)  
624 Jerusalem the golden (Rev 7 & Rev 21)  
194 Jesus lives! thy terrors now (Rom 8 & Jn 14) also 195  
526 Let saints on earth in concert sing  
621 Light’s abode, celestial Salem (Rom 8, 1 Cor 15, 2 Cor 4-5, Rev 21) also 622  
702 Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know (Psalm 139)  
691 My faith looks up to thee  
664 My Shepherd will supply my need (Psalm 23)  
14 O God, creation’s secret force also 15  
680 O God, our help in ages past (Psalm 90)  
448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high also 449  
455 O Love of God, how strong and true also 456  
623 O what their joy and their glory must be (Rom 8, 2 Cor 4-5, Rev 21)  
388 O worship the King, all glorious above! (Psalm 104)  
666 Out of the depths I call (Psalm 130)  
373 Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him (Psalm 148)  
560 Remember your servants, Lord (Mt 5:3-12)  
685 Rock of ages, cleft for me  
492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness (1 Cor 15)  
679 Surely it is God who saves me (First Song of Isaiah) also 678  
447 The Christ who died but rose again (Rom 8)  
645 The King of love my shepherd is (Psalm 23 & Jn 10) also 646  
663 The Lord my God my shepherd is (Psalm 23)  
457 Thou art the Way, to thee alone (Jn 14)  
338 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants  
625 Ye holy angels bright (Rev 7)  
618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Rev 7)

***Also see Easter section:***

178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

191 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise (1 Cor 15)

174 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing

181 Awake and sing the song

212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

185 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands also 186

184 Christ the Lord is risen again!

183 Christians, to the Paschal victim

199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain also 200

205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

180 He is risen, he is risen!

207 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

188 Love’s redeeming work is done (1 Cor 15) also 189

204 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

176 Over the chaos of the empty waters also 177

210 The day of resurrection!

202 The Lamb’s high banquet called to share

211 The whole bright world rejoices now

192 This joyful Eastertide

187 Through the Red Sea brought at last