

Christ Episcopal Church

Poughkeepsie, New York

Funeral & Memorial Planning Document

This is not a legally binding document. Christ Episcopal Church will offer this record of your expressed wishes, as a starting place for the planning of your funeral or memorial service.

There is no fee for a funeral at Christ Episcopal Church, nor is any honorarium due to the clergy. If desired, a donation to the parish Memorial Fund or the Rector's Discretionary Fund (used for charitable purposes) may be made. If music is requested for the service, the parish office will have current information regarding an appropriate honorarium due to the organist.

Name _____

Person(s) Responsible for Making Funeral Arrangements

Please provide three names, if possible

Name	Relationship	Phone
1.		
2.		
3.		

Have you made Pre-Funeral Planning Arrangements with a funeral home?

Funeral Home

City, State

Is your funeral to be held in another church?

Yes

No

If so, please provide contact information:

If you are to be cremated:

If cremated, do you desire to be embalmed for a viewing/wake?

Yes No

What is your desire regarding the disposition of your ashes?

- In the All Saints Chapel at Christ Church, Poughkeepsie
- Other _____
- Left to the discretion of whoever is making the arrangements

Is the final resting place of your ashes in another church?

If so, please provide contact information:

If you are to be buried:

Do you have a plot at a cemetery, and if so where?

- Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery
- _____

Do you desire to be embalmed: Yes No

Do you desire a wake/viewing Yes No

If yes, where?

- Christ Church
- Funeral Home
- Elsewhere _____

Funeral/Memorial Service

Routinely, the then Rector of Christ Church presides and preaches at funerals.

Do you desire that your Funeral or Memorial Service be held at:

- Christ Church
- Funeral Home
- Elsewhere

Do you desire that the service to include the Eucharist? Yes No

Do you desire for there to be music: Yes No

If Yes –

At prelude & postlude only

Or, also include the following hymn(s)

A list of suggested hymns is provided at the end of this document

- Left to the discretion of the Rector and whoever is making the arrangements.

Musical selections, other than sacred music, may be considered, although the lyrics must be concurrent with scripture, and the tone and mood of the music must be in keeping with the occasion. The use of any music from a source other than a hymnal used in the Episcopal Church must be approved by the Rector.

Scripture Readings

See a note regarding possible readings from scripture at the end of this document

Readings from poetry or other pieces of literature may be considered, although any reading must be concurrent with Scripture. The use of any reading not from scripture must be approved by the Rector.

- Left to the discretion of the Rector and whoever is making the arrangements.

Regarding the homily/sermon/eulogy

A Funeral/Memorial service would normally include a homily or sermon reflecting upon life & death, and our place in God's eternal kingdom.

It is the custom in some families and communities, to also include a Eulogy that offers details and/or reminisces regarding the deceased. Will you – or your survivors - desire that a eulogy be a part of your service?

Yes No

- Left to the discretion of whoever is making the arrangements

If yes, who do you desire to deliver the Eulogy? _____

- Left to the discretion of whoever is making the arrangements

It is also the custom in many families and communities for the service to provide an “open mike” where there is an open invitation for whoever might want to give a word of remembrance regarding the deceased. Do you have a desire regarding the ‘open mike’ option?

Include Do not include

Left to the discretion of whoever is making the arrangements

If a Veteran, do you desire the service to include military honors?

Yes No If yes, please provide details:

If a member of a Lodge or civic club, do you desire the service to include that organization’s participation? Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Following the Service

It is often customary for family and friends to gather after the Funeral or Memorial Service for a time of refreshment and the sharing of memories. Do you have specific desires regarding such a gathering?

Obituary

It will be a great service to those who survive you, if you prepare at least the outline of your obituary.

Date & Location of Birth

Predeceased by (parents, spouse/partner, siblings, children)

Career

Military/Civic/hobby/special interests

Married to, children, etc.

Do you have a preference to where memorial donations should be directed?

- Christ Church (Endowment Fund)
 - Christ Church (undesignated)
 - Christ Church, specifically for: _____

 - _____

 - _____

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A copy of this planning document will be retained in the Christ Church parish office. Please provide copies of it to:

- The Funeral Home with whom you have made arrangements (if any)
- The individual(s) you named above to be responsible for decisions regarding your funeral arrangements
- Your spouse/partner and children, as may be appropriate

Signature

Date

Potential Hymn selections, from *the Hymnal 1982*

- 8 Morning has broken
- 194/5 Jesus lives! They terrors now
- 208 alleluia, alleluia the strife is o'er
- 287 For all the saints
- 296 We know that Christ has died
- 355 Give rest, O Christ
- 356 May choirs of angels lead
- 373 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore
- 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him
- 388 O worship the King
- 429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath (Psalm 146)
- 439 What wondrous love
- 447 The Christ who died but rose again
- 455/6 O Love of God, how strong and true
- 508 Breathe on me breath of God
- 526 Let saints on earth in concert sing
- 603 When Christ was lifted
- 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
- 620 Jerusalem my happy home
- 623 O what their joy and their glory must be
- 624 Jerusalem the golden
- 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
- 636/7 How firm a foundation
- 663 The Lord my God my shepherd is (Psalm 23)
- 645/6 The King of love my shepherd is (Psalm 23)
- 664 My Shepherd will supply my need (Psalm 23)
- 665 All my hope on God is founded
- 671 Amazing Grace
- 668 I to the hills will lit mine eyes (Psalm 121)
- 680 O God our help in ages past
- 688 A mighty fortress
- 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah