

Personal Wishes



For my Funeral

Name _____

Funeral Service

As Christians, by God's grace, we are inheritors of Jesus' resurrection, and of eternal life. Therefore, death does not have the last word. The living God does!

Your funeral service can serve as one of the most powerful ways you witness to the faith and hope, which has lived within you, given you strength, and guided you in this life. By the choices you make for your funeral service, your faith can continue to strengthen and guide your loved ones at one of the most difficult times of their lives. Think of it as an Easter service of sorts, giving thanks to God for your life, praising God for the treasures of God's love and grace, and for God's baptismal promises of forgiveness and eternal life.

Biographical Information

Today's Date _____

Full Name _____

[Maiden name] _____

Birth date _____

Baptism date _____

Date of death _____

Family and/or **Friends**

Contact person _____

[Relationship] _____

Phone # _____

Name, relationship

Name, relationship

Name, relationship

Name, relationship

Name, relationship

Name, relationship

The Service

1) Funeral Home _____

2) I would like my funeral held at

Church [recommended]

Funeral home

3) ___ I would ___ I would not like visitation

4) Number of people expected _____

5) Scriptures [see page 4]

Old Testament _____

Psalm _____

New Testament _____

6) Hymns

Processional _____

After homily/sermon _____

Recessional _____

Other? _____

Remembrances [eulogy] not recommended

Name _____

Name _____

7) Holy Communion

Yes

No

8) Special Music

Organ/Instrumental _____

Vocal _____

Soloist/Group _____

9) Burial or Cremation [please circle one]

at _____

Luncheon/Reception at church?

Yes

No

Elsewhere? _____

10) I would like memorials to go to

Additional Notes or Information about myself . . .

Well-Loved Scripture Readings

[appropriate for funeral services]

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah 61:1-3

Psalms 23

Psalms 46:1-7

Psalms 121

New Testament

Romans 5:1-11

Romans 5:17-21

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

1 Peter 1:3-9

Revelation 7:9-17

Revelation 21:2-7

. . . or any other favorite scripture of your choosing.

Music Considerations for Funeral Rite

Hymns *from Evangelical Lutheran Worship* [ELW]

342 There in God's Garden

377 Alleluia, Jesus is Risen

422 For All the Saints

502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

503 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

613 Thy Holy Wings

628 Jerusalem My Happy Home

629 Abide with Me

632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

638 Blessed Assurance

660 Lift High the Cross

773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

781 Children of the Heav'nly Father

787 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

818 O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Additional hymn suggestions from ELW

- 423 Shall We Gather at the River
- 536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again
- 534 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
[Verses 3 & 4 especially]
- 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[see verse 3 especially]
- 592 Just As I Am, Without One Plea
- 595 Jesus Loves Me [see last verse]
- 596 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
- 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
- 619 I Know Than My Redeemer Lives!
- 623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
- 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
[last verse is wonderful]
- 654 The Church's One Foundation
[see verses 4 & 5]
- 733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- 750 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
[see last verse especially]
- 755 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
- 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- 790 Day by Day
- 793 Be Thou My Vision
- 838 Beautiful Savior
- 839 Now Thank We All Our God