

Final Rite: What Do YOU Want?

A Planner for an Episcopal Funeral by Dr. Carl MaultsBy

Your Name _____ No Photo or **Attach a photo**

Birth Date _____

Vigil (Wake) Yes No Rite I or Rite II or Rite III (BCP 506)

Obituary (Please write and attach a one or two page autobiographical sketch to this document)

Prelude (*Title and Composer*) _____

The Burial Office: Rite I or Rite II

Opening Anthems

BCP 491-492

Introit (*Non-BCP*) _____

Collect

God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant, _____, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with this family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother (sister) *N.* We thank you for giving *him* to us, *his* family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

(*Name*) _____, Reader

A reading from the book of **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-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured 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 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. 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.

A reading from the book of **Isaiah 61:1-3**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called mighty oaks, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

A reading from the book of **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 for ever. 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.

A reading from the book of **Wisdom 3:1-5, 9**

But 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.

A reading from the book of **Job 19:21-27a**

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 for ever! 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. My heart faints within me!

A reading from (*the book of*) _____

Psalm [SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OR ANOTHER SUITABLE PSALM, HYMN OR CANTICLE.]

Spoken or Sung: *Music Source* _____

(If spoken, give the name of person to lead the reading (Name) _____, Reader

- Psalm 42:1-7** (*As the deer longs for the water-brooks, * so longs my soul for you, O God.*) BCP 643
- Psalm 46** (*God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.*) BCP 649
- Psalm 90:1-12** (*Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.*) BCP 717
- Psalm 121** (*I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?*) BCP 779
- Psalm 130** (*Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice*) BCP 784
- Psalm 139:1-11** (*Lord, you have searched me out and known me; **) BCP 794
- Psalm** _____ BCP _____

New Testament Reading

(Name) _____, Reader

- A reading from the Epistle of Paul, the Apostle, to the **Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39**

For 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.

- A reading from the First Epistle of Paul, the Apostle, to the **Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58**

But in fact 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 dishonour, 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 labour is not in vain.

- A reading from the Second Epistle of Paul, the Apostle, to the **Corinthians 4:16-5:9**

So 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.

- A reading from the First Epistle General of **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.

- A reading from the **Revelation of St. John the Divine 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 worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever 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.’

A reading from the **Revelation of St. John the Divine 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; 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.

Sequence Hymn or Psalm or Canticle (All who are able are asked to stand.)

Hymns

- Alleluia! Sing to Jesus H460
- Amazing Grace L181
- Blessed Assurance L184
- Breathe on me, Breath of God H508
- Higher Ground L165
- Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name L128
- Jerusalem, my happy home H620
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say H692 (tune 292)
- I know that my Redeemer lives A276
- I Love the Lord L 67
- I sought the Lord and afterward I knew F405
- I Want to Be Ready L7
- Just a closer walk with thee L72
- Love divine, all loves excelling H657
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past H680
- O Master, let me walk with thee H660
- Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior L139
- Plenty Good Room A352
- Shall We Gather at the River L141
- Soon-a Will Be Done A587
- Surely it is God who saves me H679/W881
- We walk by faith and not by sight H209
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Psalms

- Psalm 23 (*The Lord is my shepherd*;) BCP 612
- Psalm 27 (*The Lord is my light and my salvation*) BCP 617
- Psalm 106:1-5 (*Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord...*) BCP 741
- Psalm 116 (*I love the Lord, because he has heard...*) BCP 759
- Psalm _____ BCP _____

Canticle

- The First Song of Isaiah S214

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 5:24-27**

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.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 6:37-40**

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.’

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 10:11-16**

“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.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **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.'

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 14:1-6**

'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.'

Eulogies (BCP 495: "Here may be a homily by the Celebrant, or a member of the family, or a friend.")

_____, friend
 _____, member of the family

Homily

(Name) _____, Homilist

Apostle's Creed (All who are able, are asked to stand.)

(BCP 496: "If there is not to be a Communion, the **Lord's Prayer** is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers of the People, or with one or more suitable Prayers (see pages 503-505)."

Prayers of the People BCP 497

(Name) _____, Intercessor

The Exchange of the Peace

Acknowledgements

AT THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem (Title & Composer: _____)

OR Offertory Hymn

Hymns

- Blest are the pure in heart H656
- Even Me L167
- Give Me Jesus L 91
- Guide me, O thou great Jehovah H690
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness L189
- Higher Ground L165
- His Eye Is on the Sparrow L191
- How Great Thou Art L 60
- I, the Lord of sea and sky W812
- It Is Well with My Soul L188
- Just As I Am Without One Plea L137
- Lord, make us servants of your peace H593
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand L106
- The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation L 58
- There Is a Balm in Gilead H676
- Thou art the Way, to thee alone H457
- We Shall Behold Him A583
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Communion

Hymns (Select 3)

- Break Thou the Bread of Life (__) L146
- Come, Ye Disconsolate (__) L147
- Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord (__) H328
- I am the bread of life (__) H335
- I come with joy to meet my Lord (__) H304
- I'm a-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table (__) L148
- Jesus, the Bread of Life (__) L150
- Let all mortal flesh keep silence (__) H324
- Let thy Blood in mercy poured (__) H313
- My God, thy table now is spread (__) H321
- My Shepherd will supply my need (__) H664
- One Bread, One Body (__) L151
- Shepherd of Souls refresh and bless (__) H343
- The King of love my shepherd is (__) H645
- The Lord my God my shepherd is (__) H663
- The Old Rugged Cross (__) L38
- There Is a Fountain (__) L39
- _____(____)

MASS SETTING (Usually, it's the mass setting for the season. However, specific requests are occasionally honored.)

Sanctus S130 Schubert; S125 Proulx; S124 Hurd; W858 Pruner; L252 McLin; L254 MaultsBy

Memorial Acclamation UBE; L258 Burrow; L259 Pulkingham

Amen L233 UBE; S143; L261 MaultsBy; 1L 144 **The Lord's Prayer** S119 Traditional; L264 Mallotte

Agnus Dei 1L 151 Gibson; L269 McLin; L269 Landsmark-DeLewis; S161 Hurd

Commendation Hymn (If Commendation is not spoken) Give rest, O Christ - H355 or It Is Well with My Soul - L188

Exit Hymn

- Ain'-a That Good News L180
- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er H208
- Going Up Yonder Z181
- I'll Fly Away A601
- In That Great Gittin' Up Morning A585
- Into paradise may the angels lead you H354
- May choirs of angels lead you H356
- New Name in Glory A593
- Soon and Very Soon L14
- The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended H24
- We'll Understand It Better By and By L207
- When the Saints go Marching in A595
- When We All Get to Heaven L20
- Will the Circle Be Unbroken A598

Service Participants

Celebrant _____
 Homilist _____
 Cantor/Soloist _____
 Organist _____
 Old Testament Reader _____
 Psalmist _____
 New Testament Reader _____
 Gospeller _____
 Prayers of the People _____