

Funeral Service Worksheet St. Paul's Episcopal Church

(This form should be filled out with the Rector and Music Director)

Concerning the Service 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 opportunity to be present. The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that it be covered with a pall or other suitable covering. If necessary, or if desired, all or part of the service of Committal may be said in the church. If preferred, the Committal service may take place before the service in the church. It may also be used prior to cremation. A priest normally presides at the service. It is appropriate that the bishop, when present, preside at the Eucharist and pronounce the Commendation. It is desirable that the Lesson from the Old Testament, and the Epistle, be read by lay persons. When the services of a priest cannot be obtained, a deacon or lay reader may preside at the service. At the burial of a child, the passages from Lamentations, 1 John, and John 6, together with Psalm 23, are recommended. It is customary that the celebrant meet the body and go before it into the church or towards the grave. The anthems at the beginning of the service are sung or said as the body is borne into the church, or during the entrance of the ministers, or by the celebrant standing in the accustomed place. *BCP p. 468*

Service Choices

- A. Burial of the Dead: Rite One p. 469 BCP
 Burial of the Dead: Rite Two p. 491 BCP

Ashes, in Memorial Garden? Y N
 Burial

B. Liturgy of the Word (pp. 470- 480; pp. 494-495)

Prelude: _____

Opening Anthem: _____

From the OT: _____

Psalm: _____

From the NT: _____

Hymn: _____

The Gospel: _____

Offertory: _____

Sanctus: _____

Agnus Dei: _____

Eucharist Hymns: _____

Extra Hymns: _____

Closing Hymn: _____

Holy Eucharist: Y N

Prayers (If there is Communion) pp. 480-481; pp. 465, 480, 497

C. Ministers of the Day

Lay Readers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Acolytes:

Server _____

Crucifer _____

Torch Bearer _____

Torch Bearer _____

Eulogist/Speakers:

Ushers:

D. Reception

Reception in church? Y N

Organizer _____

Caterer _____

People Expected _____

E. Memorial Donations

Designation _____