

Planning Guide for Funeral or Memorial Service

The following document will be consulted at the time of death as a guide for family, congregation, and clergy in planning your funeral or memorial service.

Please keep this among your important legal, financial, and medical papers. We also ask that upon completion, you give The Church @ Highland Park a copy to be kept on file. Of course, any changes or modification to this document can be made at any time.

One need not feel obligated to fill out all the categories listed but it is suggested you contemplate various aspects and component pieces of a service.

Your service can be a moving, comforting example of the faith in which you have lived and died. You are strongly urged to take this document and discuss it with family and pastors.

Date: _____

Name:

Contact Information of Family Members responsible for the planning of your service:

Name/Address/Phone

Relationship

Preferred Location of Service

Congregational Hymns (please list two or three)

Choral of Vocal Selections (specify individuals):

Participants and Their Roles (i.e., what role might your friends,
grandchildren, church members serve in this service):

Preferred Clergy Participation:

Prayers, Confessions of Faith, Litanies (may attach to document if needed):

Any special things you would like to happen at your service:

Any Graveside Wishes:

Instrumental Selections or Preferences:

Scripture Lessons (please consider at least four meaningful passages which you believe reflect upon your life and spirituality: Old Testament, Psalm, Gospel, New Testament):

Poetry, Prose, selections from favorite authors, etc.:

Consider some responses to the following questions:

1. What do you believe your life meant, to you and others?
2. Describe your faith pilgrimage. (I.e., where, and how did your journey in Christ start, and how and where has it been nurtured?)

3. Describe places of service in the church or community that mattered to you and why.

4. Any other additional thoughts, wishes, or desires you would like to make known to both family and pastoral staff?

Thank you for taking the time to fill this guide out. Feel free to attach any documents or copies of pieces of liturgy, music, or literature to this document.

Hymns:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Abide with Me
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Be Still, My Soul
Be Thou My Vision
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above
Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness
Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Faith of Our Fathers
For All the Saints
For Those Who Mourn
God of Grace and God of Glory
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
He Leadeth Me
Hymn of Promise
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord (LAND OF REST)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
In Thee Is Gladness
It Is Well with My Soul
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Lift High the Cross
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
O Love of God, How Strong and True (JERUSALEM)
On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand
Out of the Depths I Cry to You
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Rejoice in God's Saints
Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Shall We Gather at the River
Sing with All the Saints in Glory
Taizé: My Spirit Is Longing for You, O Lord--William Roberts
The Church's One Foundation
The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The Strife is O'er
There Is a Balm in Gilead
We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight