



Christian Burial

At

Christ the King Episcopal Church

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The hours and days after a death are a time of grieving, healing and remembering. It is also a time when people may be least able to deal with the decisions that must be made. The clergy and staff of Christ the King want to help you in any way we can. This booklet is designed to assist families in making arrangements for the burial or memorial service for a loved one or for you to let us know now what your wishes are in the event of your death. Rather than a hardship we hope that making the decisions for funeral and burial arrangements will be for you an act of love and an instrument of comfort and peace.

The Rector, Richard Gillespie Proctor, will be assisting you. **Please talk with him before making any announcements regarding the officiating clergy, date and time of the service or receptions at Christ the King.** The Rector will contact the altar guild, organist and reception guild, as necessary.

Here is a helpful checklist of things to do following the death of a loved one.

- Notify Christ the King so that a priest can meet with you for pastoral counsel and to begin funeral arrangements.
- Notify the funeral home.
- Notify family and friends and make your wishes known regarding receiving visitors, flowers and food.
- Make notes for the obituary, which the funeral director will help write.

THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO INCLUDE IN THE OBITUARY

Date and Place of birth
Date of death
Parents, siblings, husband, children, grandchildren, etc. names
Where educated
Jobs held
Organizations
Honors
Where memorials may be sent

- Meet with the priest and Pastoral Care Coordinator to pick scripture readings and music preferences for the funeral service. Suggestions follow.

Remember to take care of yourself during this stressful time, and watch that you get enough sleep, proper nutrition, fluids and exercise.

PREPARING THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Book of Common Prayer assumes that funeral services for Christians will be held at the church, that the service will be at a time when the congregation can be present, and that arrangements have been made in consultation with the parish priest (BCP 486,490). You are asked to fill out the form found at the end of this customary with information about the deceased and decisions about the order of worship and return it to the priest or Pastoral Care Coordinator.

FACILITIES

The Church is available for funerals. The Church capacity is 250. If it is expected to be very large, Sandefur Hall can be used for additional seating.

DAVS AND TIMES FOR SERVICES

The times for funerals are subject to availability of the facility due to other previously scheduled events. Funerals are not scheduled on a Sunday or a High Feast Day such as Christmas. Even during Lent, the liturgy remains an Easter liturgy and "Alleluia" is said when it occurs in the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers offered to God at the Altar are the only floral tributes allowed in the church. The St. Theresa Flower Guild supplies the flowers for all funeral services. Gifts of flowers should be delivered to the graveside, home, funeral home; or Sandefur Hall if a reception is to follow. The flowers belong to the family and should be taken home with them following the service.

RECEPTIONS

As part of our pastoral care to parishioners, Christ the King is pleased to offer Sandefur Hall as a location for receptions before or after funerals. The Parish Administrator will determine if it is available and will work with the Reception Guild Chair and her committee.

RECEPTION FLOWERS/DECORATIONS

Altar flowers may also be used for the reception, or you may provide additional flowers for the reception. Please let the Pastoral Care Coordinator know if the flowers in the church need to be brought to Sandefur Hall at the conclusion of the service. After the reception, you may take them home, to a hospital or a nursing home, or you may donate them to the church. Although **no photographs of the deceased are permitted to be displayed in the church**, some people like to have small groupings of family pictures on display at the reception. Arrangements should be made before the reception to set up the pictures.

CHRIST THE KING'S COLUMBARIUM

A portion of the church property is dedicated as a Columbarium for the interment of the ashes of members of the parish and their immediate families. The cost of a single niche is \$800 and the cost of two side by side niches is \$1500. No cremated remains may be interred in the columbarium without a committal service. The Christ the King Columbarium shall be open to visitors at all times when the church is open to the public or on special occasions.

No flowers, real or artificial, shall be allowed at the columbarium except at time of interment. The Rector can provide more information about the Columbarium.

CASKETS AND CREMAINS

If a casket is present at the funeral the pall bearers will position it **in** front of the altar where **it will** remain for the service. The casket is closed before it arrives at the church for the funeral and not opened again (BCP 468, 490). The casket is covered with a fabric pall provided by the church. No floral palls are allowed in the church. If the body has been cremated in time for the service and you are not planning on using the Christ the King Columbarium, the urn/container you purchase from the funeral home may be covered with a white embroidered pall and placed on a table **in** front of the altar.

If the cremains are to be placed in the Columbarium, the committal service may be held immediately before/after the burial office or the interment may be held at another time. The cremains should be delivered to the church a minimum of 1 day before the service for preparation for interment.

MUSIC AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Rector will go over the service with you and help you to choose appropriate readings and music from scripture and the Hymnal. We will provide a service bulletin for the service.

MUSIC

Many people desire that favorite hymns of the deceased be played at the funeral service. If further help is required beyond the initial meetings with the Rector as well as the suggestions in this book, our Director of Music, Dr. David Ott, is pleased to work with you on selection of appropriate hymns from the Episcopal hymnal. All music must be approved by the Director of Music. The organist's fee is \$100, which includes consultation. If a soloist or special instrumentalist is desired, the Director of Music will make the arrangements for you. Because the Christ the King Choir is composed largely of volunteers, we are unable to provide a choir for funerals; special circumstances can be discussed in advance with the clergy and the Director of Music. Some music may be more appropriate for a wake or reception.

Particularly suitable hymns for a Burial Office or Memorial Service from "The Hymnal 1982" are:

180	He is Risen	517	How lovely is thy dwelling place, O
208	Alleluia!		Lord of hosts, to me
	The strife is o'er, the battle won	618	Ye watchers and yeholy ones
287	For all the Saints, who from their	625	Ye holy angels bright
	labors rest	635	If thou but trust in God to guide
358	Christ the Victorious		thee
365	Come, thou Almighty King	545	The King of love my shepherd is
376	Joyful, joyful, we adore thee	657	Love Divine all loves excelling
410	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven	665	All my hope on God is founded
447	The Christ who died but rose again	671	Amazing Grace!
455	O love of God, how strong and true	680	O God, our help in ages past
473	Lift high the cross	688	A mighty fortress
487	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life	690	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah!
488	Be thou my vision		

Scripture Readings

"One or more of the following passages from the Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the readings." (BCP 470/494)

People you have asked to read the scripture passages should meet with the Pastoral Care Coordinator 30 minutes prior to the start of the service.

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Job 19:21-27

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 forever! 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!

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 forever. 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.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

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-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever. 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.

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 seem to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God has 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 elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

PSALMS

Psalms 23 (King James Version)

- 1 LORD is my shepherd ; *
I shall not want .
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

- 3 He restoreth my soul: *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies : *
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 23 (BCP1979)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 42: 1-7 (BCP 1928)

- 1 Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, *
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my meat day and night, *
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
- 4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; *
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
- 5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among such as keep holy-day.
- 6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why art thou so disquieted within me?
- 7 O put thy trust in God; *
for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42: 1-7 (BCP 1979)

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things:*
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 46: 1-5, 9-10 (1928 BCP)

- 1 GOD is our hope and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; *
God shall help her, and that right early.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; *
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots
in the fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that I am God: *
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalm 46: 1-5, 10-11 (1979 BCP)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 90: 1-10, 12 (1928 BCP)

- 1 Lord, thou hast been our refuge, *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, *
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
- 3 Thou turnest man to destruction; *
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, *
and as a watch in the night.
- 5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; *
and fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up; *
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in thy displeasure, *
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
- 8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; *
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
- 9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone: *
we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
- 10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that
they come to fourscore years, *
yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are
gone.
- 12 So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom

Psalm 90: 1-10, 12 (BCP1979)

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *

- we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;*
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 12 So teach us to number our days*
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Psalm 121 (King James Version)

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, *
from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh from the LORD, *
which made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:*
he that keepeth thee will not slumber .
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep .
- 5 The LORD is thy keeper : *
the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:*
he shall preserve thy soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in *
from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121 (BCP 1979)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

- shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth forevermore.

Psalm 130 (1928 BCP)

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; *
Lord, hear my voice.
2 O let thine ears consider well *
the voice of my complaint.
3 If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who may abide it?
4 For there is mercy with thee; *
therefore shalt thou be feared.
5 I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; *
in his word is my trust.
6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; *
I say, before the morning watch.
7 O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, *
and with him is plenteous redemption.
8 And he shall redeem Israel *
from all his sins.

Psalm 130 (1979 BCP)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Psalm 139:1-11 (1928 BCP)

- 1 O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. *
Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts
long before.
- 2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed; *
and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, *
but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.
- 4 Thou hast beset me behind and before, *
and laid thine hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; *
I cannot attain unto it.
- 6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? *
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
- 7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; *
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning, *
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, *
and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; *
then shall my night be turned to day.
- 11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; *
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

Psalm 139:1-11(1979 BCP)

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 •Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 5 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *

- where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 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 as their God; 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.

Revelation 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 worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever 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."

1 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.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 5:1-9

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.

1 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 dishonor, 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 labor is not in vain.

Romans 8:18-19, 34-35, 37-39

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.

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.

SUGGESTED GOSPEL READINGS

{If there is to be communion, then a member of the clergy must read the Gospel reading.)

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.

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."

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.

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."

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Sentences

Opening Hymn

Collect

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm

New Testament Lesson

Gospel Hymn

Gospel

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

*The Lord's Prayer (*is here if there is no communion*)

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Eucharistic Prayer

***The Lord's Prayer**

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns

The Prayer after Communion

Optional

The Commendation

The Committal (*If interment takes place following the service*)

*Jesus said... '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.'* John 11:25-26

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH FUNERAL CHECKSHEET

Full Name of the Deceased			
Baptized	Confirmed	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Name of Closest Relative		Phone	
Address		E-mail	
Service Date		Service Time	
# of Pews to be Reserved for Family		# of Pews to be Reserved for Pallbearers	
Burial Service (Rite I - BCP 469)		Burial Service (Rite II - BCP 491)	
Communion			
Officiating Clergy		Assisting Clergy	
Organist		Crucifer	
Ushers (2-6)			
Chalice Administrators (2-6)			
Casket (or) Cremains in Church?			
Place of Burial	Date	Time	
Opening Hymn	Hymnal		
Old Testament Reading	Reader		
Psalm	Reader		
Psalm Instructions	Alone	In Unison	Responsively
New Testament Reading	Reader		
Gradual Hymn	Hymnal		
Gospel Reading	Reader		
Homily			
Prayers of the People Reader			
Communion Hymns			
Closing Hymn	Hymnal		
Reception	Location		
Florist	Caterer		
Funeral Home			
Guest Book			