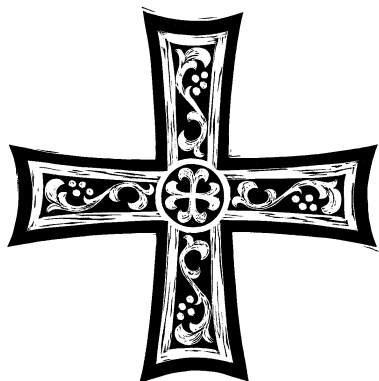


Planning a service for
Burial of the Dead
at Gethsemane Cathedral Fargo



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 certainty that “neither death, not 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 for those who mourn. Book of Common Prayer, page 507

This guide contains all the information you will need to plan the service for your loved one. Should you have questions, please contact Cathedral Coordinator Jodie Berg or Cathedral Dean Mark Strobel, 701.232.3394.

General Information

Name of the deceased as you wish for it to appear in the bulletin

Dates of birth and death

Name of funeral home and contact person

What will be present at the service

- ☐ Casket
- ☐ Urn
- ☐ Neither

Burial Location

Is there a visitation with Prayer Service & Vigil the evening before?

- ☐ Yes (Will it be held at the funeral home or the cathedral?)
- ☐ No

Family contact person

Additional Notes

Planning the Liturgy

All funeral services at Gethsemane Cathedral are conducted by Cathedral clergy. If you wish to have other clergy present, preaching, or participating, please contact Dean Mark Strobel, 701.232.3394 who will extend an invitation.

Funerals are conducted according to the orders of service provided in the Book of Common Prayer and other authorized texts.

Please select

- Rite I (BCP 469)
- Rite II (BCP 491)

Will there be a Eucharist?

- Yes
- No

Scripture Readings and Readers

It is appropriate for family or friends to read the Old Testament reading, lead the Psalm (if spoken, rather than sung), and read the New Testament Epistle.

- Old Testament
- Psalm
- Epistle
- Gospel

Suggested Scripture readings are on the next page. Other readings may be chosen in consultation with the clergy.

Family Reflection

A brief remembrance given by a family member or friend may be appropriate within the context of the worship service. This must be planned in consultation with the officiating clergy person who will offer guidance on content and length.

Suggested Scripture Readings

From the Old Testament

Job 19.21-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*
Ecclesiastes 3.1-8 *For everything there is a season*
Isaiah 25.6-9 *God will swallow up death forever*
Isaiah 40.1, 6-11 *God will gather the lambs*
Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33 *The steadfast love the Lord never ends*
Wisdom 3.1-5, 9 *The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God*

From the Psalms

23 *The Lord is my shepherd*
42.1-7 *My soul thirsts for God*
46 *God is our refuge and strength*
90.1-12 *Our dwelling place from one generation to another*
130 *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord*
139.1-17 *You have searched me out and known me*

From the New Testament

Romans 6.3-11 *We too might walk in newness of life*
Romans 8.14-19, 34-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of God?*
1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 *Made alive in Christ*
2 Corinthians 4.16-5.9 *A house, eternal in the heavens*
1 Peter 1.3-9 *A living hope through Jesus resurrection*
1 John 3.1-2 *See what love the Father has given us*
Revelation 7.9-17 *God will wipe away all tears*
Revelation 21.2-7 *Behold, I make all things new*

From the Gospel

Matthew 5.1-10 *Blessed are those who mourn*
Matthew 11.25-30 *I will give you rest*
Luke 24.13-16 17-35 *The road to Emmaus*
John 5.24-27 *All who believe have everlasting life*
John 6.37-40 *I will raise them up on the last day*
John 10.11-16 *I am the good shepherd*
John 11.21-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*
John 14.1-6 *I prepare a place for you*

Music

Music chosen for the Burial of the Dead reflects the nature of the funeral service as worship of God.

The Cathedral Organist, as a member of the cathedral staff, plays at all funerals. If the organist is unavailable, a substitute may be arranged with the approval of both the Cathedral Organist and the Dean.

Music led by instruments other than organ, for example piano or strings, is welcome. Vocalists are also welcome.

Please consult with the Dean and Cathedral Organist before inviting other musicians, whether vocalists or instrumentalists.

If there is a guest musician, soloist or instrumentalist, participating in the service, it is appropriate to have the selection sung or played as the Table of the Lord is being set for the Holy Eucharist or during the distribution of Holy Communion.

All music in worship must be performed live by in-person musicians. Recorded music, streamed music, and backing tracks are not permitted.

All music within the funeral service must be sacred.

In all musical and worship matters, the Cathedral Organist and Dean have final decision-making responsibilities.

Types of hymns within the service

- **The Processional Hymn** helps set the tone of worship for the service.
- **The Sequence Hymn** sung just before the Gospel reading, tends to be briefer and often expresses deep emotion.
- **Communion Hymns**, when used, are best when most familiar and easily singable.
- **The Recessional Hymn** sung on the way out expresses the hope and expectation of resurrection to new life in Christ.

Suggested Hymns & Songs

From Hymnal 1982

Abide with Me 662
Amazing Grace 671
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 653
Fairest Lord Jesus (Beautiful Savior) 383
For All the Saints 287
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 690
I Am the Bread of Life 335
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 293
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 490
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 376
Just As I Am, without One Plea 693
Lord of all Hopefulness 482
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 657
Morning Has Broken 8
My Faith Looks Up to Thee 691
Now Thank We All Our God 397
O God Our Help in Ages Past 680
Lift High the Cross 473
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 410
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 390
Rock of Ages 685
The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Has Ended 24
The King of Love My Shepherd Is 645
The Lord's My Shepherd 663
What Wondrous Love Is This 439

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Blessed Assurance
Children of the Heavenly Father
How Great Thou Art
Just a Closer Walk with Thee
On Eagle's Wings
Shall We Gather at the River
When Peace Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

Other hymns may be used. Please consult with the clergy person officiating at the service, or the organist, about options.

Additional Notes 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 clergy of the congregation.

To keep the focus of the service on the Risen Christ, the coffin is to be closed before the service. At a memorial service, photographs of the person who has died are placed at the entrance to the church. The coffin or urn is covered with a pall.

Family may gather for prayer with clergy in the Chapel or Fireside Room before the service begins.

There will be seating reserved for family on the pulpit side of the nave.

Flowers

Flowers, if desired, are provided by the family. The funeral home can assist in with those details. Flowers for the vases at the altar are customary. Other flowers may be purchased as desired.

At the time of the service, a funeral pall will cover the casket or urn. A casket spray, if purchased, will be removed at the entrance to the nave and replaced when the casket is brought out of the church.

The Book of Common prayer notes that “The coffin is to be closed to the service, and it remains closed thereafter.” In that same spirit, at memorial services with an urn present, photographs are appropriately placed at the entrance to the church rather than next to the urn.

Reception

The Cathedral welcomes families to a reception in the Great Hall following the service. Food for the reception is arranged through local caterers by the family in consultation with the funeral director in charge of arrangements. Coordinators for a reception at Gethsemane are Jill Machayya, 701.318.7325 and Jessica Alsop 952.484.7028. They oversee both set up and serving of the reception.

Other Considerations

Performing the Rite of Christian Burial is a central part of the ministry of the Church. As such, there is no express charge for a funeral service. However, honoraria for musicians and clergy are a way to extend gratitude for their participation in the service. The funeral home will assist with those details.

Offerings to the church can either be made to the Gethsemane Cathedral Memorial Fund in memory of the deceased, to the Cathedral Foundation, or simply to the Cathedral Congregation. Such gifts enable Gethsemane Cathedral to continue its work and ministry.

If a licensed Funeral Home is not involved on the day part of the service, a Cathedral Funeral Coordinator is required to be part of all preparations. That person will assist in planning the logistics and practical details of the service and be present the day of the service. An honorarium for the coordinator will be determined in consultation with a member of the cathedral clergy.

If you have questions, please contact the Cathedral staff members listed below at either the church phone number or email address.

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