

## A Statement for the Guidance of my Parish and Family

*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 Book of Common Prayer, Page 507*

**Services are to be conducted at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama or:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parish Church), (City or Town).

*If in another location, the Funeral Director will be told: "The parish priest will be in charge of the services and all related arrangements. It is my desire that the services be conducted as instructed by the parish priest and as provided in the Book of Common Prayer. The priest will make selections when no preference is expressed below."*

### **General Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

In the course of the service, the name of the one who died is used often.

What name would you like used? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Service Information**

**Please use the following:**

\_\_\_\_ The Burial of the Dead: Rite One (BCP p. 469)

\_\_\_\_ The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two (BCP p 491)

**I would like The Holy Eucharist to be celebrated as a part of the service.** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**I would like a Visitation before the Service.** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, I would like my visitation at \_\_\_ Saint Stephen's \_\_\_ Funeral Home \_\_\_ Other

**If the Holy Eucharist is celebrated:**

I would like the following people to present the offerings of bread and wine at the Offertory:

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the following people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers:

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

## Music

I would like the following hymns sung during the service:

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Other music:

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## The Liturgy of the Word (Please choose from the following category)

*One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.*

### a. Old Testament

_____ Isaiah 25: 6-9	He will swallow up death forever
_____ Isaiah 61: 1-3	To comfort those who mourn
_____ Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33	The Lord is good to those who wait for him
_____ Wisdom 3: 1-5,9	The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God
_____ Job 19: 21-27a	I know that my Redeemer lives

Choice of Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

### b. Psalms

_____ Psalm 23	The Lord is my Shepherd
_____ Psalm 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation
_____ Psalm 42: 1-7	As the deer longs for the water brooks
_____ Psalm 46	God is our refuge and strength
_____ Psalm 90: 1-12	Lord, you have been our refuge
_____ Psalm 106: 1-5	Hallelujah!_ Give thanks to the Lord
_____ Psalm 121	I lift my eyes to the hills
_____ Psalm 130	Out of the depths have I called
_____ Psalm 139: 1-11	Lord, you have search me out
_____ # Other	

### c. New Testament

_____ Romans 8: 14-19,34-35, 37-39	The glory that shall be revealed
_____ I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44,53-58	The imperishable body
_____ II Corinthians 4:16-5:9	Things that are unseen are eternal
_____ I John 3: 1-2	We shall be like him
_____ Revelation 7: 9-17	God will wipe away every tear
_____ Revelation 21: 2-7	Behold, I make all things new

Choice of Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

### d. The Gospel

_____ John 5: 24-27	He who believes has everlasting life
_____ John 6: 37-40	All that the Father gives will come to me
_____ John 10: 11-16	I am the good shepherd
_____ John 11: 21-27	I am the resurrection and the life
_____ John 14: 1-6	In my Father's house are many room

**Additional requests for the service:**

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**When would you prefer the committal of ashes/body to occur:**

Before the Burial Service  After the Burial  At a separate time

**I would like my remains:**

- 1.) Buried in a casket
- 2.) Donated for research
- 3.) Cremated

If cremated, would wish for your ashes to be

placed in an urn for interment in the Columbarium at Saint Stephen's

placed in an urn – Given to: \_\_\_\_\_

placed in the Saint Stephen's Memorial Garden -  Scattered or  Buried

committed to the ground – Where: \_\_\_\_\_

**If buried, name of cemetery where burial is to occur:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have received information about the Parish Memorial Garden:** Yes  No

**Do you have any requests regarding military honors?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any preference with regard to memorial gifts?**

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**Have you made arrangements previously with a mortuary or burial society?** Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you made arrangements for a reception?** Yes  No

**If yes, please provide all the information that is applicable:**

**Name of Caterer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To be served on-site at Saint Stephen's or another venue?**

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**My next of kin is (name, address, phone)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who do you want to be present when final arrangements are made with the church?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*These instructions should be placed on file at the church and a copy given to a close friend or relative.*