

## A Statement of Guidance for my Parish and Family

The liturgy of the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all of 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*

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has an opportunity to be present. The coffin (if present) 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. - *The Book of Common Prayer, page 490*

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parish, City)

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 BCP. The priest will make selections when no preference is expressed below."

1) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

In the course of the service, the name of the one who has died is used often. What name would you like used? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Please use:

a. \_\_\_ Burial of the Dead Rite I (BCP pg. 469)

b. \_\_\_ Burial of the Dead Rite II (BCP pg. 491)

3) I would like The Holy Eucharist to be celebrated as part of the service \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

4) If Holy Eucharist is to be celebrated:

a. I would like the following people to present the offerings of bread and wine:

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

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

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

5) Music: Please list any hymns you would like sung:

Other music:

6) The Liturgy of the Word (please choose from the following categories). You may choose either one, two, or three readings [excluding responsorial psalms]. One election from the Gospel is necessary:

a. Old Testament

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

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

b. Response after the lesson

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| i. ___ Psalm 42:1-7    | As the deer longs for the water brooks |
| ii. ___ Psalm 46       | God is our refuge and strength         |
| iii. ___ Psalm 90:1-12 | Lord, you have been our refuge         |
| iv. ___ Psalm 121      | I lift my eyes to the hills            |
| v. ___ Psalm 130       | Out of the depths have I called        |
| vi. ___ Psalm 139:1-11 | Lord, you have searched me out         |
| vii. ___ Hymn # _____  |  |
| viii. ___ Silence      |  |

c. New Testament

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| i. ___ Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39                 | The glory that shall be revealed   |
| ii. ___ I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 | The imperishable body              |
| iii. ___ II Corinthians 4:16-5:9                    | Things that are unseen are eternal |
| iv. ___ I John 3:1-2                                | We shall be like him               |

v. \_\_\_ Revelation 7:9-17                      God will wipe away every tear

vi. \_\_\_ Revelation 21:2-7                      Behold, I make all things new

d. Response after the lesson

i. \_\_\_ Psalm 23                      The Lord is my Shepherd

ii. \_\_\_ Psalm 27                      The Lord is my light and my salvation

iii. \_\_\_ Psalm 106: 1-5      Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord

iv. \_\_\_ Psalm 116                      I love the Lord, because he has heard my supplication

v. \_\_\_ Hymn # \_\_\_\_\_

e. The Gospel

i. \_\_\_ John 5:24-27                      He who believes has everlasting life

ii. \_\_\_ John 6:37-40                      All that the Father gives me will come to me

iii. \_\_\_ John 10:11-16                      I am the good shepherd

iv. \_\_\_ John 11:21-27                      I am the resurrection and the life

v. \_\_\_ John 14: 1-6                      In my father's house are many rooms

7) Additional requests for the service:

8) I would like my remains \_\_\_\_\_ in a casket \_\_\_\_\_ cremated \_\_\_\_\_ donated for research.

a. If cremated, do you wish for ashes to be interred into the church memorial garden?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

i. I have received information about the Parish Memorial Garden \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Before the service      \_\_\_\_\_ After the service      \_\_\_\_\_ At another time

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

9) Do you have any requests regarding military honors?

10) Do you have any preference regarding memorial gifts?

11) Have you made arrangements previously with a mortuary or burial society? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

12) My next of kin is:

Name	Address	Phone
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13) Who do you want to be present when final arrangements are made with the church?

(Name and Phone)

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

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