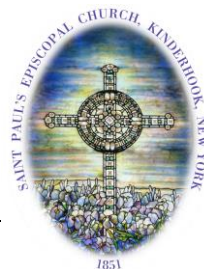


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FUNERALS AT SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

You are likely reading this pamphlet because you have experienced, or anticipate, a death — perhaps of someone near and dear to you; perhaps of a relative from whom you have been distant or estranged; maybe even your own.

You may feel numb; you may feel a bewildering array of powerful emotions — sorrow, anger, relief, or even joy — that erupt uncontrollably. Planning a funeral may be a welcome distraction, or a heavy burden. You may feel like talking, or long for silence. You may want company, or to be alone.

Making arrangements for a funeral, memorial service, or burial is only many tasks to be accomplished and details that need minding. By God's grace, even the process of planning may afford you some consolation and peace.

Information in this document pertains primarily to services conducted in Saint Paul's Church. It is not comprehensive; the clergy will review the service and options with you in detail, and provide any needed guidance or answer any questions you may have. Your family will find it most helpful to designate one or two representatives to serve as liaison with the clergy.

Grief counseling and support are available. Please ask the clergy.

Planning the funeral or memorial service

Christian rites of burial are, first and foremost, the Church's public worship. Like all other liturgical ceremonies, they are commanded, commended, or condoned by God under the authority conferred by Christ on his church. The focus of these observances is to proclaim what Jesus Christ has done to redeem the human race and so to restore eternal and abundant life. Consequently, the funeral or memorial service must clearly and uncompromisingly proclaim his saving work through his own death and resurrection. Along with the rubrics of the *Book of Common Prayer*, this principle determines the structure and content of every liturgy at Saint Paul's.

Many people have come to expect that funeral and burial services are completely customizable to suit their wishes, expectations, or convictions, or those of the departed. Some think, for example, that speeches (eulogies) are an essential and long-standing part of Christian tradition; in fact, however, they are relatively recent (about 150 years), and not of Christian origin.

Grief is an important, long-term process. Sadness in the face of death and loss is not incompatible with life in Christ. Sharing stories and expressing publicly our love, admiration, gratitude, or sense of bereavement are healthy expressions of grief. We strongly recommend and support a wake or reception at which anyone who wishes may speak at any length, offer reflections or testimonials, and share meaningful selections of art, literature, music, poetry, and the like. In such a setting, all may reminisce about good times, meaningful experiences, and loving relationships; say good-byes, and honor those who still worship with us, "but on another shore, and in a greater light." There you may speak without constraint about your love and affection for the departed, and of theirs for you; extol their personality and character; and profess publicly your devotion and our gratitude to them. They, and your relationship with them, are unique and deserve to be celebrated in an appropriate setting.

Important as it is to celebrate a unique human life and personality, worship is not the appropriate setting for it. Eulogies, readings, reflections, reminiscences, and so on have the unintended but quite real effect of focusing spiritually, not on what the God of mercy and power has done, but on human qualities, accomplishments, and relationships. To the extent these point back to God, it is good to remember them, but we keep the spotlight on what God, in and through Jesus, has done.

Saint Paul's will work with you, if you wish, to come up with an alternative setting for the expression of healthy grief and for mutual consolation.

Texts and Music

TEXTS: The structure and prayers are drawn from the *Book of Common Prayer* and other sources that proclaim good news. Readings may be from any approved translation of the Bible. At Saint Paul's, we usually use the English Standard Version and the New English Translation, and may include material from the Apocrypha. We do not use readings from sources other than the Bible.

READERS: Family members and friends may serve as readers of Scripture and in other capacities (carrying the processional cross; bringing offertory gifts forward; etc.). Keep in mind, however, that powerful waves of grief can surface unexpectedly. Some ministries during worship require training and skills. Readers should be able to communicate the Word of God with appropriate attention to meaning, phrasing, and pronunciation. Readers' versions of the text will be supplied to them in advance. Readers should arrive early (or at another time) to become familiar with our space and sound system.

MUSIC (classical or contemporary Christian hymns, service music, and sacred songs) may be offered. Selections from *The Hymnal, 1982* and *The Hymnal, 1940* are available. Other compositions consistent with Christian doctrine and worship may be considered. The final decision lies with the Rector. If a favorite selection is not usable during the service, it may be appropriate at the wake or reception.

Music not in the music ministry's repertoire may require that the family furnish sheet music with sufficient advance notice.

Appearances by outside vocalists or instrumentalists are subject to approval by, and coordination with, the parish music ministry.

Typical hymn options from *The Hymnal, 1982*

(any hymns of Easter).....	174-213	How firm a foundation.....	637
A mighty fortress is our God (Ps. 46).....	688	How lovely is your dwelling place	517
Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.....	662	Into paradise may the angels lead you	354
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.....	178	Jerusalem, my happy home	620
Alleluia! The strife is o'er	208	Jesus Christ is risen today	207
All creatures of our God and King	400	Jesus lives! Thy terrors now.....	194/195
All my hope on God is founded.....	665	Jesus, Son of Mary	357
All things bright and beautiful.....	405	Joyful, joyful we adore thee	376
Amazing grace	671	Let saints on earth in concert sing.....	526
As long as the deer for cooling streams (Ps. 42)	658	Lift every voice and sing	599
Be thou my vision	488	Lord of all hopefulness	482
Breathe on me, breath of God	508	Lord, make us servants of your peace.....	593
Christ the Victorious, give to your servants.....	358	Love divine, all loves excelling.....	657
Christ, whose glory fills the skies	7	May choirs of angels lead you.....	356
Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove.....	510	Morning has broken.....	8
Come, my way, my truth, my life	487	My shepherd will supply my need (Ps. 23).....	664
Come thou fount of every blessing	686	Now thank we all our God.....	397
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain.....	199/200	Now the day is over	42
Dear Lord and Father of mankind.....	653	O God, our help in ages past (Ps. 90)	680
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness.....	339	O Love of God, how strong and true.....	455/456
Eternal father, strong to save (Navy Hymn).....	608	O Master, let me walk with thee	660
Faith of our fathers.....	558	Onward, Christian soldiers	562
For all the saints	287	Praise, my soul, the king of heaven	410

For the beauty of the earth	416	Rock of ages.....	685
Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant.....	355	The King of love my shepherd is (Ps. 23)	645/646
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.....	690	The strife is o'er.....	208
He is risen, he is risen.....	180	There is a balm in Gilead	676
How lovely is your dwelling place (Ps. 84)	517	There's a wideness in God's mercy.....	469/470
I am the bread of life.....	335	This is the hour of banquet and of song	316
I come with joy to meet my Lord.....	304	We gather together	433
I sing a song of the saints of God.....	293	Ye holy angels bright.....	625
Immortal, invisible God only wise	423	Ye servants of God	535
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty	362	Ye watchers and ye holy ones.....	618

Suggested Lessons (other suggestions from the Bible may be considered)

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach 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, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to 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; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

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 thy 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. ... For the Lord will not cast off for ever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men.

Wisdom 3:1-5, [6-8], 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 seemed 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 tested them and found them worthy of himself[;like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever]. 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.

Job 19:21-27a

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? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh? "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ... Who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, 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 sure 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.

I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, [51-52], 53-58

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 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 delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule 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 some one will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish man! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel, 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 is it 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. ... [Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.] For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy 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 brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

II Corinthians 4:16-5:9

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are 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. Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling, so that by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would 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 of good courage; 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. We are of good courage, 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 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 21:2-7

And I saw the holy city, 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, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And 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 from the fountain of the water of life without payment. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son."

Psalms (Book of Common Prayer 1979) (other Psalms and Biblical canticles may be considered)

23 Dominus regit me (BCP 612)

- 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.

23 Dominus regit me (King James version) (BCP 476)

- 1 The 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.

27 Dominus illuminatio (BCP 617)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
 - 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
 - 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
 - 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
 - 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
 - 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
 - 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
 - 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
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- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.

39 Dixi, Custodiam (BCP 638)

- 5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
so that I may know how short my life is.
- 6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; *
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.
- 7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; *
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.
- 8 And now, what is my hope? *
O Lord, my hope is in you.
- 9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.
- 10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
for surely it was you that did it.
- 11 Take your affliction from me; *
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.
- 12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.
- 13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.
- 14 For I am but a sojourner with you, *
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.
- 15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *
before I go my way and am no more.
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42 Quemadmodum (BCP 643)

- 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.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

46 Deus noster refugium (BCP 649)

- 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.
 - 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
 - 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
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- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 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."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

84 Quam dilecta! (BCP 707)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

90 Domine, refugium (BCP 717)

- 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.
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- 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.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

91 Qui habitat (BCP 719)

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
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- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

103 Benedic, anima mea (BCP 733)

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
 - 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
 - 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
 - 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
 - 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
 - 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
 - 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
 - 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
 - 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
 - 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
 - 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
 - 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
 - 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
 - 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.
 - 15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
 - 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
 - 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
 - 18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.
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- 19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.

106 (I) Confitemini Domino (BCP 741)

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

116 Dilexi, quoniam (BCP 759)

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

121 Levavi oculos (BCP 779)

- 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;
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- 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 for evermore.

130 De profundis (BCP 784)

- 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.

139 Domine, probasti (BCP 794)

- 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.
 - 4 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.
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- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.
- 18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! *
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.
- 19 They speak despitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.
- 20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you? *
and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- 21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; *
they have become my own enemies.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Gospel selections *other selections from the four canonical Gospels may be considered*

If Holy Communion follows, a selection from the Gospels must be the last or only reading.

Mark 10:13-16 [especially for a child]

And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

John 5:24-27

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of man."

John 6:37-40

All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. 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 at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 10:11-16

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall 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. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

John 14:1-6

[Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way 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, but by me."

Other matters

Flowers

The florist must contact the church during business hours to arrange a window for delivery during business hours in advance of the service.

Altar flower arrangements may be left as a donation to the Church in memory of the departed for use the following Sunday; an announcement that these flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. Other flowers should be removed from the church.

During Advent and Lent, flowers are not placed on the altar, only greens.

In the church, only Christian symbolism is appropriate. Photographs and other displays, including military, patriotic, or fraternal organization, are welcome in the Great Hall, funeral home, or at the gravesite.

Worship bulletin

Saint Paul's will prepare a worship booklet. A photograph, artwork, short biography, other brief text of special significance (such as a poem) may be included in the worship bulletin. Please discuss this with the clergy when planning the service. Please e-mail these to FatherTom15@gmail.com.

Fees

The Church and clergy do not charge fees for ministry or suggest guidelines.

The amount of a gratuity or honorarium, if any, is left to the discretion and conscience of the giver.

We do, however, need to recoup costs for supporting ministries and for the use, cleaning, and upkeep of our physical plant and for utilities. Parishioners who support us through regular giving have already done so.

All fees must be paid in cash or by check delivered directly to the payee (see below) on or before the day of the service.

Organist: payable on or before the day of the funeral

Cathy Morris (\$250)

Outside organist: _____

(amount to be negotiated by the family directly with the organist; a minimum of \$_____ is customary)

Vocalists: As negotiated; a minimum of \$200 is customary.

(to be negotiated by the family directly with the vocalist; \$_____ minimum is customary)

Church use: Parishioners: no charge.

Non-parishioners: \$_____, payable to Saint Paul's Church.

Use of Great Hall for Wake or Reception:

Parishioners: no charge.

Non-parishioners: \$_____, payable to Saint Paul's Church

Catering costs and arrangements:

to be borne by the family.

Saint Paul's Church kitchen management must approve all catering arrangements in advance.

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