

**St. Paul's, Brunswick, Maine, Policy for Planning a Funeral  
For Members\***

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1. Call the church at the time of your loved one's death. 207-725-5342. This way we can pray with you and your loved one at one of the most holy times of life.
2. Make an appointment with the clergy, or wardens in clergy absence. to plan the funeral.
3. All services are held in the church.
4. Flowers are prepared by the Flower Committee and are placed on the altar only.
5. You may ask for additional flowers, but they will be placed in the Great Hall for the reception.
6. The Rite of Burial (Thanksgiving for the Life...) is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. The prayers are a reflection of our belief that God makes all things new in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
7. The Officiant will preach a brief homily.
8. Family/Friends are pre-selected, a limit of 3, for 2 minute each Remembrances.
9. All other remembrances may be given at graveside (or at the Committal in the Memorial Garden).
10. A reception may be held at the church depending on the availability of the space and Memorial Reception Committee.
11. \*Members (those who attend services, give of their time, talent and treasure are considered members) are not required to pay for the use of the church or the participation of clergy.

However, there are other costs listed here:

- a. Musician (organ or keyboard) \$200.00 plus mileage. Soloist, \$75.00
- b. Flowers \$75.00
- c. Committal into the St. Paul's Memorial Garden \$250.00  
(There is an additional charge for the engraving of a stone that is placed in the circle of the Memorial Garden.)  
(This cost and the process is presently under review by the Memorial Garden Committee.)
- d. Space use (optional for members) Generally, members give something for the use of the church and grounds.
- e. A contribution may be given for a reception to follow.



## SUGGESTED MUSIC

The music at funerals should be appropriate for the occasion. The music serves to support, clarify, and complement the action and words of the liturgy at all times. It should suggest ideas of triumph, resurrection, strength, comfort, thanksgiving and repose; Easter hymns are especially appropriate.

*The following hymns are only suggestions. Other favorite hymns of the deceased or family may be suggested to the clergy. Hymns recommended for one category may be used in another.*

### Processional Hymn

This hymn helps the congregation move from the experience of the daily world into a frame of mind open to the spiritual. It sets the tone of worship for the service.

#### The Hymnal 1982

8	Morning has broken
24	The Day Thou Gavest
287	For all the saints
388	O worship the King, all glorious above!
657	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
662	Abide With Me (vs.1&3)
688	A Mighty Fortress

#### Wonder, Love, and Praise

775	Give thanks for life (TUNE: Sine Nomine – ‘For All the Saints’)
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### The Gospel Hymn

The sequence hymn, when used in a service, occurs just before the Gospel reading. It provides a transition from the previous readings and may reflect them or it prepares the heart for the hearing of the Gospel. This hymn tends to be briefer and often contains deep emotion.

#### The Hymnal 1982

379	God is Love, let heaven adore him
397	Now thank we all our God
518	Christ is made the sure foundation
608	Eternal Father, strong to save
657	Love divine, all loves excelling
662	Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

#### Lift Every Voice and Sing

60	How Great Thou Art
184	Blessed Assurance
189	Great is Thy Faithfulness vs. (1&2)
192	I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour

Wonder, Love, and Praise

811 Be Not Afraid

**Offertory Hymns**

If there is a guest making a musical contribution to the service, it is often appropriate to have the selection sung or played as the Eucharistic elements are being offered and the table of the Lord is being set for communion. Alternately, a hymn may be played or sung.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

103 Steal away  
106 Precious Lord, take my hand  
188 It is Well with My Soul (vs. 1&4)

**Communion Hymns**

These or other hymns may be sung during the Eucharist by those seated in the pews.

The Hymnal 1982

325 Let us break bread together  
335 I am the bread of life  
593 Lord make us servants of your peace  
676 There is a balm in Gilead

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing II

104 The Lord is my Shepherd

**Recessional Hymns**

The recessional hymn often is sung as the family leaves the church behind the remains as they are carried out.

The Hymnal 1982

207 Jesus Christ is risen today  
287 For all the saints  
358 Christ, the Victorious  
473 Lift high the cross  
488 Be thou my vision  
618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones  
645 The King of love my shepherd is  
646 The King of love my shepherd is  
671 Amazing grace  
680 O God, our help in ages past  
690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

**Funeral Planning Form**  
**St. Paul's Church, Brunswick**

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

Date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) responsible for making arrangements for burial

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If arrangements been made with a funeral director, please indicate the name and address of the funeral director or funeral home and what arrangements you have made. \_\_\_\_\_

Will you want to include Holy Eucharist? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will a coffin or an urn be at the church for the service? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, which? \_\_\_\_\_

Would your family like to procession behind the coffin or urn? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Here are some optional scripture readings:

Please check the reading from the Old Testament you would prefer:

\_\_\_ Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death for ever)

\_\_\_ Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort those who mourn)

\_\_\_ Lamentations 3:22-26, 3 1-33 (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)

\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a particular psalm, hymn or canticle you would like after the Old Testament reading? \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms might be: 41:1-7; 46; 90:1-12; 121; 130; 139:1-17

Please check the reading from the New Testament you would prefer:

\_\_\_ Romans 8:1-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)

\_\_\_ I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)

\_\_\_ 2 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)

\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a particular psalm, hymn or canticle you would like after the New Testament reading? \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms might be: 23; 27; 106:1-5; 116

Will there be readers who are family/friends? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will one or two remembrances (2 min.) be a part of this funeral? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please check the Gospel lesson you would prefer to have read:

\_\_\_ John 5:24-27 (He who believes has everlasting life)

\_\_\_ John 6:37-4 (All that the Father gives me 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 there are many rooms)

\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the music you would like for the service. The priest and the organist and parish musician will be happy to offer suggestions, some of which are included in a separate form.

Prelude: \_\_\_\_\_

Processional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn before the Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion hymns: \_\_\_\_\_

Processional hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Postlude: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you/the deceased to be buried?

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Would you like The Committal (see Book of Common Prayer, pages 501-505) at a graveside following the Burial Service? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

For parishioners, would you like a reception in the parish hall? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, after the Burial Service? \_\_\_ Or, after The Committal? \_\_\_

Additional comments or information

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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