

Wishes & Prayers

Assistance to My Loved Ones Upon My Death



God of grace, we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, who by His death has destroyed the power of death by His glorious resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant us to know that because Christ lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life shall be able to separate us from your love – *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

“Jesus said to them, I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.” *John 10:10 NRSV*

Making decisions about what is to happen after our death can free us to fully live now. The following pages may assist you in your funeral planning.

Full Legal Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Cell _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of birth _____

Spouse/partner/contact person _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Personal rep designated to make decisions _____

Phone number _____

I am survived by (family, lifelong friend, etc) _____

I authorize _____ to make final

decisions. These requests are my preferences.

Copies of this form have been discussed with:



Heath Care Directives and Preferences

I have an Advance Directive for Health Care or 5 Wishes Yes No

My Directive is on file at _____

Date prepared/updated: ____/____/____

I would like Hospice Care Yes No

I am an Organ Donor Yes No

Instructions for donation of organs: _____

I have arranged for donation of my body for medical education and/or research through:

I would like spiritual support in my last months of life Yes No

Hospice, Chaplain, or other spiritual leader: _____

I prefer, if possible, to die at: Home Hospice Care Facility/Hospital Other

At My Death

I would like anointing/prayers of the church at my death Yes No

I would like a ritual such as prayers, ritual bathing at my death Yes No

Chaplain or spiritual leader to be contacted: _____

Relatives and Friends to be notified:

Name(s)	Contact Information

Burial Information

Mortuary name, phone number, location _____

I wish to be cremated Yes No

Urn type _____

I prefer burial in a casket Yes No

I prefer a green burial Yes No

Details _____

Coffin specifications: Least Expensive Mid-range Elaborate

Details _____

Specific clothing I wish to be dressed in _____

I prefer burial in a cemetery Yes No

Cemetery name/Location: _____

Location of deed: _____

I prefer my ashes interred at: _____

Trinity columbarium _____ Church sacred ground _____

Memorial Garden _____ Other _____

I prefer placement of a commemorative plaque at this location _____

My plan is recorded with church, burial ground, etc. Yes No

Autopsy Choice:

None, unless required by law _____

Yes, if helpful to survivors or medical research _____

I wish to be embalmed by a mortician Yes No

I do not wish to be embalmed, if possible Yes No

(Oregon Law requires burial within 48 hrs without embalming)

I do _____ do not _____ wish a visitation with open casket at the funeral home.



The Burial Service

“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” BCP p. 507

The service is appropriately held at the church or the graveside, time and date arranged in consultation with the Rector.

Note - The coffin is closed for the service and remains closed thereafter.

My preference is:

- Burial Rite I – Traditional language p. 469 BCP
 Burial Rite II – Contemporary language p. 491 BCP
 Burial with Eucharist Rite I Prayer 1 Prayer 2
 Burial with Eucharist Rite II Prayer A B C D
 Burial with Celtic format – Details _____
 Burial with service at graveside

In addition to parish clergy, I would like to have the following clergy and lay readers participate in the service: _____

In addition to the homily, I would like _____ to speak briefly at the service.

Ushers/Honorary/Pallbearers: _____

I would like Military Honors	Yes	No
I would like Mason/Eastern Star/Shriners ritual	Yes	No
I would like a reception at church	Yes	No

Preferred food _____

I authorize _____ to make final decisions about funeral details with the Officiant. These are my preferences and the person(s) listed above may make any necessary changes in accordance with their best judgement and the circumstances surrounding my death. Copies of these instructions have been given to: _____



Readings Ideas for Episcopal Funerals

Suggested from the Book of Common Prayer and New Zealand Prayer Book

Please select at least one reading, a psalm and a Gospel reading.

Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures

- Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)
- 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 (God is good to those who wait for Him)
- Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (A time for everything)
- 2 Esdras 2:42-48 (The faithful are exalted into heaven)
- Wisdom 4:7-9, (10-12), 13-15 (Age is not a length of time)
- Other _____

Psalm

- 23 (Traditional language)
- 23 Contemporary language
- 25
- 27
- 42:1-7
- 46
- 90:1-12
- 103
- 121
- 130
- 139:1-11
- Other _____

New Testament

- Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
- 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)
- 1John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)
- Revelation 7:9-17
- Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold I make all things new)
- Romans 6:1-11 (Dead to sin but alive in Christ)



- ___ 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (Consolation in Christ)
- ___ 2 Corinthians 4:7-14 (Not in despair)
- ___ 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10 (At home with the Lord)
- ___ Philippians 3:8-21 (Our citizenship is in heaven)
- ___ Philippians 3:20-4:1, 4-7 (Rejoice in the Lord)
- ___ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (15-18) (Raised with Jesus)
- ___ 1 Peter 1:3-9 (A living hope)
- ___ Other _____

Gospel

- ___ John 5:24-27 (they who believe have 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 Fathers house there are many rooms)
- ___ Matthew 5:3-10 (True happiness)
- ___ Mark 10:13-16 (Let the little children come unto me)
- ___ Luke 15:11-31 (The parable of the lost son)
- ___ Luke 23:44-49, 24:1-7 (The death and resurrection of Jesus)
- ___ John 6:46-58 (Jesus the bread of life)'
- ___ John 12:23-26 (Where I am, there shall my servants be)
- ___ Other _____

Other Sacred Texts

Favorite Prayers

Favorite Songs/Type of Music



Memorial Donations

"The Episcopal Church strongly encourages all its members to take time to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons, while they are in good health, to make wills, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses. '

Book of Common
Prayer p. 445

In lieu of flowers, I request memorial donations go to _____
Episcopal Church, Address: _____

Other _____

Additional Help For Family

Dr. Ira Byok, National leader in end-of-life care suggests 5 important things to discuss/complete with those you care about before death. These are to say: I'm sorry....I forgive you,...thank you...I love you...goodbye.

The Five Wishes document also offers opportunity to tell specific things to your loved ones. These are available on-line.



A message to my family and friends:

(You may consider adding your thoughts on your values, children, partners, pets, your faith, friends, work, feelings about death, your hopes for them, etc. Attach additional pages if needed)

In addition we suggest:

1. Complete and discuss with loved ones your advance care directives.
2. Update your will.
3. Consider this church, and other organizations that do Gods work as you are doing your estate planning. My preferences are _____
Contact person for this is _____
4. Make decisions about organ and tissue donation and document these.
5. Make your wishes known about the church service you desire upon your death.

May this form help you with your end of life decisions and be a blessing to you and a comfort to your family.



Offered by The Rev. Mary Piper 2022
(free use, if credited)
Trinity Episcopal Church
Address 44 N 2nd Street
Ashland, OR 97520
Website: trinitychurchashland.org
Email: office@trinitychurchashland.org
Phone: 541-201-3418