

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul
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BURIAL CUSTOMARY



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BURIALS AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Burial Office

The Body: A Christian View of Burial

From ancient times, Christian funeral rites, following Jewish precedents, have assumed that the body is present for the funeral service. Members of the family or the Church bestowed special care on the body because it was the temple of the Holy Spirit. The body was lovingly washed, sometimes anointed, wrapped in a clean linen shroud, or clothed, and a vigil kept either in the home or the church.

The corpse ought to be handled reverently. This does not imply, however, that it ought to be thought of as being prepared for immortality. In this regard, modern funeral practices have reverted to pagan (e.g., Greek, Hindu, or Egyptian), rather than Christian, notions of death. Pagan conceptions about the afterlife suggest that there is a continuity of the individual's soul or body between the present and the future life. The Christian faith, on the other hand, emphasizes transformation.

The central proclamation of the Christian gospel is: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died" (I Cor 15:20). As St. Paul clearly wishes us to understand, the doctrine of the resurrection means that, at death, the physical body indeed perishes ("dust to dust") and is no more. Then in the resurrection, God provides a new (spiritual) body which bears "the image of the Man of Heaven," i.e., the Risen Christ (I Cor 15:44, 49; cf. vv. 35-54). In other words, in Christianity, our risen life is based on a new creative act of God, not a continuation of our natural life in a new form.

The resurrection of the body connotes transformation and new creation; therefore, efforts to preserve and enhance the mortal body, such as are provided by morticians, are unnecessary for Christians. Because of our

belief in the resurrection, a Christian's view of burial should properly exclude such practices as embalming (unless the body must be held or transported some distance), cosmetic enhancement, and expensive coffins. "Viewings" in the funeral home, moreover, are neither necessary nor required. Accordingly, Christians ought to be encouraged to express a desire for simple burial and for holding vigils ("wakes") in the church.

When the resurrection is the foundational belief, the Christian view of burial may also, and quite properly, include cremation. Coincidentally, cremation is being used increasingly in contemporary American funeral practice. Among several arguments for its use, economic reasons are prominent, especially in more densely populated areas. The order of service in the Prayer Book, however, suggests that cremation should follow the funeral liturgy. The general rubrics concerning the service (Prayer Book p.490) emphasize, rightly, the importance of the body's presence and its significance to the liturgy and pastoral needs of the bereaved. If cremation is indicated, the coffin may be rented for the service and for transport to the crematorium. For a variety of reasons many families frequently desire that cremation take place immediately after death. However, because Episcopal practice is to have a closed coffin and no viewing is required, cremation may, in the instance described, take place after the service.

All should bear in mind that the Prayer Book unequivocally states, "The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter" (Prayer Book, pp. 468, 490). These, therefore are the three possibilities concerning the body and the funeral liturgy: The first choice is to have the funeral with the uncremated body present. A second option is to have the funeral with the cremated remains present. Under extraordinary circumstances, the funeral may be held with neither the body nor the ashes being present.

Scheduling a Burial

The first step in the burial process is a meeting with the Dean, Father Troy Beecham, or with the Deacon, John Doherty. To arrange this meeting please call 515.288.7297.

During your meeting with the Dean or Deacon, it will be decided who will officiate the liturgy. Normally, one of the clergy of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul will officiate. Should you wish to have another priest officiate or assist, this must be discussed with the Dean, and an invitation extended by Father Beecham. Permission of the Bishop of Iowa must be obtained for any priest outside the Diocese of Iowa to officiate before any invitation can be extended.

In most cases, the priest who performs your burial will provide family counseling in preparing for the liturgy. The officiating priest, and ultimately the Dean, have the final say on all matters relating to the burial.

After the Dean confirms plans for the burial, the Parish Administrator will place the burial on the parish calendar. Until your date is confirmed, it is suggested that you hold off on any financial commitments (such as deposits on a reception, etc.)

Who May Be Buried from the Cathedral

Firstly, all gatherings of Christians in the Church are chiefly concerned with the worship of God Almighty through our Lord Jesus Christ. Burials are, therefore, principally liturgies of worship, during which we conduct the burial of Christian. All preparations for the burial should bear this in mind, as it will characterize every aspect of the burial.

Second, because burial is an event experienced within the life of our faith community, the decedent or family are normally members of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. Exceptions are made for those former parishioners who have moved out of the area, but who still have a family connection to the parish. In this case, we will conduct the burial provided you are active in an Episcopal parish

where you live.

The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a ministry of Cathedral Church of St. Paul made up of volunteers who assist the clergy in organizing the burial, and assist the family in organization of flowers and a reception following the burial.

The burial will be an act of worship; therefore, every aspect of your service will be characterized by dignity and reverence.

The Burial Liturgy

The burial liturgy is intended to be set within a celebration of the Mass. The Eucharist is what we celebrate when we come together as the people of God, and burials are no different. You may choose Eucharistic prayer A, B or D. One of the clergy will help you select three Scripture readings appropriate for your burial (*suggested readings are printed beginning on page 6 of this booklet*). You may have family members or close friends read the lessons provided they will be present at the rehearsal and are comfortable reading in front people (it is a good idea to select as your readers family or friends who have experience reading in their own church). Acolytes will be scheduled at your request from our parish acolyte teams.

The ushers you select for your burial will be responsible for escorting guests to the pews and helping maintain the prevailing atmosphere of reverence. Except for the pews reserved for the respective families, pews should be filled from the front to the rear of the church and the guests distributed evenly. Shortly before the liturgy, the ushers will see that the family are escorted to their seats. Pall bearers should be selected prior to the start of the Burial liturgy in the case of a burial with a casket.

There will be a homily given by the priest or the deacon, which will tell of the love of God as expressed in the Gospel. There are no eulogies as such in the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. The homilist may refer to the love of God as seen in the life of the deceased, but the focus of the homily is the Gospel. Eulogies are appropriate for a wake preceding the Burial, or during a reception following.

A full procession from the narthex of the church begins with the cross, which enters the Nave first. The order of procession of the burial party will be determined by the priest and will be

appropriate for this sacred liturgy.

After the Commendation, the liturgy continues as the body or ashes are borne *immediately* to the place of burial for the Committal. If there is to be a reception, it will take place *after* the Committal.

Music

The family should consult with the organist so that your musical selections may be finalized no later than three days before the burial. The organist for the burial shall be the parish organist; outside organists are not allowed to play unless the parish organist is unavailable on the date of the burial. All musicians have to be approved in advance by the parish organist.

Since Christian burial is a sacrament, all music shall be sacred. Music outside of the sacred repertoire (popular songs, show tunes, etc.) is more appropriate for your reception. The organist will be able to guide you on selections that will meet these guidelines. The Dean, in consultation with the cathedral organist, will have final approval concerning which music may be used in the church.

Additional musicians or soloists can make a wonderful addition to your burial's music offering. If you would like to have a trumpet, harp, flute or other musical instrument at your burial or if you'd like to have a soloist sing, let the organist know when you meet and he can make arrangements for them. Musicians and soloists can be selected only from those on the parish musician list, or after an audition and rehearsal with the cathedral organist. The organist will rehearse with them, if necessary, prior to the burial at an additional charge. Fees for musicians and soloists are set by professional contract and the parish has no control over their fees. The organist will inform you of the music fees at the time of your meeting with him. These fees should be paid at the time you pay all other burial fees prior to the burial. Recorded music will not be used.

Flowers and Other Decorations in the Church

Flowers

Flower decorations must be planned and carried out in keeping with the parish customary. Arrangements for flowers for a burial must be made with a local florist after you have discussed with the clergy what is appropriate. Your florist may only place flowers in the church or parish buildings under the direct supervision of the Altar Guild coordinator

The standard arrangements for flowers includes two arrangements placed behind the Altar. There are no other flowers allowed in the church. All other flowers delivered will be placed either in the Guild Hall where the family gather prior to the Burial, or in the Undercroft for the reception.

Your florist will need to be deliver flowers to the church at an agreed-upon time with the parish coordinator. This ensures that the church will be open and the flowers will be ready in time for pictures.

Candles: The Altar Guild will place the Paschal candle in the choir and candles on the altar. Nothing may be attached to these candles.

Other Furnishings: No furnishings may be moved or added in the church without the permission of the Dean.

The Day of the Burial

The family should plan to be present at the church at least thirty minutes prior to the start of the liturgy, and will gather in the Guild Hall.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Church comfortably seats approximately 250 people. If pews are to be reserved for family members and special guests, your ushers should be instructed about this prior to the beginning of the liturgy.

Burial Bulletin (Program)

A bulletin will be printed by the parish office; examples are available. Please *type* names of all attendants and family members you wish to include and provide this list to the parish administrator.

Suggested Scripture Readings

Select one from the Old Testament, one Psalm, one from the New Testament, and one Gospel.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

“On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace 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, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; 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; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for 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. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.”

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 your 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. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.”

Wisdom 3:1-5,9

“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 a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others 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. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.”

Job 19:21-27a

“Job said, 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, never satisfied with my flesh? “O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 23 Page 612, BCP Dominus regit me

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.

Psalm 27 Page 617, BCP

Dominus illuminatio

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.
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
Hearken 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.

Psalm 42:1-7 Page 643, BCP

Quemadmodum

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.

Psalm 46 Page 649, BCP

Deus noster refugium

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.
 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.

Psalm 90:1-12 Page 717, BCP
Domine, refugium

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.

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.

Psalm 106:1-5 Page 741, BCP
Confitemini Domino

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.

Psalm 116 Page 759, BCP
Dilexi, quoniam

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.
 9
 I believed, even when I said,
 "I have been brought very low." *
 In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."
 10
 How shall I repay the LORD *
 for all the good things he has done for me?
 11
 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.
 12
 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
 in the presence of all his people.
 13
 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
 is the death of his servants.
 14
 O LORD, I am your servant; *
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.
 15
 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.
 16
 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
 in the presence of all his people,
 17
 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
 Hallelujah!

Psalm 121 Page 779, BCP

Levavi oculos

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;
 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.

Psalm 130 Page 784, BCP

De profundis

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.

Psalm 139:1-11 Page 794, BCP

Domine, probasti

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.

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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

"All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, 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 convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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."

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,35-38,42-44,53-58

"In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 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 hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler 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 someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, 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 it is 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. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your 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, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9

"We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but

at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is 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. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to 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 confident; even though 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. Yes, we do have confidence, 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 that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is."

Revelation 7:9-17

"I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his

temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 21:2-7

"I saw the holy city, the 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,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

FROM THE GOSPEL

John 5:24-27

"Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. "

John 6:37-40

"Jesus said to the people, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 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 on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and

believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Notes

John 10:11-16

"Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

John 11:21-27

"Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

John 14:1-6

"Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place 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 except through me."

Financial Arrangements

During initial consultation, the Dean, deacon, or the officiating priest will go over all fees with you. These discussions are kept strictly confidential. Burial fees (Organist, Sexton, Altar Guild and church use fee) are usually paid prior to, or on the day of, the burial. If you need to make other payment arrangements, please speak with the parish administrator or the Dean, and we will be happy to help.

Fees should be handled through the Parish Administrator. The officiating clergy and the organist shall be paid with separate checks. The remaining fees may be paid with one check; please make that check payable to The Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

Burial Fees

Presiding Clergy	\$250
Assisting Clergy	\$100
Organist Fee	\$250
Assistant Musician	\$100
Altar Guild	\$100
Acolyte Stipend	\$25
Sexton Fee	\$100
Bagging Meters <i>(To be requested by the family or by the funeral home. Need to call the City of Des Moines: 283-4973)</i>	Varies

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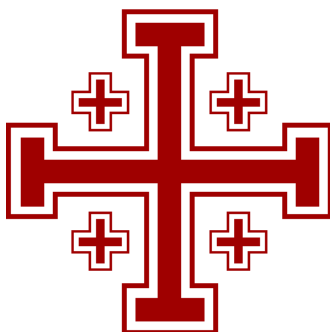
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BURIAL PLANNING CHECKLIST

- Schedule meeting with Dean (Date _____/_____/_____))
- Set date and time of the Burial Office with the Dean
- Burial Date/Time: _____
- Schedule meeting with parish organist (Date____/_____/_____))
- Provide copies of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul burial policies to those involved in the liturgy:
 - Funeral Director
 - Florist
 - Family members involved in burial planning
- Give burial program information to parish administrator
- Payment for applicable fees to parish administrator
- Select up to 4 scripture readings and readers for burial
 - Old Testament _____
 - Reader: _____
 - New Testament _____
 - Reader: _____
 - Psalm _____
 - Gospel _____
- Notify all family, ushers, and readers of burial date and time



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