

St. John the Evangelist Church

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May God's Peace, which is Beyond all Understanding, be with you in this time Grief for you and your family. From the Priest and the Staff, our condolences to you and your family for your loss. Trust in the Risen Lord.

We understand that planning a funeral can be overwhelming, especially while grieving. These forms are meant to help, not add to your feelings of being overwhelmed. Anything you cannot fill out, or do not understand, do not worry about, you can ask the Parish Staff when you talk to them in person.

The first two pages are forms that help both you, and us plan a funeral worthy of your loved one. They contain information needed for our records, to help the Priest better minister, and to help plan the funeral liturgy. Page 1 is mostly information about your loved one and family. Page 2 is mostly choosing the options available for the funeral liturgy.

Options for your funeral liturgy

Scripture Selections

You have the option to chose the Scripture Readings. It is helpful to read through them. If some stand out as readings that are appropriate we invite you to select them. If nothing speaks to you, the priest would be happy to select them for you. Each Mass contains a First reading (old Testament B1-11)outside of Easter time from the options provided. Each Mass also contains a Second Reading from the New Testament select any one from option (N1-N18). The Gospel is generally chosen by the Priest, but if you feel strongly about something it can be discussed with him at the time of your meeting.

Many families enjoy the opportunity for a family member to proclaim a reading or the Prayers of the Faithful. Typically, a different persons are chosen to read the First and Second readings and the Prayers of the Faithful. (The Priest or a Deacon will read the Gospel). There is a space on page 2 to list the persons who will proclaim the readings. Please share with them the text of the reading you choose, so they may practice before the Funeral. (On the day of the Funeral the readings will be on the Ambo, or pulpit. It looks much better if they rely on that, rather than carry a copy of the reading with them to the Ambo.)

Music Selections

Page 2 also asks you to include the songs and perhaps a preferred Psalm, you have chosen from the Music List. If you have something in mind that is not on the list, it may be discussed with the Music Minister in advance.

Please Note:

If you are planning a Funeral / Memorial Mass without the use of a Funeral Director there are required Stipend Fees.

[We do not employ a full-time Music Ministry Team. We must be certain they are compensated for their time.]

Pastor Stipend \$300.00

Music Ministry \$200.00

(For Music and Songs)

Donation/Gratuity to the Church Optional

St. John the Evangelist Church— Funeral Planning Sheet

Full Name of Deceased: _____
First Middle Last (Maiden) Goes by

Home address: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Place of Death: _____ Cause of Death: _____ Age at Death: _____

Family Contact: _____ Relationship to Deceased _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Funeral Home: _____

Rosary or Scripture Service, Date/Time: _____ Officiant: _____

TYPE OF FUNERAL LITURGY : _____ Funeral Mass _____ Memorial Mass _____ Service (no Mass)

Celebrant: _____ Deacon: _____

DAY/DATE/TIME OF FUNERAL: _____ _____ Church _____ Funeral Home

Processional: _____ Casket Present _____ Cremains/Urn Present _____ No Casket or Urn Present

Procession to Cemetery: _____ Yes _____ No Place of Burial: _____

FUNERAL LITURGY

Placing of Pall or Christian Symbols on Casket (Bible, Rosary, Cross) (2 to 6 person)

1st Reading-Old Testament # _____ (See Book or Website)

To be read by: _____

2nd Reading –New Testament # _____ (See Book or Website)

To be read by: _____

Prayers of the Faithful _____ P-1 _____ P-2

To be ready by: _____

Names of Eucharistic Ministers: _____

Music Minister Contacted/Songs Selected

(For options see music form)

MUSIC FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Only sacred music is permitted in the Liturgy. Please choose from the selection below:

*Prelude, (optional) , Entrance Song, Preparation of the Gits, Communion (1 or 2 songs),
Recessional: 4-6 songs. Below is a worksheet for music choices for the Liturgy. Please return the
worksheet to the office the day before the funeral.*

Name of Deceased: _____

Day/Date of Liturgy _____

PLEASE SELECT FOUR HYMS AND ONE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

HYMNS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amazing Grace | <input type="checkbox"/> Make Me a Channel of Your Peace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be Not Afraid | <input type="checkbox"/> On Eagles Wings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Has Not Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Precious Lord, Take My Hand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hail Mary, Gentle Woman | <input type="checkbox"/> Sing to the Mountains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Here I Am, Lord | <input type="checkbox"/> Sing With All the Saints in Glory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How Great Thou Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Soon and Very Soon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Am the Bread Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Taste and See |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Have Loved You | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lord is My Light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Know that My Redeemer Lives | <input type="checkbox"/> We Remember |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Want to Walk as a Child Of the Light | <input type="checkbox"/> We Shall Rise Again |

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 23 "My Shepherd is Lord" | <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 25 "I Lift My Soul" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 23 "Shepherd Me, O God" | <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 91 "Be With Me, Lord" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 25 "To You, O Lord" | <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 103 "The Lord is Kind and Merciful" |

Outside of Easter Season: Old Testament Readings

B-1 Job 19:1, 23-27 *I know that my Vindicator lives.*

Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and the he will at last stand forth upon the dust; Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

B-2 Wisdom 3:1-9 (longer version) *As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before me, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

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B-3 Wisdom 4:7-15 *An unsullied life is the attainment of old age.*

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lives among sinners was transported-Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for this soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of the wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

B-4 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 *He will destroy death forever.*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

B-5 Lamentations 3:17-26 *It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.*

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hope for from the LORD. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason for hope: The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is my faithfulness. My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the LORD to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

B-6 Daniel 12:1-3 *Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake.*

In those days I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the LORD: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since the nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

B-7 2 Mccabees 12:43-46 *It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.*

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

During the Easter Season: First Readings/ New Testament Readings

B-8 Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 (longer version) *He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead .*

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "In truth, I see that God show no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

B-8S Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43 (short version) *He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead .*

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B-9 Revelation 14:13 *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.*

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

B-10 Revelation 20:11-21:1 *The dead were judged according to their deeds.*

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls opened. Then another scroll opened, the book of life. All the dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up it's dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (this pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

B-11 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 *There shall be no more death.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and their shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

Second Readings/ New Testament Readings

NT-1 Act 10:34-43 *God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.*

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. This is the message he has sent to the sons of Israel, 'the good news of peace' proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all. I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him. We are witness to all that he did in the land of the Jews and Jerusalem. They killed him finally, 'hanging him on a tree', only to have God raise him up on the third day and grant that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify, saying that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name.

NT-2 Romans 5:5-11 *Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.*

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, through perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

NT-3 Romans 5:17-21 *Where sin increased, there grace abounded even more.*

If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through one person Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgressions might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NT-4 Romans 6:3-9 *Let us walk in the newness of life.*

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into death? We are in deed buried with him through baptism into his death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a life resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him.

NT-5 Romans 8:14-23 *We wait for bodies to be set free.*

All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. You did not receive spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which we cry out, "Abba!" (that is "Father"). The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him.

I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us. Indeed, the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God. Creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but by him who once subjected it; yet not without hope, because the world itself will be free from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. Yes, we now that all creation groans and is in agony even until now. Not only that, but we ourselves, although we have the Spirit as first fruits, groan inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies.

NT-6 Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Nothing can rally come between us and the love of Christ.*

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of Him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels or principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

NT-7 Romans 14:7-9, 10-12 *Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

None of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in this life and in death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. We shall all have to appear before the judgement seat of God. It is written, "As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me and every tongue shall give praise to God."

NT-8 1 Corinthians 15:20-24, 25-28 *All men will be brought to life in Christ.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Death came through a man; hence resurrection of the dead comes through man also. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ the first fruits and then, at his coming all those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when, after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority, and power, he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Scripture reads that God "has placed all things under his feet." But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who had made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will subject himself to the One who has all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all.

NT-9 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 *Death is swallowed up in victory.*

I am going to tell you a mystery. Not all of us shall fall asleep, but all of us are to be changed—in an instant, in the twinkling of any eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, this mortal body with immortality. When the corruptible frame takes on incorruptibility and the mortal immortality, then will the saying of Scripture be fulfilled:

"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

NT-10 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 *We have an everlasting home in heaven.*

We know that when the early tent in which we dwell is destroyed we have dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but last forever.

Therefore we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat, we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please him whether we are with or away from him. The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad, according to his life in the Body.

NT 11 Philippians 3:20-21 *Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.*

We have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly wait the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

NT 12 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *We shall stay the Lord forever.*

We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death, brothers; otherwise you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope. For this we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in him. We say to you, as if the Lord himself had said it, that we who live, who survive until his coming, will in no way have an advantage over those who have fallen asleep.

No, the Lord himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thenceforth we shall be with the Lord unceasingly. Console one another in this message.

NT 13 2 Timothy 2:8-13 *If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.*

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, was raised from the dead. This is the gospel I preach; in preaching it I suffer as a criminal, ever to the point of being thrown into chains—but there is chaining of the word of God!

Therefore I bear with all of this for the sake of those whom God has chosen, in order that they may obtain the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus and with eternal glory.

You can depend on this:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;

If we hold out to the end
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will destroy us, If we are unfaithful he will still remain faithful; for he cannot deny himself.

NT 14 1 John 3:1-2 *We shall see him as he really is.*

See what the loving Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized the Son. Dearly beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be later has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall be as he is.

NT 15 1 John 3:14-16 *We have passed out of death and into life because we love our brothers.*

We have passed from death into life we know because we love our brothers. The man who does not love is among the living dead. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that eternal life abides in no murderer's heart. The way we came to understand love was that he laid down his life for us; we too must lay down our lives for our brothers.

NT 16 Revelation 14:13 *Happy are those who die in the Lord.*

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