



Trinity  
Church

Funeral/Memorial Planning

*Dear Family and Friends,*

*Our deepest condolences to you upon the passing of your loved one. We understand that this experience can feel unbearable. Please know that we are praying for you during this time of grief. In the Christian faith, we are consoled by the knowledge that death is not the last word. Rather, through Jesus Christ, resurrection is assured.*

*We hope to make this planning process as smooth as possible for you and your family. This booklet will help guide you in the selections and allow you to choose the best way to celebrate the life and give thanksgiving for your loved one. As you go through this process, keep in mind the words of St. Paul "I am convinced that neither death nor life...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."- Romans 8:38-39*

*Peace and Blessings,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory M. Smith" followed by a small cross symbol.

*The Rev. Gregory Smith*

# **Guidelines for Funerals and Memorial Services at Trinity Church**

Trinity Church has a policy that any person may have a funeral or memorial service at our church, regardless of membership. The service will be based on the Book of Common Prayer liturgy, which provides a beautiful version of a Christian ceremony.

## **Some Initial Questions:**

### **What will be the day and time of the service?**

Trinity Church often has funerals Monday-Thursday when the office is open and the staff and clergy are present. Common times for funerals are 11am or 2 pm. Funerals on Friday and Saturday require additional planning. Funerals are not held on Sundays.

### **Are you working with the funeral home?**

Trinity Church does not have a specific relationship with any one funeral home in the area. Generally, a funeral home is not involved in the planning of the church service. However, please provide us with the contact information on the next page so we can coordinate with them.

### **Where is the body or ashes to be buried/interred?**

Trinity Church does not have a relationship with any local cemetery. Our memorial garden/columbarium is available for ashes to be placed in the niche. Some families take the ashes with them to be laid to rest in different locations. In all cases, it is still possible to purchase a brass plaque to be mounted on our columbarium. Please let us know your wishes.

### **Will the body or ashes be present at the service?**

In most cases, the body or ashes are arranged to be present during the service. If the body/ashes will not be present at the church, or the remains will be buried at a later date, the ceremony is known as a memorial service.

### **Will the service include Holy Eucharist (Communion)?**

Sharing the body and blood of our Lord is an appropriate and powerful action for a funeral or memorial services. However, it is not required. Please know that at Trinity Church, all Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Communion.

**Will the service include music?**

A church service does not need to include music. If you do desire music, our church music director can play a variety of pieces. Some families opt for only organ music, while others include sung hymns. We also may have the option of coordination our band. Families sometimes request that a friend or family member sing or play an instrument. This should be arranged through our music director who will schedule a rehearsal. There may be additional charges depending on the request.

**About how many people will be attending?**

Trinity Church can comfortable accommodate 250 people.

**Will other clergy be involved?**

We welcome any clergy to participate in funerals held at Trinity Church. To participate in the liturgy, vested, one must sign our statement of faith (found online). To assist at the Eucharist, one must be an Anglican priest in Communion with a recognized province of the Anglican Communion.

## **Planning a Burial Service**

The liturgy used for funerals begins on page 469 or 491 in the Book of Common Prayer, depending on whether you choose a Rite I (traditional “thy”, “liveth”) or Rite II (contemporary “your” “live”) service. The prayer book allows for some flexibility and choices. Specific questions about the liturgy can be directed to the priest who will be presiding.

The main choices that are made in planning a service are the following:

- Scripture readings (two to four readings) a list of suggested readings.
- Hymns (two to four hymns) please turn to page \_\_\_\_\_ for a list of suggested music.
- Family words or a eulogy (two person maximum)

### **Scripture**

Some suggested scripture readings can be found on page 11 of this booklet. More options are available, or you may choose different readings from the Bible. Typically you would choose an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a New Testament reading, and a Gospel reading.

\* For a service with Eucharist (Communion), a Gospel passage must be used. We use the English Standard Version (ESV) unless noted otherwise.

### **Music**

Pieces and hymns should be discussed with the clergy and music director. A list of suggested hymns can be found on page 17 of this booklet.

### **Family words or Eulogy**

At a Trinity service, the priest always offers a homily reflecting the Christian understanding of death and resurrection. Prior to this homily, it is appropriate (but not necessary) for one or two family members or friends to offer memories or reflections about the

deceased. These remarks must be typed or written on paper. This is for two reasons: 1) so that you know where to begin and end. 2) so that, in the event that you find yourself unable to read it, the priest or someone else may read it on your behalf. We recommend that remarks be no more than 2 double spaced pages, and that you read it out loud to yourself on the day before.

## **Other Topics**

### **Creating the funeral bulletin (program)**

Trinity Church will create the printed bulletin for the service, and we will create as many copies as needed. If you have a specific poem or verse to be included in the bulletin, or if you would like to include the obituary, please send it via email to the address on the front of this booklet. A picture of the deceased may be included on the back of the bulletin. Please send this in digital form via email.

### **Flowers**

Trinity Church works with Flowers by Richard (843-448-4400). Two vases of altar flowers are permitted. Additional arrangements are not permitted in the sanctuary. If you choose to have a reception, you may have an arrangement(s) for the reception table. After the service, families may take the flowers with them or leave them at the church. Outside florists are allowed. Flowers should be delivered in their own vases and during church working hours.

### **Receptions**

Trinity Church is generally able to provide space in Gravely Hall for receptions following funeral services. Please check with our facilities manager. Should you choose to have a reception, we have a group of women, Daughters of the King, that will coordinate with you. You may choose to arrange for private caterers as well.

## **Fees**

There is no fee for the use of the church building. It is suggested that a gift of appreciation be made directly to the clergy and/or musicians for their services. Alternatively, you may give a check to your funeral home to disperse or write them to Trinity Church.

Recommended amounts

- Clergy - \$100-300
- Organist/Pianist- \$100-200
- Vocalists - \$100

## **Memorials**

If you would like to instruct people to give to Trinity Church rather than providing flowers, we suggest the following two options:

1. Trinity Foundation – for the work of the Gospel at Trinity
2. Clergy Discretionary Fund – for assisting the poor and needy

Checks for either fund may be addressed to:

**Trinity Church**

***1229 38<sup>th</sup> Ave N. PMB #231 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577***

*All blank fields are to be filled in by family members, Celebrant, or music director:*

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL FOR:

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNERAL HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNERAL DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

BURIAL

CREMATION

CEMETERY/COLUMBARIUM

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FUNERAL/MEMORIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

CELEBRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL NOTES/INSTRUCTIONS

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*Please include surnames (Mr.,Mrs., Ms., etc.)*

**EULOGIST(S):** (THIS IS OPTIONAL)

(A PERSON(S) WHO GIVES A SPEECH HONORING THE DECEASED)

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**LECTORS:** (YOU MAY CHOOSE OR WE CAN SELECT READERS FOR YOU.)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

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**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

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**MUSICIAN(S):** (THIS IS TYPICALLY FILLED IN BY THE CHOIR DIRECTOR)

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**THIS SERVICE WILL INCLUDE EUCHARIST (COMMUNION)?**

YES NO

**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE AT TRINITY?**

YES NO

**SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS:**

Turn to page 11 for suggested Scripture readings.

(CIRCLE ONE IN EACH SELECTION.)

**Old Testament Reading:**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah 61:1-3

Lamentations 3:22-26

Lamentations 3:31-33

Job 19:21-27

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm Reading:**

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Testament Reading:**

Romans 8:14-19

Romans 8:34-35

Romans 8:37-39

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

1 John 3:1-2

Revelation 7:9-17

Revelation 21:2-7

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel Readings:**

John 5:24-27

John 6:37-40

John 10:11-16

John 11:21-27

John 14:1-6

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

MUSIC SELECTIONS:

Pieces and hymns should be discussed with the clergy and music director. For a full Communion service, the order may be as follows. For a list of suggested hymns for funerals, please turn to page 17.

Prelude (1/2 Hour of Organ/Piano Music)

Processional/Opening Hymn:

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Psalm Music (if the Psalm is not read) (optional)

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Hymn before the Gospel reading (optional)

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Communion Hymns:

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Recessional/ Closing Hymn:

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Organ Postlude:

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# Scripture Suggestions

## Old Testament Readings

### 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 wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; 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, "Behold, 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 news to the poor; 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 beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment 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

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 who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

**Lamentations 3:31-33**

For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

**Job 19:21-27**

Have mercy on me, have mercy 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 engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

**Psalm Readings** (The Psalm is read together by all.)

**Psalm 23 (King James Version)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 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. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 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.

## New Testament Readings

### **Romans 8:14-19**

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 adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears 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. For 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.

**Romans 8:34-35** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

### **Romans 8:37-39**

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 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**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 firstfruits, 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.

### **1 Corinthians 15:35-38**

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that 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.

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### **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9**

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as 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 tent that is our earthly home 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 put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—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. Yes, 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 kind of love the Father has given to 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, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

## **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, 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 on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around 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 forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
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 place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, 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 spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 14:1-6**

"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 if 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 to 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.

## Suggested Hymns for Funerals, *The Hymnal 1982*

- \* work especially well for very small funerals
- + work especially well for very large funerals

### Quiet, Contemplative:

- \* 671 Amazing grace (New Britain)
- \* 691 My faith looks up to thee (Olivet)
- 441 In the cross of Christ I glory (Rathbun)
- \* 325 Let us break bread together (Break Bread Together)
- 482 Lord of all hopefulness (Slane)
- 383 Fairest Lord Jesus (St. Elizabeth)

### Triumphant:

- + 680 O God, our help in ages past (St. Anne)
- 207 Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)
- 208 The strife is o'er (Victory)
- 362 Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty (Nicaea)
- 636 How firm a Foundation (Foundation)
- + 473 Lift high the cross (Crucifer)
- + 688 A mighty Fortress is our God (*Ein fest Burg*)

### Middle-of-the-Road:

- \* 686 Come, thou Fount of every blessing (Nettleton)
- \* 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane)
- 685 Rock of Ages, cleft for me (Toplady)
- 662 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide (Eventide)
- \* 657 Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)
- \* 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)
- 474 When I survey the wondrous cross (Rockingham)
- + 645 The King of love my Shepherd is (St. Columba)
- 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (*Cwm Rhondda*)

### Anglican Favorites:

- 665 All my hope on God is founded (Michael)
- + 541 Come, labor on (*Ora labora*)
- 653 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton)
- 24 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended (St. Clement)
- + 624 Jerusalem the golden (Ewing)
- 646 The King of love my Shepherd is (*Dominus reget me*)

**More Contemporary, Less Formal:**

- 8 Morning is broken like the first morning (Bunessan)
- \* 711 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
- 490 I want to walk as a child of the light (Houston)
- 178 Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord (Alleluia No. 1)

**Not in *The Hymnal 1982* but easily printed in bulletin:**

How great thou art (*O Store Gud*)  
It is well with my soul (*Ville du Havre*)  
In the garden (In the Garden)  
My hope is built on nothing less (Melita)



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**The mission of Trinity Church is to share the Gospel,  
make Christ-Centered disciples, and equip  
Ambassadors for a broken world.**

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