

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNING

This Memorial Service is for _____

designated this day _____ of _____ 2_____.

A copy of this service will be given to the person planning the Memorial Service and also one copy will be retained at Good Shepherd.

The following selections are provided as a guidance for those planning their own Memorial Service or a service for a loved one. You may choose other selections that you consider important, they will be reviewed by the presiding Priest.

The Liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all of 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."

This JOY, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death, Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The Memorial Service is found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, would you like to celebrate the service using: (*please indicate your selection with an X*) *Rite I _____ or Rite II _____.*

We have provided in this guide, the selections from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament and the Gospel readings used for a Memorial Service, as well as music selections for your review. You will find the verse for each selection attached to this guide. Again, *please indicate your selection with an X.*

Should you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS & PSALMS FOR A MEMORIAL SERVICE

Old Testament readings: please select (1)

- _____ Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death in victory)
- _____ Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort all who mourn)
- _____ Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good unto them that wait for him)
- _____ Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God)
- _____ Job 19: 21-27a (I know that my Redeemer liveth).

Psalms: please select (1)

- _____ Psalm 23: *Dominus regit me*: The Lord is my Shepherd (*King James version*)
- _____ Psalm 23: *Dominus regit me*: The Lord is my Shepherd
- _____ Psalm 27: *Dominus illumination*: The Lord is my light and my salvation
- _____ Psalm 42: *Quemadmodum*: like as the heart desireth the water-brooks
- _____ Psalm 46: *Deus noster refuglum*: God is our hope and strength
- _____ Psalm 90: *Domine, refugium*: Lord, thou hast been our refuge
- _____ Psalm 106: *Confitemini Domino*: O give thanks unto the Lord
- _____ Psalm 116: *Dilexi, quoniam*: My delight is in the Lord
- _____ Psalm 121: *Levavi oculos*: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
- _____ Psalm 130: *De profundis*: Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord
- _____ Psalm 139: *Domine, probasti*: O Lord, thou hast searched me out

NEW TESTAMENT & GOSPEL READINGS FOR A MEMORIAL SERVICE

New Testament readings: please select (1)

- _____ Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (the glory about to be revealed to us)
- _____ 1Corinthians 15: 20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (Christ has been raised from the dead)
- _____ 2Corinthians 4: 16, 5:9 (So we do not lose heart)
- _____ 1John 3: 1-2 (we will be like him)
- _____ Revelation 7: 9-17 (wipe away every tear from their eyes)
- _____ Revelation 21: 2-7 (I am making all things new)

Gospel readings: please select (1)

- _____ John 5: 24-27 (believes him who sent me has eternal life)
- _____ John 6: 37-40 (Everything that the Father gives me will come to me)
- _____ John 10: 11-16 (I am the good shepherd)
- _____ John 11: 21-27 (I am the resurrection and the life)
- _____ John 14: 1-6 (my Father's house there are many dwelling-places)

The selections are listed in the order they appear in the service; 1st lesson (old testament) reading of a Psalm, 2nd lesson (new testament) the reading of the Gospel.

Please anyone that you would like to participate in the Memorial Service, eulogy, 1st, 2nd readings, soloist, etc.

NAME _____ NAME _____

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It is our hope that this packet will help you in preparing for a Memorial Service. Upon completion, please return this packet to the church office.