

## **Funerals at St. Luke's – Denison, TX**

Funerals at St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Denison, Texas, are conducted in accordance with *The Book of Common Prayer 1979*.

The Rector is the final authority in all matters.

Eulogies are not customary in The Episcopal Church. Homilies may be presented by the Celebrant (priest), another member of the clergy, a member of the family of the deceased, or a friend of the deceased. The family of the deceased may choose no more than two persons, including the Celebrant (if desired), to give homilies. If two persons are to present homilies, each must limit his/her homily to seven-minutes.

### *Concerning the Service*

The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation.

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has opportunity to be present.

The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that it be covered with a pall or other suitable covering.

If necessary, or if desired, all or part of the service of Committal may be said in the church. If preferred, the Committal service may take place before the service in the church. It may also be used prior to cremation.

A priest normally presides at the service. It is appropriate that the bishop, when present, preside at the Eucharist and pronounce the Commendation.

It is desirable that the Lesson from the Old Testament, and the Epistle, be read by lay persons.

When the services of a priest cannot be obtained, a deacon or lay reader may preside at the service.

At the burial of a child, the passages from Lamentations, 1 John, and John 6, together with Psalm 23, are recommended.

It is customary that the celebrant meet the body and go before it into the church or towards the grave.

The anthems at the beginning of the service are sung or said as the body is borne into the church, or during the entrance of the ministers, or by the celebrant standing in the accustomed place.

**For more information, contact the Rev. Curt Norman at (903) 465-2630 or [curt.norman@gmail.com](mailto:curt.norman@gmail.com)**

**Full Name of Deceased (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Death** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Funeral** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site of Burial** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Funeral** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time of Funeral** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reception Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**Musicians Desired (fees arranged with Musicians)**

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**Funeral Service Contact Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrangements Prepared by:**

**Family Member's/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rector's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## The Liturgy of the Word

### 1) *From the Old Testament* (choose one)

Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death for ever)
- \_\_\_ Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort those who mourn)
- \_\_\_ Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good to those who wait for him)
- \_\_\_ Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)
- \_\_\_ Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)

### 2) *A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate:*

- \_\_\_ 42:1-7
- \_\_\_ 46
- \_\_\_ 90:1-12
- \_\_\_ 121
- \_\_\_ 130
- \_\_\_ 139:1-11

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) *From the New Testament* (choose one)

Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
- \_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)
- \_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)
- \_\_\_ 1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)
- \_\_\_ Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear)
- \_\_\_ Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

**4) A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate:**

- 23
- 27
- 106:1-5
- 116

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5) The Gospel (choose one)**

*(read by the clergy)*

- John 5:24-27 (He who believes has everlasting life)
- John 6:37-40 (All 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 ( In my Father's house are many rooms)

**The Homily** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Eucharist**  Yes  No

**Communion Hymns**

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**Graveside Committal**  Yes  No

# SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

## THE HYMNAL 1982:

*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. (Prayer Book, p. 507)*

### **Burial Of The Dead**

- 358 Christ the Victorious, give to your servants (1 Cor 15) (*Cantakion*) (Commendation)
- 355 Give rest, O Christ (1 Cor 15)
- 354 Into paradise may the angels lead you (Rev 7 & Rev 21) (*In Paradisum*)
- 357 Jesus, Son of Mary (Communion)
- 356 May choirs of angels lead you (Rev 7 & Rev 21) (*In Paradisum*)

*Also see:*

- 671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
- 688 A mighty fortress is our God (Psalm 46) *also 687*
- 665 All my hope on God is founded
- 208 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er (1 Cor 15)
- 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams (Psalm 42)
- 695 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered *also 696*
- 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
- 669 Commit thou all that grieves thee (Psalm 37)
- 287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest
- 151 From deepest woe I cry to thee
- 326 From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord
- 677 God moves in a mysterious way
- 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him
- 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
- 637 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord *also 636*
- 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place (Psalm 84)
- 335 I am the bread of life (Jn 6 & Jn 11)
- 692 I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 668 I to the hills will lift mine eyes (Psalm 121)
- 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
- 429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath (Psalm 146)
- 620 Jerusalem, my happy home (2 Cor 4-5)
- 624 Jerusalem the golden (Rev 7 & Rev 21)
- 194 Jesus lives! thy terrors now (Rom 8 & Jn 14) *also 195*
- 526 Let saints on earth in concert sing
- 621 Light's abode, celestial Salem (Rom 8, 1 Cor 15, 2 Cor 4-5, Rev 21) *also 622*
- 702 Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know (Psalm 139)
- 691 My faith looks up to thee
- 664 My Shepherd will supply my need (Psalm 23)

- 14 O God, creation's secret force *also 15*
- 680 O God, our help in ages past (Psalm 90)
- 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high *also 449*
- 455 O Love of God, how strong and true *also 456*
- 623 O what their joy and their glory must be (Rom 8, 2 Cor 4-5, Rev 21)
- 388 O worship the King, all glorious above! (Psalm 104)
- 666 Out of the depths I call (Psalm 130)
- 373 Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him (Psalm 148)
- 560 Remember your servants, Lord (Mt 5:3-12)
- 685 Rock of ages, cleft for me
- 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness (1 Cor 15)
- 679 Surely it is God who saves me (First Song of Isaiah) *also 678*
- 447 The Christ who died but rose again (Rom 8)
- 645 The King of love my shepherd is (Psalm 23 & Jn 10) *also 646*
- 663 The Lord my God my shepherd is (Psalm 23)
- 457 Thou art the Way, to thee alone (Jn 14)
- 338 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
- 625 Ye holy angels bright (Rev 7)
- 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Rev 7)

*Also see Easter section:*

- 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
- 191 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise (1 Cor 15)
- 174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
- 181 Awake and sing the song
- 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice
- 182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
- 185 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands *also 186*
- 184 Christ the Lord is risen again!
- 183 Christians, to the Paschal victim
- 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain *also 200*
- 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
- 180 He is risen, he is risen!
- 207 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
- 188 Love's redeeming work is done (1 Cor 15) *also 189*
- 204 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain
- 176 Over the chaos of the empty waters *also 177*
- 210 The day of resurrection!
- 202 The Lamb's high banquet called to share
- 211 The whole bright world rejoices now
- 192 This joyful Eastertide
- 187 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Alleluia!
- 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight