

Funeral Service Planning Outline

Family Gathers – Devotion

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Invocation & Remembrance of Baptism (Pall covers casket)

Procession (Tolling of Church Bell)

Psalm or Entrance Hymn: _____

Kyrie, Salutation & Collect

OT/1st Reading: _____

Psalm, Gradual, Hymn/Solo: _____

Epistle/2nd Reading: _____

Verse (General or Lent)

Gospel Reading: _____

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day: _____

Sermon

Hymn/Solo: _____

Prayers, Lord's Prayer, Nunc Dimittis, and Concluding Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Recessional Hymn: _____

Committal

Cemetery: _____

Location: _____

Lunch (possibly *before* Committal if cemetery is a distance)

***LSB* Hymn Suggestions**

Advent-Epiphany (*LSB* 331-417)

Lent/Holy Week (*LSB* 418-456)

Easter (*LSB* 457-490)

Ascension-Holy Trinity (*LSB* 491-507)

Redeemer (*LSB* 523-554)

Justification (*LSB* 555-570)

Baptism (*LSB* 590-593)

Baptismal Life (*LSB* 594-605)

Trust (*LSB* 708-740)

Hope and Comfort (*LSB* 741-765)

Praise and Adoration (*LSB* 791-822)

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516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

644 The Church's One Foundation

645 Built on the Rock

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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672 Jerusalem the Golden

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

677 For All the Saints

701 Draw Us to Thee

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You

Psalms & Scripture Readings for Funerals

(Suggested Propers for the Funeral Service)

Psalmody (Introit, Psalm, or Gradual; with suggested Antiphons)

Psalm 23 (v. 4)	The Lord is my Shepherd ... through the valley of the shadow of death
Psalm 25:1-5, 15-20 (v. 20a)	Guard my soul and deliver me
Psalm 42: (Ps. 43:3b)	Let them bring me to your holy hill
Psalm 65:1-8 (v. 4a)	Blessed is the one you choose to bring near
Psalm 118:1-21 (v. 20)	This is the gate of the Lord
Psalm 121 (v. 2)	My help comes from the Lord
Psalm 130 (v. 1)	Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord

Old Testament or First (during Easter season) **Reading**

Job 19:21-17	Job confesses his faith in the resurrection
Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord God will swallow up death forever
Isaiah 61:1-3, 10	To comfort all who mourn
Lamentations 3:22-33	His compassion never fails
Acts 2:14a, 22-32	God raised Jesus from the dead (also Acts 10:34-43; 13:26-33a)
Acts 9:36-42	Peter raised Dorcas from the dead

Epistle or Second Reading

Romans 8:31-39	Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ
1 Corinthians 15:20-26	In Christ all will be made alive
1 Corinthians 15:51-57	Death is swallowed up in victory
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The dead in Christ will rise first
1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope through the resurrection of Christ
1 John 3:1-2	We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is
Revelation 7:9-17	Standing before the throne in front of the Lamb
Revelation 14:13	Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
Revelation 21:1-7	A new heaven and a new earth

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12	Blessed are you ... (Beatitudes)
Mark 10:13-16	Little children are brought to Jesus
Luke 2:25-32	Lord, let your servant go in peace (Nunc Dimittis)
John 5:24-30	He has passed over from death to life
John 6:27-40	I will raise him up at the last day
John 10:11-16	I am the Good Shepherd
John 14:1-6	I am the way, and the truth, and the life
Four Gospels	Passion or Resurrection Accounts

Other Suggestions for Psalms and Readings

Your Confirmation verse
Favorite Psalm
Favorite Scripture
Scripture from Church Year, Season or Festival