

Memorial and Funeral Services



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Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. ~att. Thesphanes, died ca. 842

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ~Matt. 5:4

Of all human events, death concerns us the most deeply. When death approaches, whether our own or someone close to us, it immediately becomes our principal and overriding concern. When people die, their family and friends suffer loss, shock, and grief. Grief is a wound that requires time and care to heal. Nevertheless, God's love continues through our loss and in our grieving. These services aim to strengthen our assurance of this.

On the one hand, Christians know that Christ has triumphed over death, and that therefore we need no longer fear it. The last event in our lives leads on to something richer. On the other hand, when we have loved deeply and received love, especially when this love has been lasting, the grief and pain can be extreme. It is our hope that All Saints might offer you and your family comfort and solace during this time.

In these services there is comfort for the mourners, the commendation to God of the person who has died, and the committal of the body for burial or committal of ashes after a cremation.

Funerals and memorial services are part of the worship of the church, and any service at All Saints will follow the order of service from The Book of Common Prayer and other authorized texts and use the language of the ceremony, which includes references to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The Book of Common Prayer allows many options where the family may, with the guidance of the clergy, create a service that is meaningful to them. However, clergy are not permitted to alter or change the words of the ceremony as directed by The Book of Common Prayer. The Rector will be glad to meet with you and/or your family members at a convenient time to create a funeral plan that can be kept on file at the church.

The Rector of All Saints Parish usually officiates at all funerals and memorial services in the church. Clergy and ministers of other denominations are welcome to assist at the invitation of the Rector. Arrangements for all aspects of the service are the responsibility of the officiating priest. All plans regarding the service should be made in consultation with the Rector. The family will be offered the opportunity to choose scripture readings and psalms, and to serve as readers during the service. The family or All Saints may provide a service leaflet.

Music

All Saints Parish honors the standards of the Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church. Please consult with our Director of Music and/or the Church Organist when making your musical selections. A minimum honorarium of \$250 is due the Organist before the service.

Flowers

Use of all flowers must conform to the practices and customs of the Episcopal Church and All Saints Parish. All arrangements for flowers are made by the family. Please consult the chair of the flower committee for help. The family may use Jack Davis Florist (617-323-4237) or another florist. Flowers for a funeral or memorial service customarily remain in the church for the following Sunday services. Please notify the office if the flowers will not remain in the church.

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Receptions

The Guild Room is available for a reception following the worship service, for a minimum offering of \$225. The family may wish to contact a caterer to prepare a luncheon or refreshments.

Wills and Bequests

The Book of Common Prayer commands all Christians to “follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray and give for the spread of the Kingdom of God” (page 856). It also encourages all Christians to remember the church in their wills so that their values and commitments might continue after death.

Columbarium

All Saints Parish has a Columbarium located in the Resting Chapel of the church. Please inquire with the parish office for information (including related costs) about reserving an individual niche in the Columbarium for the internment of ashes.

Cost and Donations

There is no charge to pledging members of the parish for the use of the church, although a donation to the Memorial Fund is encouraged. These gifts are used to purchase vestments, altar vessels, and other objects of enduring value. For those who are not pledging members, a donation of \$400 is customary. Checks should be made payable to All Saints Parish. Please finalize financial transactions before the service.

The Rector of All Saints does not charge for his services at any funeral, memorial, or commitment service, although a donation may be made to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. These gifts are used in the charitable work of the church where no other funds are available. For those who are not pledging members of the parish, it is customary that a donation of at least \$250 be made payable to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund.

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Check List of Arrangements:

_____ Initial contact with the Rev. Dr. Richard Burden: 617-738-1810, ext. 105

_____ Contact Music Director: 617-738-1810, ext. 103

_____ Contact Flower Committee: Lynne Montross, 508-655-5922

_____ Contact Office Manager: 617-738-1810, ext. 101, with the following information:

- Will you be providing your own service leaflet?
- Will your flowers remain in the church after the service?
- Will your ceremony include the Holy Eucharist?
- If your reception will be held at All Saints, make your room reservation for the Guild Room
- Confirm the date and time of the service and reception

Check List of Expenses:

- Minimum donation to All Saints Parish Memorial Fund for use of the church (if not a pledging member): \$400
 - Fee for use of room(s) for reception: consult All Saints room fee schedule
 - Minimum honorarium for organist: \$250
 - Suggested donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund (if not a pledging member): \$250
- NOTE: Donations are tax-deductible; fees and honoraria are not.