

## **All Souls' Episcopal Church, San Diego STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR LAST RITES**

*“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.*

*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.”*

From the Book of Common Prayer

### **AT THE TIME OF DEATH**

Prayer Book, page 462

When a person is near death, the Minister of the Congregation should be notified and, when possible, the family and friends should come together with the Minister to join in prayer. A Litany and other suitable prayers are provided for Ministration at the Time of Death in the Prayer Book.

### **BEFORE THE FUNERAL**

Prayer Book, page 465

After preparations have been completed it is possible to bring the body to the church for a Vigil service consisting of suitable Psalms, Lessons and Prayers. The body may remain in the nave of the church or the narthex where family members may receive visitors. A prayer desk will be placed near the coffin for those who wish to offer prayer for the deceased and for those who mourn.

### **THE FUNERAL**

Prayer Book, page 491

The Rite for the Burial of the Dead is normally a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with suitable Psalms, Hymns, Readings and Prayers for the Departed. It is appropriate for Baptized Christians in the Congregation to join the family in receiving Holy Communion. Members of the family of the deceased and close friends can take an active part in the service by reading the Lessons and by presenting the Bread and Wine at the Offertory. On occasion, when the deceased was not a Communicant in the Episcopal Church, it may be appropriate to omit the Communion portion of the service and use only the Psalms, Hymns, Lessons and Prayers.

### **THE COMMITTAL**

Prayer Book, page 501

A brief service of Committal usually follows the Resurrection Liturgy. This may be at the grave when interment follows, or in the Columbarium when inurnment follows or some other appropriate place depending on the final resting place of the deceased. If cremation follows the funeral, the Committal will usually take place a few days later. If cremation has taken place before the funeral, the ashes will normally be present for the Liturgy and can then be placed following the Commendation.

In order that by my death I may make effective Christian witness, and that others may know my wishes in these matters, I \_\_\_\_\_ do on this date, \_\_\_\_\_, make the following requests:

1. Final rites are to be conducted at All Souls' Episcopal Church, San Diego, California, or at \_\_\_\_\_ Church in \_\_\_\_\_. The Rector or Vicar of said congregation shall be in charge of the services.

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 Book of Common Prayer)

At the time of the funeral, the casket is closed and is always covered by a pall or, if appropriate, the American flag.

2. (Optional)  
In addition to the Resurrection Liturgy, I wish  
\_\_\_ My body (or ashes) to be brought to the church the day or evening before the funeral (and)  
\_\_\_ A simple vigil service with family and close friends the night before the funeral  
\_\_\_ A memorial service

3. At this liturgy, I request the use of:  
\_\_\_ Rite 1  
\_\_\_ Rite 2

4. \_\_\_ This liturgy will include Holy Eucharist (sung or spoken)

5. At this liturgy, I request the following Psalm (s) and Lessons

From the Old Testament (please choose one)

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| ___ 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)                      |
| ___ Other _____                 |  |

From the Psalter (please choose one or two)

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| ___ Psalm 42:1-7  | (As the deer longs for the water-brooks)                             |
| ___ Psalm 46      | (God is our refuge and strength)                                     |
| ___ Psalm 90:1-12 | (Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another)      |
| ___ Psalm 121     | (I lift up my eyes to the hills)                                     |
| ___ Psalm 130     | (Out of the depths have I call to you, O Lord)                       |
| ___ Psalm 23      | (The Lord is my Shepherd)  |
| ___ Psalm 27      | (The Lord is my light and my salvation)                              |
| ___ Psalm 116     | (I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication) |
| ___ Other _____   |  |

From the New Testament (Please choose one)

- Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9
- 1 John 3:1-2
- Revelation 7:9-17
- Revelation 21:2-7
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- (The glory that shall be revealed)
- (The imperishable body)
- (Things that are unseen are eternal)
- (We shall be like him)
- (God will wipe away every tear)
- (Behold, I make all things new)

From the Holy Gospels (Please choose one)

- John 5:24-27
- John 6:37-40
  
- John 10:11-16
- John 11:21-27
- John 14:1-6
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- (He who believes has everlasting life)
- (All that the Father gives me will come to me)
- (I am the good shepherd)
- (I am the resurrection and the life)
- (In my Father's house are many rooms)

6. I wish

to be interred at \_\_\_\_\_

to be cremated with ashes inurned (or scattered) at \_\_\_\_\_

to be entombed at \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

The Episcopal Church has no theological objections to cremation and leaves this matter to the family. For theological and pastoral reasons, it is best for the body or ashes to be present in the church for the last rites. When the ashes are placed or scattered, one of the clergy will conduct a brief service, if requested.

7. Usually the only flowers in the church are those in the sanctuary. These may be given by the family or may be those used the previous Sunday. In view of this, I ask that, in place of flowers, memorial donations be given to:

- All Souls' Episcopal Church
- The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
- The society engaged in research in the disease which caused my death (i.e., heart disease, cancer, Alzheimer's, etc.)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

The church discourages any lavish display of flowers and suggests funds be used to help the living. Flowers are symbols of the Resurrection and those near the Altar are sufficient to remind those present of the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

8. (Optional)

Arrangements have been made by me for my body to be given to \_\_\_\_\_ for research

Arrangements have been made by me for the following parts of my body \_\_\_\_\_ to be given to \_\_\_\_\_

The church approves the trend toward the utilization of parts of one's body to benefit the living after the death of the donor. It is a very practical expressions of Christian love.

9. Music is an integral part of the Christian faith and worship. The funeral service will include only sacred music, any secular music desired must be reserved for use at the reception. Usually the congregation will sing the usual portions of the service and hymns. Hymns should be strong and confident and be found in the Episcopal Hymnal. For example:

Hymn 680 (O God our help in ages past)

Hymn 526 (Let saints on earth in concert sing)

Hymn 208 (The strife is o'er)

Hymn 357 (Jesus, son of Mary)

Hymn 645 (The King of love my shepherd is)

Hymn 623 (O what their joy and their glory must be)

Hymn 625 (Ye Holy Angels bright)

Hymn 688 (A mighty fortress is our God)

I request the following Hymns \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_ I would like the choir to sing at this liturgy.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ I would like a soloist at this liturgy to sing \_\_\_\_\_

Music should express the hope and faith that Christians manifest in the presence of death. The service for the Resurrection Liturgy is not something strange or esoteric but a regular Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The congregation should participate fully in the prayers, and in those portions of the service which traditionally belong to the laity. Participation in the service gives an opportunity for people to surround those who mourn with their prayers and presence and also gives occasion to ease tension and allow for expression of feelings.

12. The mortician may be selected by my (family) or (attorney); however, I prefer the following firm: \_\_\_\_\_

The church should be notified immediately when a member is near death or has died. The clergy will plan the service and would like to be present for the selection of the coffin (where there is one) and when funeral arrangements are being made by the family.

13. All Souls' Pastoral Care Committee offers a ministry of hospitality to families and friends after the service is concluded. Refreshments are made available in the Parish Hall.

I wish

\_\_\_\_\_ a reception following the service to be held at All Souls'

\_\_\_\_\_ a reception following the service to be held at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ that no reception follows the service

14. Finances for the funeral service to be held at All Souls' for:

All Souls' members include:

\$250 Organist

\$150 Soloist

\$100 Altar Guild

Non-members include

\$250 Organist

\$150 Soloist

\$100 Altar Guild

\$225 Sanctuary/Church

\$425 Parish Hall/Kitchen

\$100 Janitorial

15. Christians are encouraged to remember their Parish in their wills as a way of giving thanks for the ministry of the parish and supporting its work through succeeding generations. Bequests and/or various other trust arrangements are important ways to further the work of God's people at All Souls'. Bequests can be given for specific capital improvements; to build up the parish endowment, or for specific program support. Please consult your financial advisor for the most effective way to make such a gift.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a bequest for All Souls' in my will or Trust. The Executor of my estate is:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The bequest is for the parish endowment

\_\_\_\_\_ The bequest is for \_\_\_\_\_ memorial improvement.

\_\_\_\_\_ The bequest is for the support of \_\_\_\_\_ program within the parish.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This form is to be filed with the parish office. Please return to:



ALL SOULS'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Souls' Episcopal Church  
1475 Catalina Boulevard, San Diego, California 92107

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