

Funeral Guidelines **All Saints' Memorial Church**

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all 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. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 507)

Planning the Service

While the form of the service is set in the Book of Common Prayer, there are many options, allowing for a liturgy that is both theologically sound and reflective of the wishes of the deceased and his/her family and friends. These options include lessons, hymns, whether or not there is a celebration of the Eucharist, and whether traditional or contemporary language is preferred. The Priest-in-Charge will also assist with including family and friends in the service, as readers, ushers, pall bearers, and other roles as appropriate.

Music

The Priest-in-Charge will assist the family in selecting hymns and service music. All Saints' organist plays at all funerals. Use of a different organist or other instrumentalists or vocalists must be approved by the Priest-in-Charge.

Service Leaflets

The church will provide a service leaflet. The leaflet may include a photograph if desired.

Reception

Rose Hall may be used for a reception following the service. Arrangements should be made with the Priest-in-Charge.

Fees

The following fees are due at the time of the funeral. Checks should be made payable to All Saints' Memorial Church. Fees may also be paid in cash. Individual fees will be disbursed by the Treasurer.

Organist: \$200.

Musicians/Singers: If extra musicians and/or singers are engaged to participate in the funeral, their fees will be communicated by the Organist to those planning the funeral.

Administrator and Sexton fees: Fees of \$75 each cover funeral coordination and leaflet preparation, as well as set-up and clean-up of the church before and after the service.

Use of the church: A voluntary donation to the church is welcome to help to defray utility and supply costs; \$250 is an appropriate amount.

Clergy honorarium: A voluntary donation to the church is welcome which will be deposited in the Priest-in-Charge's Discretionary Fund.

Rose Hall for Reception: \$300 is the rental fee for Rose Hall for a reception following the funeral (This does not include catering fees). This helps to defray expenses related to use of the hall, including supplies, utilities, set-up, and clean-up.

Memorial Gifts: In lieu of flowers, donations to All Saints' Memorial Church are appropriate.

Note: Please discuss any financial concerns confidentially with the Priest-in-Charge.