

## SUGGESTED READINGS AND HYMNS

### Suggested Old Testament Readings

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)

### Suggested Psalms

Psalm 42:1-7          Psalm 106:1-5  
Psalm 46              Psalm 116  
Psalm 23              Psalm 121  
Psalm 27              Psalm 130  
Psalm 90:1-12        Psalm 139:1-11

### Suggested New Testament Readings

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)

### Suggested Gospel Readings

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)

### Suggested Hymns

287 For all the saints  
376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee  
379 God is love  
448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high  
470 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
525 The Church's one foundation  
671 Amazing grace  
688 A mighty fortress is our God          *(Easter hymns numbered)*  
680 O God our help in ages past          *174-213 are also acceptable)*

# Planning Before Death Happens



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HOLY TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Greensboro, North Carolina*

## PLANNING BEFORE DEATH HAPPENS

Death is an inevitable part of life, and yet most of us are unprepared for it when it happens in our family. It is most often a time of great sorrow when our instincts and emotions are at the fore, and our capacity and desire to make practical and rational decisions are diminished. Death is something we all need to prepare for., and this brochure is meant to help guide you and your family through this important and difficult time.

There are many practical issues that must be addressed at the time of death. Most of these are handled by funeral home or crematorium staff, but choices need to be made and costs vary tremendously.

Beyond the practical issues, death is a spiritual time. A service of Christian burial is a way of celebrating not only the life of a loved one now ended, but the new life he or she has begun in eternity. Burial services are services of the resurrection, focusing on the fact that as Christ as been raised from the dead, we too are raised to eternal life. Planning your own funeral with the assistance of the clergy and having these plans on file in the church office is a deeply faithful and meaningful act. We encourage you to do so. The funeral service planning form and suggested readings and hymns included in this brochure are provided to help you, whether your planning is done long before death or just after it happens.

As the body of Christ, the death of one brings sorrow to us all. The clergy, staff and other members of Holy Trinity stand ready to support you in every way possible when death happens in your family.

## IMMEDIATE RESPONSES

### When Death Occurs at Home

- If hospice is part of the care, call the service worker to certify death; otherwise call 911 and the primary physician to certify death.
- Call the clergy at Holy Trinity: 336-272-6149.
- Call the funeral home or crematorium.

### When Death Occurs in the Hospital

- The hospital is responsible for certifying death.
- Call the clergy at Holy Trinity: 336-272-6149.
- The hospital staff will call the crematorium or the funeral home.

## THE FUNERAL SERVICE

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Family contact(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral home: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of interment:  Cremation  Casket

Place of interment: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of service:  Rite I  Rite II  Holy Eucharist  
*(please consult with clergy)*

Reading selections: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hymn selections: \_\_\_\_\_

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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to:

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Memorials sent to Holy Trinity should be acknowledged to:

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Special Requests:

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*After completing this form, please file a copy with the church office. For assistance, please contact a member of the clergy.*