



ARRANGEMENTS

ABOUT THE SERVICE

For nearly two thousand years Christians have gathered together at the death of a loved one to pray, to hear again God's promise of life, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to commend a loved one to God. At Christ Church, we continue this tradition using the liturgies provided in the Book of Common Prayer. All funerals and Requiem services include the celebration of Holy Eucharist ("Communion") and a homily by the priest.

READINGS & PRAYERS

Funeral readings (chosen from the texts below) and the Prayers of the Dead may be read by a family member or friend. Readings from sources other than the Bible are not part of the service. Space permitting, a poem or quote may be included in the leaflet.

TRIBUTES

A brief tribute (between 750-1000 words) may be offered by a *pre-arranged* family or friend. The best tributes are written in advance and help those gathered to remember the best character qualities of the deceased—the ways in which the person helped family and friends see God's love and grace.

To coordinate a service, including schedule, readings, and music, please speak with a member of the Christ Church clergy.

COST

Christ Church requests a *donation* of \$1,500 to assist with the costs associated with funerals at Christ Church. *At no time, however, should cost be the determining factor in funeral preparations,* and we ask that you speak with a priest if you have any financial concerns. Unless otherwise noted, the following are provided for all funerals.

CLERGY

Christ Church strives to provide excellent pastoral care to both the dying and to their surviving family. Christ Church clergy are available for pastoral visits to the home, hospital, or care facility, and following the death of a loved one will assist with the preparation of a funeral, including officiating at the service and offering the homily.

FLOWERS

The Christ Church Flower Guild coordinates the altar flowers for all funerals. We are always eager to consider floral requests and will do our best to fulfill a family's desire. Please understand, however, that we are limited by seasonality and availability. If you have a particular flower request, please inform the officiating priest. Additional flowers that are delivered as gifts will be placed around the church. Arrangements not taken by the family on the day of the funeral will be distributed to local hospitals and shut-ins.