

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



St. Henry Catholic Church
Nashville, Tennessee

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CHRISTIAN BURIAL

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity. The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living.

From the Order of Christian Funerals

The time of death of a loved one is a time of sorrow and sadness for the family of the deceased. The clergy and staff of St. Henry Church want to assist you in any way we can. This booklet is designed to help you make the arrangements for the funeral or memorial service for your loved one.

Following the death of a loved one:

- Notify the funeral home.
- Notify St. Henry Church so that we can help you begin funeral arrangements.
- Make notes for the obituary that the funeral home director will help write.
- Make notes to give to the priest about the deceased to be used in the homily both factual and personal.

The church will get altar servers unless you specify altar servers from St. Henry. You may choose family or friends for the two readings and the Intercessions or we can provide someone to read them for you.

DAYS AND TIMES FOR SERVICES

Both the Church or the Chapel are available for funerals, Monday through Saturday. Funerals with more than 150 people expected, need to take place in the Church. Because of the heavy traffic flow during St. Henry School dismissal, funerals are not to be scheduled around the close of the school day. (3 pm Monday-Friday) The funeral home will call St. Henry to request a time and a priest.

VISITATION

Families are welcome to hold visitations at the Church in the narthex the night before and/or immediately before the funeral. The casket or ashes will be located next to the Baptismal Font. The church will work with the funeral home and the family to determine the hours of visitation. A member of the Bereavement Ministry from St. Henry Church will be on hand at all times during visitation to assist in any way needed.

FEES

There is no charge for the use of the Church or Chapel for a funeral or visitation. Any stipend to the priest/deacon is voluntary and discretionary. As a point of information, diocesan guidelines state the first \$25 of a donation is retained by the parish. A monetary donation of \$125 for the organist and cantor is customary.

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SUGGESTED MUSIC FOR CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Processional and Recessional (Pick two)

On Eagle's Wings
Be Not Afraid
Here I am, Lord
For All the Saints
God, Our Help in Ages Past
We Walk by Faith
Lord of the Dance

Responsorial Psalm (Pick one) (see page 7)

Psalm 23
Psalm 25
Psalm 27

Offertory (Pick one)

Amazing Grace
How Great Thou Art
The Summons
Surely The Presence
Prayer of St. Francis
Soul Fly Away

Communion (Pick one)

Panis Angelicus
I Am the Bread of Life
Taste and See

Communion Meditation Hymn (Pick one)

Ave Maria
The Prayer

The family may chose other selections with the approval of the Music Minister.

PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on Eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of
thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not
know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness
bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who you by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress and their might;
You Lord, their Captain in their well fought fight;
You in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

We Walk by Faith

We walk by faith and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er, spoke,
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

OFFERTORY AND COMMUNION

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee.
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Surely the Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord Is in this place.

Soul Fly Away

Soul, Fly away now on this day.
No more thy earthly grieving.
Safe journey's end: we'll meet again.
This is our faith's believing.

Soul, fly away, blest is this day.
God's peace be now receiving.

The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you
go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you
let my love be shown, will you let my name be known? Will
you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will
you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use
the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through
my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, you summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your
company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus
I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Soul, fly away now on this day.
Loosed be thy earthly binding.
God be thy need; heaven thy speed.
No more this earthly winding.
Soul, fly away, blest is this day.
God's peace we pray be finding.

I Am the Bread of Life

I Am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
Refrain:
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will
raise you up on the last day.

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
of the Lord.
I will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord
for he has been so good to me.

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: “Dance then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance,” said he. “I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, I will lead you all in the Dance,” said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John; they came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people, they said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 23

Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
of whom should I be afraid,
of whom should I be afraid?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

For__ Who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the
saints.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread
of life, that he/she may be raised on the last day,

Let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face,

Let us pray to the Lord.

For the family and friends of our brother/sister__ ,
that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who
wept at the death of his friend Lazarus,

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom,

Let us pray to the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

1. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations.
He will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.
On that day it will be said:
“Behold our God; to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord.

2. A reading from the book of Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if to others, indeed, they seem punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them

and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

3. A reading from the book of Job 19:1, 23-27

Then Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead

they were cut in the rock forever!

As for me, I know that my vindicator lives,

and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

My own eyes, not another's, will behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God:

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

4. A reading from the book of Wisdom 4: 7-15

But the righteous one, though he die early, shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,

nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding passes for gray hair,

and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age.

The one who pleased God was loved,

living among sinners, was transported-

Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind

or deceit beguile his soul;

For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take that consideration into account.

The Word of the Lord.

5. A reading from the book of Lamentations 3: 17-26

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the Lord.
The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over,
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind;
As my reason to hope:
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness!

My portion is the LORD, says my soul;
therefore I will hope in him.
Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

6. A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time
for every affair under the heavens.

A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit have workers from their toil?

I have seen the business that God has given to
mortals to be busied about.

God has made everything appropriate to its time, but
has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot
find out, from beginning to end, the work which God
has done.

I recognized that there is nothing better than to re-
joice and to do well during life.

Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the
good of all their toil—this is a gift of God.

The word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

1. A reading from the book of Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold I make all things new.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The Word of the Lord.

2. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

15: 51-57

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin,^{*} and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

3. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

8: 31b-35, 37-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

4. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 14-23

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, But you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

5. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

14: 7-9, 10b-12

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be

Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

6. A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians

15: 20-23, 24b-28

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:

Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.

But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the One who subjected everything to him.

When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

7. A letter from Paul to the Romans 5: 5-11

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of The Lord.

8. A reading from Paul to the Romans 6: 3-9

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,

we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

9. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

10. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4:14-5:1

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

11. A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

12. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 3: 20-21

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

13. A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together* with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

14. A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy 2: 8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;

If we persevere
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful
he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

15. A reading from the first letter of John 3: 1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

16. A reading from the book of Revelation 14:13

I heard a voice from heaven say,

"Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

Planning Page

Old Testament reading _____

Read by _____

New Testament reading _____

Read by _____

General Intercessions read by _____ (or the Deacon)

Gift Bearers _____

Choose Six Songs

Processional Hymn _____

Responsorial Psalm _____

Offertory Hymn _____

Communion Hymn _____

Communion Meditation Hymn _____

Recessional Hymn _____