

6) *New Testament (Second Lesson):* Choose 1

- ___ 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
- ___ 1 John 4:7-16, [21]
- ___ Revelation 7:9-17
- ___ Revelation 21:2-7
- ___ Revelation 22:1-5

7) *The Gospel:* Choose 1

- ___ John 5:24-27
- ___ John 6:37-40
- ___ John 10:11-16
- ___ John 11:21-27
- ___ John 14:1-6
- ___ John 15:9-12, [13-17]
- ___ Matthew 5:1-10
- ___ Matthew 11:25-30
- ___ Mark 12:28-34
- ___ Luke 24:13-16

Are there other Scripture text(s) you would like used instead of one or more of the above?

8) Would you like *Prayers for a Vigil* (p. 465) in place of the Prayers for the deceased (Rite I, p. 480, or Rite II, p. 497)? Yes [] No [] No preference []

9) At the Eucharist the *Great Thanksgiving* should be:

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| ___ Rite I (Prayer I - BCP p. 333) | ___ Rite II (Prayer A - BCP p. 361) |
| ___ Rite I (Prayer II - BCP p. 340) | ___ Rite II (Prayer B - BCP p. 367) |
| | ___ Rite II (Prayer C - BCP p. 369) |
| | ___ Rite II (Prayer D - BCP p. 372) |
| | ___ A Eucharistic Prayer from <i>Enriching Our Worship</i> (1, 2, or 3) |

10) *Hymns* to be sung (see back page for suggested hymns from Episcopal hymnals)

Since congregations at funerals come from a variety of worship traditions, it is helpful to choose familiar or easily sung hymns. You may wish to consult with the Rector or Director of Music on hymn choices. Possible places for Hymns include the Entrance, Sequence Hymn (before the Gospel), the Offertory, Communion (optional), and Recessional.

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Is there other special music you would like played or sung?

11) Names of possible *Lectors/Readers:*

- Old Testament _____
- New Testament _____
- Psalm _____

12) Memorial Flowers / Donations:

Flowers may be placed near the casket when *calling hours* take place in the church. For the *funeral service*, only altar flowers and one set of flowers at the Paschal candle are normally used.

Will flowers be ordered for the church? Yes [] No [] No preference []

Do you wish for memorial donations to be made to the church or another charity?

Memorial Donations: St. John on the Mountain [] St. Bernard's Church []
Community Fund []

Other Organization _____

Have you left a bequest for your parish in your will? Yes [] No []

13) **Cremation:** Yes [] No [] If Yes - Before the service [] After the service []

14) Place of Interment:

St. John's Memorial Garden [] St. Bernard's Cemetery []

Other Location: _____

15) Designated **Funeral Home:** _____

Prior arrangements made with Funeral Home Yes [] No []

16) **Person of Contact** for Funeral Arrangements: _____

Alternative Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Other comments, requests:

I would like to discuss any of the above with the Rector: Yes [] No []

While these wishes are recorded to make it easier for those who will take care of my funeral arrangements, whom I ask to honor my requests; I realize that this paper carries no legal authority.

Signed _____

Print full name _____

Information will be kept on file at your parish, either
St. Bernard's Episcopal Church (908-766-0153) or
the Church of St. John on the Mountain (908-766-2282).

OLD TESTAMENT (*First Lesson*):

Isaiah 25:6-9 (*He will swallow up death in victory*) or **Isaiah 25:*8-9** (*The Lord will wipe away the tears*)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. *Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 61:1-3 (*To comfort those who mourn*)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (*The Lord is good to those who wait for him*)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God*)

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Job 19:21-27a (*I know that my Redeemer lives*)

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

NEW TESTAMENT (*Second Lesson*):

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (*The glory that shall be revealed*) or **Romans 8:14-19*** (*All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God*)

For all 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 have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;* Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (*The imperishable body*)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own 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 God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been 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. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:9 (*Things that are unseen are eternal*)

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling – if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though 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. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

1 John 3:1-2 (*We shall be like him*)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what 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 will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

1 John 4:7-16, [21] (*God is love*)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. [The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.]

Revelation 7:9-17 (*God will wipe away every tear*)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes

and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 21:2-7 (*Behold, I make all things new*)

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Revelation 22:1-5 (*The tree of life, the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations*)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

GOSPEL:

John 5:24-27 (*He who believes has everlasting life*)

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

John 6:37-40 (*All that the Father gives me will come to me*)

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

John 10:11-16 (*I am the good shepherd*)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 11:21-27 (*I am the resurrection and the life*)

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

John 14:1-6 (*In my Father's house there are many rooms*)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 15:9-12, [13-17] (*Abide in my love; This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*)

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."]

Matthew 5:1-10 (*The Beatitudes*)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 11:25-30 (*Come to me, all you that are weary*)

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Mark 12:28-34 (*The Great Commandment*)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' – this is much more

important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Luke 24:13-16 (*The road to Emmaus*)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

Suggested Hymns for Funerals from *The Hymnal 1982*

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| 8 Morning has broken | 645, 646 The king of love my shepherd is (<i>Ps. 23</i>) |
| <i>Easter Hymns:</i> | 657 Love divine, all loves excelling |
| 178 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the | 662 Abide with me |
| risen Lord | 663 The Lord my God my shepherd is |
| 207 Jesus Christ is risen today | 664 My Shepherd will supply my need |
| 208 The strife is o'er, the battle done | 669 Commit thou all that grieves thee |
| 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight | 671 Amazing Grace |
| 210 The day of Resurrection | 676 There is a balm in Gilead |
| 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice | 680 O God, our help in ages past |
| 287 For all the saints (pick and choose verses) | 685 Rock of ages |
| 293 I sing a song of the saints of God | 686 Come thou fount of every blessing |
| 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no | 688 A mighty fortress is our God |
| more | 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah |
| 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord | 694 God be in my head |
| 335 I am the bread of life | |
| 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee | from <i>Wonder, Love & Prayer</i> |
| 379 God is love | 740 Wade in the water |
| 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 752 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place |
| 400 All creatures of our God and King | 756 Lead me, guide me, along the way |
| 405 All things bright and beautiful | 761 All who hunger gather gladly |
| 416 For the beauty of the earth | 762 I am the bread of life |
| 438 Tell out, my soul | 773 Heal me, hands of Jesus |
| 439 What wondrous love is this | 791 Peace before us |
| 460 Alleluia, sing to Jesus | 812 I the Lord of sea and sky |
| 469/470 There's a wideness in God's mercy | 825 Bless the Lord my soul |
| 473 Lift high the cross | 827 O Lord hear my prayer |
| 477 All praise to thee | |
| 482 Lord of all hopefulness | from <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> |
| 488 Be thou my vision | 60 How great Thou art |
| 490 I want to walk as a child of the light | 70 I want Jesus to walk with me |
| 493 For a thousand tongues | 162 Come by here |
| 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place | 184 Blessed Assurance |
| 579 Almighty Father, strong to save (<i>Navy hymn</i>) | 188 It is well with my soul |
| 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace | 189 Great is thy faithfulness |
| 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones | 191 His eye is on the sparrow |
| 620 Jerusalem, my happy home | 194 Lead me, guide me |
| 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee | 196 Leaning on the everlasting arms |
| 637 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord | 201 I've got peace like a river |
| 644 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds | |