

Fr. David Nelson will provide an overview of the importance placed on estate planning as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer.

QUIZ: Where in the prayer book do you find instruction about making a will and/or bequest to the church?

Answer: Thanksgiving for a Child.

Here is the exact language:

“The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses” (BCP p. 445)

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

- Our money is a reflection of what we value (For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21)
- We love the church and want to see the mission continue long after we die. Making a bequest is a great way of supporting the mission of the church.
- The responsibility for taking care of family members is also important. It is best to think about this when you have a new child, and when you are healthy. That way you aren't cramming for finals!

What about Funerals and Memorial Services?

The prayer book also has instructions on this.

“The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation” (BCP p. 468).

Guidelines for Funerals and Memorials Services

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Dear Friend in Christ,
I offer my condolences for your loss. At Christ the King we offer a Christian funeral or Memorial Service to those who desire one. In the Episcopal Church, a funeral is first and foremost an act of worship. When a loved one dies, the bereaved are suddenly faced with a number of decisions to make. The list below is a comprehensive guide to planning the service. You may also use this document to plan your own service in advance. We will file this document in the church office. May God's blessing be with you and yours in your time of grief.

Father David Nelson+
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The following checklist is provided as a service-planning guide.

Funeral OR Memorial Service

Rite I OR Rite II (plain language)

Funeral home OR Christ the King

*If you're using a Funeral home, which one _____

Do you want Holy Communion to be served? Yes No

Do you want any family members to give a eulogy? If so, please list their names.

Person 1: _____ Person 2: _____

Do you want to limit the eulogy to those selected? Yes ___ No ___

It is appropriate to have loved ones read scripture at the service. Please list your scripture readers by name (You may have one or two).

Reader 1: _____ Reader 2: _____

Old Testament: (choose one)

- Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death in victory)
- Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort all that mourn)
- Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good unto them that wait)
- Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God)
- Job 19:21-27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)

Psalms: (choose one, or substitute a hymn)

- Psalm 23 (The Lord is my shepherd)
- Psalm 23 (King James Version)
- Psalm 42:1-7 (As the deer longs for the water-brooks)
- Psalm 46 (God is our refuge and strength)
- Psalm 90:1-12 (Lord, you have been our refuge)
- Psalm 121 (I lift up my eyes to the hills)
- Psalm 139:1-11 (Lord, you have searched me out and known me)

New Testament: (choose one)

- Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
- I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (Raised in incorruption)
- II Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things which are not seen are eternal)
- I John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)
- Revelation 7:9-17 (God shall wipe away all tears)
- Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

Hymns:

Please pick 2-3 hymns for use during the service. Note that there is no hymn at the procession into the church. Our organist will play both a prelude and a postlude in addition to the hymns. Numbers listed refer to the 1982 Hymnal:

- Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
- Hymn 335 I am the bread of life
- Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee
- Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord
- Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible
- Hymn 473 Lift high the cross
- Hymn 482 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
- Hymn 624 I come with joy

- ___ Hymn 645/646 The King of love my Shepherd is
- ___ Hymn 671 Amazing Grace
- ___ Hymn 680 O God, our help in ages past
- ___ Hymn 688 A mighty fortress is our God
- ___ Hymn 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
- ___ Hymn 711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Fees

For non-members:

Please write a check to Christ the King for \$150 for use of the Church building.

Please write a check to Drew Balog for \$200 for playing music.

Please give an honorarium to Father David Nelson as you deem appropriate.

For members:

There is no fee for use of the Church building.

Please write a check Drew Balog for \$150 for playing music.

An honorarium for Father David Nelson is suggested, but not necessary.

Guidelines

- ✓ Remember to bring your own Guest Book for people to sign.
- ✓ If you have pictures and memories to share they are appropriate to place in the parish hall only.
- ✓ Please have all scripture readers meet with Father David more than 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service.
- ✓ Church office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm. If there are floral offerings, make sure the flowers are delivered during church office hours. Please speak with our secretary, Edie McDaniel, with questions about floral arrangements.
- ✓ Our Organist, Drew Balog, will play all the hymns at the service. If you have a soloist, given this information to our Organist 48 hours prior to the service:

dbalog@hotmail.com. All music must be appropriate for church worship and approved by Fr. David.