

Dear Friend in Christ,

Our sympathies to you. Be assured of our prayers as you prepare and plan for the Mass of Christian Burial for your departed loved one. It is our hope that your participation in the planning and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial is to provide consolation and support to you at this difficult time.

You will find suggestions for the Scripture Readings which can be read by a family member or a friend. The full text and proper translation of the Scripture Readings you choose are available at www.shofjesus.com under 'Mass & Sacraments', choose 'Funeral Arrangements' or print copies can be provided to the readers prior to the funeral.

The Prayers of the Faithful or Petitions can also be read by a family member or a friend. Suggested petitions can be found here or at the website above.

You will also find song suggestions here and online at the website above for the Opening, Offertory, Communion and Closing songs and for the Responsorial Psalm between the readings.

Family members are encouraged to participate in the Mass. One significant way is to assist in the placement of the pall (a white cloth that is a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased) on the casket at the beginning of the Mass. Family members may also participate by presenting the offertory gifts of bread and wine.

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SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Choose one under each heading below)

First Reading - from the Old Testament

___ Wisdom 3:1-9 "The souls of the just are in the hand of God . . . they are in peace..."

___ Wisdom 4:7-15 "The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest..."

___ Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 "There is ... a time to be born and a time to die..."

___ Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 "The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces..."

___ Lamentations 3:21-26 "...I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope..."

To be read by _____

Second Reading – from the New Testament

___ Romans 5:5-11 "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts..."

___ Romans 6:3-9 "If, then we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him..."

___ Romans 8:13b-35,37-39 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"..."

___ 2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10 "...we walk by faith and not by sight..."

___ 1 John 3:1-2 "...we are God's children now..."

___ Revelation 21:1-5a, 6a-7 "...God's dwelling is with the human race..."

To be read by _____

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (PETITIONS)

(Sample petitions can be reworded to better fit a given situation)

For (deceased's name) who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints, we pray to the Lord . . .

For (deceased's name) who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life that he/she may be raised up on the last day, we pray to the Lord . . .

For the family and friends of (deceased's name), that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, we pray to the Lord . . .

For our family and friends who have died and all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face, we pray to the Lord . . .

For those who are sick, suffering or poor, that God might guide us to help them in their need, we pray to the Lord . . .

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

To be read by _____

The Offertory Gifts of Bread, Wine and Water will be presented by

SUGGESTED SONGS AND HYMNS

(Choose one under each heading below)

Entrance Song

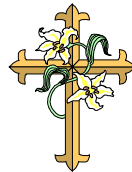
- All Creatures of our God and King (not during Lent)
- Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- For All the Saints (not during Lent)
- Here, I Am Lord
- How Great Thou Art
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- On Eagle's Wings
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)
- The Church's One Foundation

Responsorial Psalm

- Psalm 91 – Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me Lord, I pray.
- Psalm 130 – Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
- Psalm 116 – I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
- Psalm 23 – Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
- Psalm 40 – Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.
- Psalm 34 – The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed be the Lord.
- Psalm 27 – The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?
- Psalm 103 – The Lord is kind and merciful
- Psalm 63 – My soul is thirsting for you, Oh Lord, my God.
- Psalm 42 – Like a deer that longs for running streams, so my soul is longing for Thee.

Offertory Song

- Amazing Grace
- Ave Maria
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
- How Can I Keep from Singing
- Lord of All Hopefulness
- Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)
- Now We Remain
- Remember Your Love
- Softly & Tenderly
- We Remember
- What Wondrous Love is This



Communion Song

- Behold the Lamb
- Blest Are They
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Gift of Finest Wheat
- I Am the Bread of Life
- Jesus, Hope of the World
- On Eagle's Wings
- One Bread, One Body
- Seed Scattered and Sown
- You Are Mine
- You Are Near

Closing Song

- Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- City of God
- For All the Saints (not during Lent)
- How Great Thou Art
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Now Thank We All Our God
- O God Beyond All Praise
- On Eagle's Wings
- Sing to the Mountains
- Sing with All The Saints In Glory

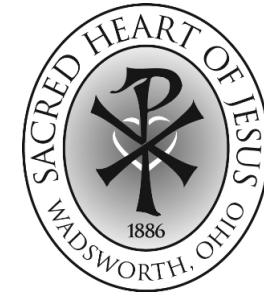
What form of the deceased's name would you like to be used during the Mass of Christian Burial?

When submitting this completed guide, please also include no more than one page of notes on the deceased person's life to assist the priest in celebrating the life of your departed love one. If there are any questions about the Funeral, who in the family should be contacted?

Name _____ Phone _____

Funeral Home _____

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