

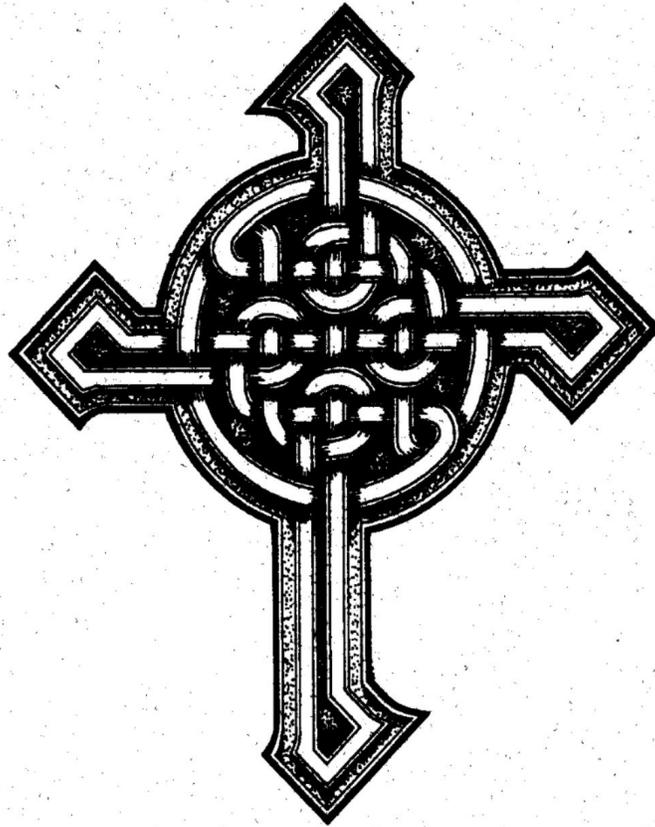
# THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



## A Funeral Customary

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## **The First Step**

When the death of a member of the church occurs, one of the parish clergy should be called at once and arrangements for the funeral made in consultation with the clergy.

## **Burial From the Church**

Baptized Christians, having been nurtured in the Church, are properly buried with the service taking place in the church.

## **Music**

It is appropriate to sing hymns and songs of praise to our Lord at a funeral service. The selection of these hymns should be made in consultation with the clergy.

## **Elements of the Service**

The service of the Burial of the Deceased begins on page 469 and 491 respectively for Rite I and Rite II. Within this service the family must choose elements such as Readings and the inclusion of Eucharist. This is done in consultation with the clergy.

## **Participation**

As with all Episcopal services, the funeral service is a participatory service. It is recommended that when possible, given the nature of the occasion, the family and friends would participate in the service by doing the readings and the prayers as outlined within the service. When this is not possible or comfortable, the church will provide for this.

## **Photography**

No flash photographs will be allowed from 15 minutes before the service begins, during the service, and after the service until the congregation has departed. Videotaping may be done during the service as long as the camera is not visible or distracting during the service. Video cameras may be placed on the outside aisles or in the choir loft.

## Flowers

The Church of the Redeemer has a very talented Flower Guild that may be available to arrange the flowers in the church sanctuary for the service. The family will need to contact the Redeemer Flower Guild person listed under contacts at the end of this document. The couple may hire an outside florist to provide floral arrangements, however, the florist must contact the Redeemer Flower Guild representative to go over the guidelines and policies of arranging flowers in the sanctuary for a funeral service. Since the Flower Guild would not have ample time to prepare flowers for Sunday worship after a Saturday funeral, the altar flowers used for a funeral that takes place on a Saturday must remain in the sanctuary for the Sunday worship service.

## Service Elements to Keep in Mind

1. **Pall for coffin or urn.** During the service the coffin or urn will be covered by a pall which is provided by the church. This pall reminds us of the equality of all people before God.
2. **Communion.** Although the Eucharist is not required within the service, it is strongly recommended. It is the means that the church draws near to God within worship and within life. Please note that when communion is included as part of the service that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Those in attendance who are not baptized, are from a different faith tradition, or choose not to receive, are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.
3. **Ushers.** Ushers are provided by the Church.
4. **Eulogies.** The funeral service is a resurrection service. It is intended to be focused on the continuing life of the deceased with God. Eulogies are encouraged to help the family and guests embrace the memories of their loved one during this lifetime, however, in order to insure that the service does not lose its primary focus, eulogies will be limited to ten to fifteen minutes.
5. **Photos and other remembrance item.** Photos and other personal items are not allowed at the altar. Upon request, the church will provide a table in the Narthex and/or the reception area where these items can be displayed. For veterans, an exception can be made for a properly displayed American Flag on the coffin or next to the urn.
6. **Receptions.** The Pariah Hall is available for a reception following the service. Please consult with the clergy regarding this possibility.
7. **Bulletins.** A simple bulletin will be provided by the church. A more elaborate bulletin can be used at the expense of the family with the approval of the Rector.
8. **Memorials.** A Memorial Fund is typically set up in the name of the deceased. The proceeds collected can be directed by the family to a charity of their choosing. This designation should be included in the obituary and the service bulletin. If no charity is designated, the funds will be used in remembrance of the deceased towards the ongoing life and ministry of The Church of the Redeemer.
9. **Interment.** The interment of the remains or cremains is a separate service that takes place at the place of interment. This service can be included prior to, or after the completion of, the service in the church. Please consult with the clergy regarding this inclusion.
10. **Book of Remembrance, Greeters, Pall Bearers, items not covered.** The church does not typically provide these elements for the service. To see if they might be included, please consult with the clergy.

## Family Arrival

The Parlor is set aside for the family on the day of the funeral. Please plan on arriving to the church no later than 30 minutes prior to the service.

As security is not provided, The Church of the Redeemer cannot be responsible for items lost or stolen during the service.

## Nursery

Nursery may be provided, if Redeemer Nursery Workers are available. Contact the Nursery Director to request Nursery availability for the day of the funeral.

## Expenses

While expense for the funeral are for the family to decide, please remember that it is fitting to keep funeral expenses to a minimum. Church fees associated with a funeral are as follows:

## Fees

<b>Sanctuary</b>	No fee \$500.00	Use of the Sanctuary and Church building for Church Members For the use of the Sanctuary and Church buildings for Non-members
<b>Organist</b>	\$150.00	The organist at The Church of the Redeemer retains the option to play at all services conducted within the church. If another organist is desired, this must be agreed to by our organist. There may be an additional cost if you have a vocalist or instrumentalist that requires extra rehearsal time.
<b>Sexton</b>	No Fee \$50.00	Members Services of the Sexton by non-members
<b>Flowers</b>	No Fee \$150.00	Church members Non-members If an outside florist is used, this fee does not apply. This fee is for the service of the Flower Coordinator/Arranger. The net cost of the flowers will be additional. Payable to <i>The Church of the Redeemer</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	\$75.00	Available upon request. Safe Church Policy requires that the nursery must have at least two people on duty at all times when the nursery is open. Please make checks payable to <i>The Church of the Redeemer</i> .
<b>Rector</b>	No fee \$150.00	Church members ( <i>Contributions are, however, welcomed</i> Payable to the Rector) Non-Members
<b>Purser Hall</b>	No fee	Available as approved by the Rector

**Note:** All fees are negotiable for families in need. Please discuss this with the Rector.

## Contact Information

Organist	Charles Owings	Phone: 864-901-0634 (texts accepted)
Flowers	Lauren McCullough	Phone: 864-982-2498 (texts accepted)
Church Office	Sue Bannio	Phone: 864-277-4562
Nursery	Catherine Johnstone	Phone: 864-220-4212
Funeral Coordinator	Wendy Caney	Phone: 864-288-7897
Rector	Rev. Scott Anderson	Phone: 864-414-6646 (texts accepted)