

Traditional Funeral Hymns

- All Things Bright And Beautiful
- Alleluia Sing To Jesus
- Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind
- God Our Help In Ages Past
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer
- How Sweet The Name Of Jesus
- I Am The Bread Of Life
- In Heavenly Love Abiding
- Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us
- Lord Of All Hopefulness
- Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace
- O Jesus I Have Promised
- O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
- Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven
- The Day Thou Gavest
- The King Of Love My Shepherd Is
- The Lord's My Shepherd
- The Old Rugged Cross
- There Is A Green Hill
- There Is A Redeemer
- What A Friend We Have In Jesus
- When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
- Will Your Anchor Hold

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Funerals at St James



This leaflet explains some of the decisions to be made by a family in relation to a funeral at St James's Church. Please be mindful that the service is an act of Christian worship and that the final decision about the content of the service rests with the minister.

Main decisions

- Whether one or more members of the family wish to share some memories of the deceased. Alternatively the minister will reflect what he knows or has been told by the family.
- Whether the pianist should play some suitable music as the family enter and leave the church, or whether to play some recorded music (which should be suitable for the occasion and venue).
- One or more hymns to be sung in the service (two is the most common).
- Whether a family member wishes to read a Bible passage, chosen either by the family or the minister.
- Whether to have a Service Sheet printed.

Service Sheet

Families often like to produce a service sheet which also serves as a memento for mourners. As a minimum the congregation need the words of hymns. We only have a limited number of hymn books at St James but we do have printed sheets for the best known funeral hymns.

A simple service sheet might include

- The name of the deceased and their dates.
- One or more pictures.
- The words of hymns and the Lord's Prayer.

Other things that might be included in the service sheet:

- An outline of the service
- Text of a Psalm to be read together
- Bible reading reference
- Hymn details (author and year)
- Details of processional and recessional music
- A short biography of the deceased
- A poem or prayer
- Details of the committal (whether at the cemetery or crematorium) and any post-funeral gathering.

Please check the text of the service sheet, in particular the words of hymns, with the minister because there are different versions of words and numbers of verses.

Normal order of service

- Entry music
- Introduction
- Hymn
- Possible family memories (a "eulogy")
- Bible Reading
- Address by Minister
- (Hymn)
- Prayers
- The Lord's Prayer
- Hymn
- Blessing
- Exit music

Order for a graveside committal

- Coffin lowered into the grave
- Words from 1 Corinthians chapter 15
- Prayer
- Words from Psalm 103
- Committal
- Blessing
- Family members drop earth or flowers into the grave

Order for a committal at the crematorium

- Entry music may be played
- Words from 1 Corinthians chapter 15
- Prayer
- Words from Psalm 103
- Committal
- Blessing
- Exit music may be played

Traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Modern translation of the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen