



Worship Considerations for Christian Burial *A Guide*

*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.*



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How to Use this Guide

This Guide, along with pastor and staff, will help you:

- Plan worship, scripture and music
- Gather the necessary information for the church
- Prepare for the day of the service
- Designate Memorial Gifts

Included with this guide are several worksheets (see back pocket), which will assist you as you plan with the Pastor and staff.

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We Are Here to Help

A funeral marks the close of a human life. It is the opportunity for friends and family to express their grief, to give thanks for the life which has now completed its journey in this world, and to commend the person into God's keeping.

This Guide, along with the pastor and staff of Queen Anne Lutheran Church are here to help you plan a meaningful service.

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What to Expect: The Coming Days

- Expect Strong Emotions** Whether this death was sudden or a result of lingering illness, or whatever the circumstances, do not be surprised when you experience strong emotions: in yourself, or in family members and friends. Death often brings out family history—joys, sorrows, fond memories, deep grudges, “unfinished business.” This is a normal part of grief.
- We Can Help** Queen Anne Lutheran is here to support you. We do that best when we worship together.
- Stay in contact with the Church** Sunday services are at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. The parish administrator can help you stay in contact with the pastor and staff.
- Communicate with family and friends** Family and friends will want to know what the arrangements are (worship, burial, cremation), as well as where to send flowers and memorial remembrances.
- Work with the Mortuary** The mortuary will help you plan for burial, cremation, and other concerns. Please let the church know this information.
- Plan the Service** Work with the Pastor and Cantor to plan the service. See *the related planning pages in this guide*.
- Decide on Memorials** Memorial gifts afford meaningful ways for family and friends to remember a deceased person or past event. It is common to suggest a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers: to the church, to a charity, or to a special project. You may ask that memorial gifts be made to Queen Anne Lutheran and/or to the charities of your choice. All checks to the church should be made payable to Queen Anne Lutheran with “Memorial Fund” noted in the memo line. Our congregation’s Memorial Committee will be in contact with the pastor and the immediate family regarding appropriate Memorial designation for funds gifted to Queen Anne Lutheran Church.
- Arrange for Flowers** Flowers are arranged through the florist of your choice. If you like, we can provide references for florists.
- Write the Obituary** An obituary and photo can be included in the worship bulletin. Please give that information to the church office. Our parish administrator will work with you to prepare the bulletin for the service.

What to Expect: The Day of the Service

- Gather at the Church** If you wish, you may set up any narthex displays of family photos, etc., one hour prior to the service.
Gather at the church 15-25 minutes prior to the service.
Check in with the pastor.
10 minutes before worship, please gather with the pastor in the Conference Room. The immediate family enters the worship space with the pastor, to be seated in the sanctuary.
- Worship, Pray, Sing** During the service we will worship, pray, and sing.
As worship concludes, you will be led from the sanctuary by the pastor. If the deceased was a member at our church, a member of your family will write the name of the deceased in our Book of Remembrance as we depart.
- Form a Receiving Line** If you like, you may greet visitors at the reception.
- Gather Your Things** After the reception, you can gather flowers, cards, and any display items you brought.

What to Expect: The Days After

People who have lost someone close are often so busy with practical details and arrangements between the death and the funeral that they do not experience the full sense of their loss until later.

Grieving is a natural and important part of coming to terms with and healing this loss and it may continue into the future. Comfort can be found in the promises of Jesus Christ, in the hope of the Resurrection and in the assurance that God receives us mercifully upon death.

Queen Anne Lutheran can help you through this time. The Congregation will pray for you at Sunday worship. The Pastor can visit with you, and/or put you in touch with a counselor, or with individuals who have experienced close bereavement themselves.

The Service

Queen Anne Lutheran Funeral and Memorial Service liturgies are from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book, page 279ff. The service will include singing, proclamation of scripture, prayers, and commendation. The service may include the Eucharist liturgy (Communion). The pastor and staff will work with you to organize the various parts of the service. Below is a basic outline of the service.

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM—*at the baptismal font*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. *—from Romans 6*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

EULOGIES/RELECTIONS [OPTIONAL]

READINGS

The service will include scripture readings, typically from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and a Gospel. (See list of suggested readings.) The pastor will work with you to choose readings.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

COMMUNION [OPTIONAL]

COMMENDATION

The pastor commends our sister or brother to God:

Let us commend _____ to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant _____.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *her/him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

POSTLUDE

Scripture Readings

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Old Testament

Job 14:1-2, 7-14 *The fleeting, precious nature of life*

Job 19:23-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 *For everything there is a season*

Isaiah 25:6-9 *God will swallow up death forever*

Isaiah 40:6-11, 28-31 *The Word of the Lord stands forever*

Isaiah 61:1-3 *The spirit of the Lord God is upon me*

Jeremiah 31:8-13 *I will turn their mourning into joy*

Lamentations 3:22-33 *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases*

Psalms

Psalms 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*

Psalms 42:1-5 *My soul longs for God*

Psalms 121 *Our help comes from God*

Psalms 139:1-12 *God is inescapably present*

New Testament

Romans 5:1-11 *Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of Christ*

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *Christ, the first fruits, has been raised from the dead*

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 *We have this treasure in clay jars*

Hebrews 12:1-2 *We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *A living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*

Revelation 21:2-7 *I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem*

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 *Come to me, all you who are weary*

Mark 16:1-7 *The resurrection of Christ*

John 1:1-5, 9-14 *The light shines in the darkness*

John 6:37-40 *I will raise them up on the last day*

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

Hymns & Songs

The service will include congregational singing, a hallmark of Lutheran worship. The pastor and cantor will help you choose selections from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book, or find music from other sources.

Hymns are typically sung at the beginning and end of the service, as well as after the sermon. Hymns & songs that reflect the promise of the resurrection (Easter), and our baptismal covenant are particularly appropriate.

Easter: 361-394; Hope 618-639; Trust, Guidance 755-795

- 504 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
- 629 ABIDE WITH ME
- 883 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL
- 392 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS
- 779 AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND
- 793 BE THOU MY VISION
- 838 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR
- 638 BLESSED ASSURANCE
- 781 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER
- 807 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING
- 790 DAY BY DAY
- 422 FOR ALL THE SAINTS
- 543 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING
- 733 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS
- 618 GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER
- 414 HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME
- 473 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
- 485 I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
- 619 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!
- 815 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT
- 732 I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY
- 769 IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU
- 324 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY
- 365 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY
- 624 JESUS, STILL LEAD ON
- 754 JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU
- 836 JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE
- 660 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

765 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS
767 LORD TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME
631 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING
759 MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE
596, 597 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS
763 MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG
840 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
447 O BLESSED SPRING
632 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST
810 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
313 O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT
858, 859 PRAISE TO THE LORD! THE ALMIGHTY
864 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN
773 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND
608 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING
502 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS
778 THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD
587, 588 THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY
376 THINE IS THE GLORY
742 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS
666 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Fees

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Reservation Fee <i>(non-refundable and non-deductible from other fees)</i>	No Fee	\$ 40.00
Main Sanctuary	No Fee	\$225.00
Chapel	No Fee	\$125.00
Candles for Candelabra (Altar)	No Fee	\$ 55.00
Memorial Bulletins	No Fee	\$ 30.00
Cantor (Memorial Only)	\$ 200.00	\$250.00
(additional Soloist Rehearsal)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Soloist (approx.)*	\$125.00	\$150.00
Custodian/Sexton (Memorial)	No Fee	\$ 75.00
(Reception)	No Fee	\$150.00
Use of Children's Nursery	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Pastor	No Fee	\$200.00
Reception Coordination	No Fee	\$50.00

* Instrumentalists can be arranged for by the Cantor. Fees will be negotiated.

<u>Room</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Guidelines for Honoraria</u>
Sanctuary	250	For members of our congregation and their families, no fees other than those specified above are expected. However, some families wish to give additional honoraria to the pastor and/or those who gave of their time for the worship service and reception. Please contact the parish administrator for payment arrangements.
Fellowship Hall	150	
Narthex	75	
Chapel	20	
Children's Nursery	15	

Information for the Church

Name of the Deceased Full Name: _____

For use in the worship bulletin. Nickname: _____

Birth/Death Information Date of Birth: _____

For use in the worship bulletin. Location of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Location of Death: _____

Mortuary Name: _____

Burial/Interment Location: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Obituary A printed obituary may be included in the worship bulletin. Please provide this to the church office.

Contact Information Name: _____

Relationship to the deceased: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Worship Leaders

Clergy/Preaching Presiding: _____

*Unless otherwise arranged,
QALC clergy will lead the service
and preach.* Phone/email:

Preaching: _____

Phone/email:

Other: _____

Phone/email:

Musicians Organist: _____

*QALC can provide: organist,
soloist, choir, and/or
instrumentalists. Arrangements for
additional or guest musicians can be
made through QALC staff.* Phone/email:

Pianist: _____

Phone/email:

Soloist(s): _____

Phone/email:

Choir/Director: _____

Phone/email:

Other Musicians(s): _____

Phone/email:

Ushers

(QALC will provide ushers.)

Pallbearers

Names:

Worship Planning Page

Queen Anne Lutheran's pastor and cantor can help you plan the service. The order of worship is found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book on page 279.

Remains at the Service Casket

Make arrangements with the pastor and mortuary.

Caskets may be open or closed prior to the service. Caskets are closed for the service itself. A linen pall, a sign of being "clothed in Christ" and of baptism, replaces any flowers or flags while the casket is in the sanctuary.

Urn

The urn is placed on a small stand in front of the altar. A photo may be placed next to the urn.

No remains present at the service.

Include Communion Yes

No

Will Need Childcare Provided During Service Yes

No

Readings First Reading: _____

Worship will include one reading each from the Old Testament, Psalm (optional), New Testament, and Gospel.

Reader: _____

Psalm: _____

These readings may be read by a family member or friend. The Gospel is read by the pastor.

Reader: _____

Second Reading: _____

Reader: _____

Gospel: _____

Congregational Hymns/Songs

Hymns and songs are drawn from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. A list of hymn suggestions is included in this packet.

Processional: _____

After the sermon _____

Communion: _____

Sending: _____

Eulogies/Reflections

Eulogies/Reflections are not required. If they are included, they are given after the Prayer of the Day.

Yes

Speaker(s): _____

No

Reception

Make arrangements with the Reception Coordinator.

Church to provide a guestbook in the narthex

At Queen Anne Lutheran—Narthex

At Queen Anne Lutheran—Fellowship Hall

Elsewhere (give location):

**Notes for the
Bulletin**

*Additions to the bulletin
are optional.*

- Prefer pre-printed cover (we can show you options)
- Prefer a cover with photo (we can show you examples)
- Obituary
- Photo(s)
- Invitation to reception
- Memorials may be given to . . .

Thanks to . . .

Other (specify)
