

SOME HELPS FOR PLANNING A LOVED ONE'S FUNERAL

HYMNS – Each Funeral Liturgy has at least three hymns sung by the whole assembly gathered. More hymns are certainly welcome. If there is communion, another hymn may be chosen. Of course, Special music is always welcome- solos, duets, and choirs – please consult with the Pastor

From the ELW Hymnal:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God	504
Abide With Me	629
Amazing Grace	779
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	634
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	392
Alleluia, Song of Gladness	318
Beautiful Savior	838
Beneath the Cross of Jesus	338
Blessed Assurance	638
Blest Are They	728
Children of the Heavenly Father	781
Crown Him with Many Crowns	855
For All the Saints, who from their labors rest	422
God Be with You Till We Meet Again	536
Great is Thy Faithfulness	733
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	618
How Great Thou Art	856
I am the Bread of Life	485
I Love to Tell the Story	661
I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry	732
Jesus Christ is Risen Today	365
Jesus Loves Me	595
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	767
Lift High the Cross	660
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	759
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	597
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds	367
O God our Help in Ages Past	632
On Eagle's Wings	787
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	773
Rock of Ages	623
Shall We Gather at the River	423
Shepherd Me, O God	780
Softly and Tenderly	608
Soon and Very Soon	439
The Church's One Foundation	654
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	502
Thine is the Glory	376
This is My Father's World	824
Thy Holy Wings	613
Thy Strong Word	511
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	742
When Peace Like A River (<i>It is Well</i>)	785
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	424

Scripture Readings – we generally have one Old Testament lesson; one New Testament lesson; and one Gospel.

Old Testament readings:

- Job 19:25-26 – I know that my Redeemer lives...
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 – For everything there is a season
- Isaiah 25:6-9 – God will swallow up death forever....God will wipe away the tears from all faces.
- Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 – Comfort my people, says your God
- Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7 – I have called you by name
- Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19 – I am about to do a new thing
- Jeremiah 31:8-13 – I will turn their mourning into joy
- Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 – The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

New Testament readings:

- Romans 5:1-11 – since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God....God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
- Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 – Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God...
- I Corinthians 15:12-26 – ...in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 – Teaching about those who have died.
- I Peter 1:3-9 – we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection...
- Revelation 7:9-17 – God will wipe away every tear
- Revelation 21:2-7 – I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem
- Revelation 22:1-5 – The Lord God will be their light

Gospel readings:

- Matthew 5:1-10 – Blessed are those who mourn...
- Matthew 11:25-30 – Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14 – A child is the greatest in the kingdom
- Mark 10:13-16 – Let the little children come
- 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 10:1-16 – I am the good shepherd
- John 11: 21-27 – I am the resurrection and the life
- John 14:1-6 – I prepare a place for you
- John 14:25-27 – Peace I leave with you