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Dear People of God,

As Christians, we are resurrection people; we are people of hope. Giving prayerful consideration to one's burial and then providing funeral and burial directions are gifts to one's family and friends.

The attached Funeral Planning Form is designed so that you may share your wishes about your funeral with your family and with Trinity Episcopal Church. The Form can also assist family members planning a service for a loved one who has died.

The Burial Service in the *Book of Common Prayer* is the foundation of an Episcopal funeral service. If Holy Eucharist has been an important part of your life, including Holy Eucharist as part of your burial service may be important. Or, you may prefer have a Memorial Service without communion.

The lessons included in this guide are from the Burial Service in *The Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 468; you may have other passages you would like used. Also, *The Hymnal 1982* has a wide selection of hymns; familiar, easy to sing hymns invite full participation of all those present.

As you consider your funeral plans or those of a loved one who has died, both our Organist and Parish Musician, Mr. Brian MacFarland, and I will be glad to assist you. Please contact either or both of us if you have questions or if you would like to talk about the service you are planning.

In Christ,

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Funeral Planning Form
Trinity Episcopal Church, Castine

Name _____

Date and place of birth _____

Person(s) responsible for making arrangements for burial

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

email address _____

If arrangements been made with a funeral director, please indicate the name and address of the funeral director or funeral home and what arrangements you have made.

Will a coffin or an urn be at the church for the service? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, which? _____

Would your family like to procession behind the coffin or urn? Yes ___ No ___

Please check the reading from the Old Testament you would prefer:

___ Isaiah 25:6-9 (*He will swallow up death for ever*)

___ Isaiah 6:1-3 (*To comfort those who mourn*)

___ Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

(The Lord is good to those who wait for him)

___ Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (*The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God*)

___ Job 19:21-27a (*I know that my Redeemer lives*)

___ other: _____

Is there a particular psalm, hymn or canticle you would like after the Old Testament reading? _____

Psalms might be: 41:1-7; 46; 90:1-12; 121; 130; 139:1-11

Please check the reading from the New Testament you would prefer:

___ Romans 8:1-19, 34-35, 37-39 (*The glory that shall be revealed*)

___ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (*The imperishable body*)

___ 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:9 (*Things that are unseen are eternal*)

___ 1 John 3:1-2 (*We shall be like him*)

___ Revelation 7:9-17 (*God will wipe away every tear*)

___ Revelation 21:2-7 (*Behold, I make all things new*)

___ other: _____

Is there a particular psalm, hymn or canticle you would like after the New Testament reading? _____

Psalms might be: 23; 27; 106:1-5; 116

Please check the Gospel lesson you would prefer to have read:

- John 5:24-27 (*He who believes has everlasting life*)
- John 6:37-4 (*All that the Father gives me will come to me*)
- John 10:11-16 (*I am the good shepherd*)
- John 11:21-27 (*I am the resurrection and the life*)
- John 14:1-6 (*In my Father's house are many rooms*)
- other: _____

Please indicate the music you would like for the service. The priest and the organist and parish musician will be happy to offer suggestions.

- Prelude _____
- Hymn before the Gospel _____
- Communion hymns _____
- Recessional hymn _____
- Postlude _____

Where are you / is the deceased to be buried?

Would you like The Committal (see Book of Common Prayer, pages 501-505) at a graveside following the Burial Service? Yes No

Would you like a reception in the parish hall? Yes No

If yes, after the Burial Service? Or, after The Committal?

Additional comments or information _____

Signed _____

Dated _____