

# GALILEE CHURCH FUNERAL & MEMORIAL ARRANGEMENTS PACKET



## GALILEE CHURCH

*An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Virginia  
and the Worldwide Anglican Communion*

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Funeral Customary**

Whether you're reading this at a time loss, or planning for the future, we pray this packet helps make difficult decisions a little bit easier. Below are a few guidelines to assist you as you plan.

*Day of the Week*

We encourage you to plan for a funeral on any day Monday through Friday. Galilee will do our best to honor officiant requests; the Associate Rector is unavailable on Mondays and the Rector is unavailable on Fridays. Our staff is available on the weekdays to make the service seamless, and maintain a high quality. On Saturday there are no staff here except the sexton, and we cannot guarantee the same quality of service that we offer on weekdays.

*Music and Readings*

Galilee of course is a Christian church and therefore things that might be permitted in a funeral home may not be appropriate here. While we want to allow latitude for individuality, there are certain songs, poems, and excerpts from literature that may run contrary to the Christian ethos. If the clergy

feel that a proposed reading or song is not a fit, they will let you know. Many people find that the reception is an appropriate place for additional readings or songs.

Although we have offered Scripture and hymn suggestions in this packet, they are suggestions. You are free to choose other Scriptures and hymns. *Pre-recorded music is not permitted in the funeral service.*

If you wish to have an additional instrumentalist "plug into" our audio system, please talk with Lindsay McCaw in advance.

If you wish to have Soloist/Extra Musicians, Mary Dolch our organist can schedule the person/persons requested.

If you do not wish to use our organist for the service, there is a "bench fee"--common in churches, of half the regular fee. The bench fee ensures that our organist (though not playing) will still be the point person to ensure that your musical expectations are met.

#### *Receptions*

Tucker Hall is available for receptions, but our funeral reception committee only provides refreshments on Tuesdays or Fridays.

#### *Slide shows*

If you have the reception in Tucker Hall, you are welcome to project photos during the reception. We do not project photos in the church before, during or after the service.

#### *Flowers*

If the reception is occurring in Tucker Hall, flowers sent by friends for the service will be displayed there. If the reception is elsewhere, please have flowers sent to the reception site.

#### *Memorabilia*

If memorabilia is to be displayed, please set it up at the reception site.

#### *Eulogies*

We find that sometimes mourners grow exhausted by long periods of time spent in multiple eulogies. We recommend three or fewer speakers, five minute time targets, and written notes (to keep the comments on track).

#### *Alcohol*

Please do not bring alcohol into the church to toast the deceased. This is more fitting for offsite receptions.

Grace and peace to you,  
Fr. Buchanan+

## Readings from the Old Testament (You may choose one)

### □ **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### □ **Isaiah 61:1-3**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

### □ **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 your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

### □ **Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-5, 9**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; ... Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

### □ **Job 19:21-27a**

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

**Old Testament Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Readings from the Psalms (You may choose one)**

(For some of the Psalms the selection is only for specific verses.)

#### **□ Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

#### **□ Psalm 42**

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

#### **□ Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

#### **□ Psalm 90**

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O LORD! How long?

#### **□ Psalm 106**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. Remember me, O LORD, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

## Readings from the Psalms (You may choose one) – continued

### □ Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### □ Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

### □ Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night’, even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**Psalm Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Readings from the New Testament (You may choose one)

### □ **Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 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.

### □ **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

### □ **2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:9**

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan

under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

□ **1 John 3:1-2**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

□ **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

□ **Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

**New Testament Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Readings from the Gospel of John (Please choose one)

### **John 5:24-27**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. ‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

### **John 6:37-40**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

### **John 10:11-16**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

### **John 11:21-27**

Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

### **John 14:1-6**

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Gospel of John Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Music-Hymn Suggestions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> #494 <i>Crown Him</i>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> #680 <i>O God, our Help in Ages Past</i>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #207 <i>Jesus Christ is Risen</i>              | <input type="checkbox"/> #693 <i>Just as I am, Without One Plea</i>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #362 <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> #671 <i>Amazing Grace!</i>                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #376 <i>Joyful, Joyful</i>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> #691 <i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #390 <i>Praise to the Lord</i>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> #608 <i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #423 <i>Immortal, Invisible</i>                | <input type="checkbox"/> #688 <i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> # 209 <i>We Walk by Faith</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> #451 <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #488 <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> #645 <i>The King of Love, My Shepherd is</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #662 <i>Abide with Me</i>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> #685 <i>Rock of Ages</i>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #686 <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> |  |

Other Hymns? \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Please be mindful that if you choose a hymn that is not in *The Hymnal 1982*, we may or may not, have the music.)**

Do you have a preference for:      Rite I       Rite II

Do you wish for there to be Holy Communion at the service?    Yes       No

Additional suggestions/requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have one or two (**no more than three minutes each, please**) persons speak in the service? If yes, please give names: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Suggested Readings and Psalms Checklist

**From the Old Testament** (choose one)

- Isaiah 25:6-9 *He will swallow up death forever*
- Isaiah 61:1-3 *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 hand of God*
- Job 19:21-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*

**Choice of Psalms** (choose one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 23 <i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 42 <i>As the Deer Pants.....</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 46 <i>God is our Refuge and Strength</i>           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 90 <i>The Lord, our Refuge</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 106 <i>Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is Good</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 130 <i>Out of the Depths</i>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 121 <i>I Lift my Eyes to the Hills</i>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 139 <i>You have Searched....</i> |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**From the New Testament** (choose one)

- Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 *The glory that shall be revealed*
- I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 *The imperishable body*
- II Corinthians 4:16-5:9 *Things that are unseen are eternal*
- I John 3:1-2 *We shall be like Him*
- Revelation 7:9-17 *God will wipe away every tear*
- Revelation 21:1-6 *Behold, I make all things new*

**From the Gospel of John** (choose one)

- John 5:24-27 *He who believes has everlasting life*
- John 6:37-40 *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: \_\_\_\_\_