

Funeral or Memorial Service

Scripture Suggestions

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27	I know that my redeemer lives
Isaiah 25:6-9	God will swallow up death forever
Isaiah 26:1-4, 19	God will keep them in peace
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31	Comfort my people
Isaiah 40:28-31	Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19, 25	When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
Isaiah 44:6-8	I am the first and the last
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	Ho, everyone who thirsts
Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11	The spirit of the Lord is upon me
Isaiah 65:17-25	I create new heavens and a new earth
Lamentations 3:19-26, 31b-3	The Lord's steadfast love
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom
Daniel 12:1-3	Many of those who sleep in the dust shall awake
Joel 2:12-13, 23-24, 26-29	Return to the Lord with all your heart
Ezekiel 34	I will save my flock
Ezekiel 37:1-14	I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley

At the loss of a child:

Zechariah 8:1-8	Children playing in the streets of the city
Isaiah 65:17-25	I create new heavens and a new earth

For those whose faith is unknown:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	For everything there is a season
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-23	The Lord's steadfast love

Psalms

Psalms 16:5-11	The Lord is my chosen portion
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Psalms 27:1, 4-9a, 13-14	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalms 39: 4-5, 12	Lord, let me know my end
Psalms 42:1-6a	As a deer longs for flowing streams
Psalms 43	Give judgment for me, O God
Psalms 46:1-5, 10-11	A very present help in trouble
Psalms 90:1-10, 12	Teach us to number our days
Psalms 91	The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Psalms 103	Bless the Lord, O my soul
Psalms 106:1-5	O give thanks to the Lord
Psalms 116:1-9, 15	The Lord has heard my voice
Psalms 118	Open the gates of righteousness
Psalms 121	I lift up my eyes to the hills
Psalms 130	Out of the depths I cry to the Lord
Psalms 139:1-12	Where shall I go from your spirit?
Psalms 143	LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
Psalms 145	I will extol you, O God my King
Psalms 146	Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul

The Epistles

Acts 10:34-36, 42-43	God accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right
Romans 5:1-11	Hope does not disappoint
Romans 5:17-21	Grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ
Romans 6:3-9	Baptized into Christ's death, raised to live with him
Romans 8:14-23, 31-39	Nothing can separate us from the love of God
Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12	Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-20a	Christ raised from the dead
1 Corinthians 15:20-24a	In Christ shall all be made alive
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 50, 53-58	Death is swallowed in victory
1 Corinthians 15:35-44	The natural body and the spiritual body
1 Corinthians 15:50-57	We shall all be changed
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:	Visible things are temporary, invisible things eternal
2 Corinthians 5:1-10	From God we have a house not made with hands
Galatians 2:15-21	A person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ
Ephesians 1:11-2:1, 4-10	Saved by grace through faith
Ephesians 3:20-21	To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations
Philippians. 3:7-11	Knowing him and the power of his resurrection
Philippians. 3:20-21	Our citizenship is in heaven
Colossians 3:1-17	Set your minds on the things that are above
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The comfort of Christ's coming
2 Timothy 2:8-13	If we died with him, we shall also live with him
Hebrews 2:14-18	Christ was tested in every way
Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16; 12:1-2	Faith, the pilgrimage, the cloud of witnesses
1 Peter 1:3-9	Without seeing Christ, you love him
1 Peter 3:18-22; 4:6	Christ's ministry to the spirits in prison
1 John 3:1-3	We are children of God
Revelation 7:2-3, 9-17	These are they who have come out of the great tribulation
Revelation 14:1-3, 6-7, 12-13	Rest for the saints
Revelation 21:1-4, 22-25; 22:3-5	A new heaven and a new earth
Revelation 22:1-5	The Lord God will be their light

For those whose faith is unknown:

Romans 2:12-16	The law written on the heart
Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12	None of us live to ourselves

The Gospels

Matthew 5:1-12a	The Beatitudes
Matthew 11:25-30	Hidden from the wise, revealed to infants
Matthew 15:33-39, 16:1-6	Then he took the seven loaves and the fish...
Matthew 22:1-10	Kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son
Matthew 25:1-13	Wise and foolish bridesmaids
Matthew 25:31-46	The Last Judgment
Mark 15:33-39	With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last
Luke 6:20-36	Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God
Luke 7:11-17	Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain

Luke 12:35-40	The Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him
Luke 18:15-17	We enter the kingdom only as children
Luke 23:33, 39-43	Today you will be with me in Paradise
Luke 24:13-35	Now that same day two of them were going to Emmaus
John 3:16-21	God so loved the world
John 5:24-29	Whoever hears and believes has eternal life
John 6:37-40	Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away
John 6:47-58	Whoever believes in me has eternal life
John 10:1-6,11-18	I am the good shepherd.
John 11:17-27	I am the resurrection and the life
John 11:38-44	Lazarus raised from the dead
John 12:23-28	The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified
John 14:1-6, 25-27	Let not your hearts be troubled
John 17: 24-26	Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am

At the loss of a child:

Matthew 18:1-5, 10	The greatest in the kingdom of heaven
Mark 10:13-16	Let the children come to me

For those whose faith is unknown:

Matthew 25:31-46	As you did it to one of the least of these
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Suggested Hymns

Please select two or three hymns for the service. You need not restrict yourself to these suggestions.

A Mighty Fortress.....503 Abide with me629 All Glory Be to God on High410 All People That on Earth Do Dwell.....883 Amazing Grace779 Be Thou My Vision793 Beautiful Savior838 Borning Cry732 Faith of Our Fathers.....812 For All the Saints422 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.....647 God of Grace and God of Glory705 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing385 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer618 He Leadeth Me; Oh, Blessed Thought How Great Thou Art.....856 I know That My Redeemer Lives!.....619 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord If You But Trust in God to Guide You.....769 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise834	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee836 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me767 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling631 My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....759 Nearer My God to Thee Now the Green Blade Rises379 O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....632 Of the Father's Love Begotten.....295 On Eagles Wings.....787 Out of the Depths, I Cry to You.....600 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven864 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me623 The Church's One Foundation.....654 The King of Love My Shepherd Is502 The Lord's My Shepherd778 The Old Rugged Cross The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done.....366 Thy Holy Wings.....613 When Peace Like a River.....785 You Are Mine581
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