

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
101 Gold Mine Drive
San Francisco, CA 94131

Planning for a Celebration of Life

Thank you for taking the time to give guidance for a service that honors your life and creates a worshipful space for your loved ones to celebrate your life as well as to grieve, held by the joyful mystery of resurrection life.

Full Name: _____

Date: _____

I would like the service to take place

Service Time: Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening _____

Is there a funeral home with which we should coordinate? Will there be an urn or casket present at this service?

Are there particular participants you would like to have involved in this service (e.g. ushers, pall bearers, readers, eulogist, intercessor(s), Eucharistic Minister)? Are there special communities to potentially involve (e.g. a community chorus; an interfaith connection)?

There are three main formats that the Episcopal Church uses for funerals, links to which and descriptions of which can be found in the document Planning for a Celebration of Life – a Description and Resource List):

Please share the basic format and source you would like your service to use

- A. *Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Rite I* _____:
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|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Holy Eucharist | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| Sung | Yes _____ | No _____ |
- B. *Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Rite II* _____:
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|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Holy Eucharist | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| Sung | Yes _____ | No _____ |
- C. *Enriching Our Worship (EOW 2 or 3)* _____:

Holy Eucharist
Sung

Yes _____
Yes _____

No _____
No _____

D. _____

Music

I would like the choir to participate _____

I would like a soloist to sing _____

A variety of hymns and other musical options are possible. A list of hymn ideas is included at the end of the document Planning for a Celebration of Life – a Description and Resource List. Music of various kinds can also be shared before, during, or after the service, including by being incorporated into a slide show.

Hymns or other music to include:

Readings

1. Hebrew Bible (or other reading)

Psalm, Hymn, or Canticle _____

Reader _____

2. New Testament (or other reading) _____

Psalm, Hymn, or Canticle _____

Reader _____

3. Gospel Reading _____

Do you want a eulogy in addition to a homily? If so, who should deliver it?

Homilist: _____

Apostle's Creed after the homily/sermon? Yes _____ No _____

Prayers of the People: BCP Page 565 _____; Page 480 _____; Page 497 _____
EOWIII Page 79-83 (A-D) _____;
EOW III Additional Prayers p. 70+ _____
Other Prayers of the People: _____

Offertory Choir Anthem or other musical offering (e.g. soloist)?

Eucharistic Prayer:	BCP: 333 _____	p. 340 _____	p. 361 _____
	367 _____	p. 369 _____	p. 372 _____
EOW I Eucharistic Prayers:	p. 57 _____	p. 60 _____	p. 62 _____

Eucharistic Prayer from around the Anglican Communion

Procession Out:

Anthems Rite I (p. 483) _____ Rite II (p. 500) _____ EOW III (36-37) _____

or Canticle Rite I (484) _____ Rite II (p. 500) _____ EOW (37) _____

or Hymn _____

For various reasons, the Committal (the actual burial or scattering of ashes) sometimes happens on a different day than the funeral itself.

Anthems at the Grave (Committal)

Rite I. (pp. 484-485) _____

Rite II (p. 491) _____ Rite II (p. 501) _____

EOW III (pp. 59-60 or 27-28) _____

Additional Prayers (Identified by Opening Words):

Rite I. (pp. 487-489) _____

Rite II. (pp. 503-505) _____

EOW III (70-78) _____