

A Customary for Funerals and Memorial Services

Church of the Redeemer
Bryn Mawr, PA

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter Liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Guidelines for Burials, Funerals and Memorial Services

Please contact the Parish Office at (610) 525-2486 as soon as possible following a death to make arrangements for funerals, memorial services, and interments.

*The clergy must be consulted before scheduling a service at
Church of the Redeemer.*

Costs:

Cremation Burial, Graveside Service

Grave preparation ¹	\$ 300
Burial Recording Fee	\$ 300
Parish Mission ³	\$ 350
Sexton fee ³	\$ 175

Casket Burial, Graveside Service

Single Depth Grave Preparation ²	\$1,200
Double Depth preparation ²	\$ 1,300
Burial Recording Fee	\$ 300
Parish Mission ³	\$ 350
Sexton ³	\$ 175

Church Funeral Service (as applicable)

Parish Mission ³	\$ 350
Organist ^{3,4}	\$ 325
Sexton fee ³	\$ 175
Additional Instruments ³	\$ 200 (each)
Soloist ³	\$ 200
Choir ³	\$ 1,000 (approx.)
Coordinator	\$ 200
Building Use Fee ⁵	\$ 600
Flowers	See opposite page
Livestream broadcast	\$250

¹Cremation grave preparation costs include additional \$100 for Saturday and \$200 for Sunday.

²Infant graves are priced based on vault size; additional \$200 for Saturday.

³There is an additional 25% charge for church-related services on Saturday, and 50% on Sunday.

⁴If an organist other than the Music Director is requested, a \$325 bench fee is added to any fee paid to the requested organist.

⁵For funerals of non-parishioners there is an additional Building Use Fee of \$600. This provides for the use and cleaning of the church.

**(Non-Parishioners are those who have not been an active pledging member in the Parish for a minimum of two years.)*

General Notes for your Guidance

- When distributing the obituary notice, please consider designating Church of the Redeemer for memorial gifts in honor of the deceased.
- Grave plots are available for full burials and cremations in the Churchyard and Memorial Garden.
- In the Episcopal Church, a funeral pall is used to cover the casket during the service. The casket remains closed throughout the service.
- All music for the service is subject to the discretion of the Music Director. The liturgy for Funerals and Memorial services is an act of worship, and the music selected for inclusion in the liturgy should be chosen from or reflect the church's own tradition and expression.
- Please make your checks for musicians payable to the individual(s) performing.
- A eulogy or remembrance may be given by one or two people.

Flowers

The Flower Guild of Church of the Redeemer will prepare all flower arrangements for funerals and memorial services scheduled on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. These flowers become the property of the church and, when possible, are used as memorials of the life of the deceased during the Sunday services. The flowers and their containers may not be removed from the church. Flower arrangements for funerals and memorial services scheduled on Monday through Thursday shall be provided by a florist of the family's choosing in consultation with the Flower Guild Liaison for funerals. Flowers delivered by friends and family shall be placed in the narthex of the church during the service. Please call Jan Clarke, Flower Guild Liaison for Funerals, at (610) 667-3605 to discuss the various options and the parish guidelines for funeral flower arrangements. Please note that requests for rare, or out of season flowers may increase the price.

Funeral Directors

You are free to use the funeral director of your choice. The following funeral director has been used frequently by those planning funeral services and interments at the Church of the Redeemer, and is aware of our fees and policies.

Chadwick & McKinney, Ardmore, PA (610) 642-6303

Funeral Receptions

We have space for receptions following funerals and memorial services, subject to availability and occupancy restrictions. Burns Hall will hold up to 65 people seated, or 120 standing. The Room 125 will hold up to 30 people seated, or 42 standing. Kitchen use is included in the room fee.

Burns Hall	\$565 parishioner, \$1,125 non-parishioner*
Room 125	\$90 parishioner, \$180 non-parishioner*

N.B. All arrangements for a reception, including the choice of a caterer are the responsibility of the family. A list of recommended caterers is available from the Parish Office. Room use is subject to availability.

Gravesites

Each plot measures 16'x16' (256 square feet) and is divided into eight 4'x8' graves. Plots may be purchased whole for \$12,000*, or individual graves for \$1,500.* Each grave may contain no more than two full body interments or four cremated interments.

- Each grave may contain no more than two memorial stones.
- Individual grave plantings are restricted to those approved by the Churchyard Committee. A list of approved plants is available from the Parish Office.
- The Church of the Redeemer provides basic landscaping services throughout the graveyard. This includes lawn mowing, common flowerbed weeding, tree management and seasonal clean-up.

Memorial Stone Markers

It is our policy that any memorial stone placed in the churchyard must be in keeping with the general design and appearance of those already there. All monument makers are required to send a sketch of the proposed marker to the Parish Administrator for written approval before the final installation of the stone in our churchyard. Memorial stones require foundations constructed to our specifications. Care and maintenance of the memorial stones is the responsibility of the plot owner. Stones not repaired in a reasonable time will be repaired by the Church of the Redeemer and billed to the plot owner.

We do not recommend any one stone mason, however, the following company has done most of the memorials in the churchyard over many decades: Harvard C. Wood, Inc., Lansdowne, PA; Phone (610) 622-0550

Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden spaces are available for the interment of cremated remains. Spaces may be purchased for two or four interments. Two interment spaces cost \$1,200*, and four interment spaces cost \$2,400.* Each space is covered by a slate block. Names and dates of birth and death of those interred may be inscribed on the slate block. Any other inscriptions are not allowed.

** Prices for pledging members*

If you have any questions about the churchyard, funeral or memorial services or gravesites, please contact Joshua Castano, Parish Administrator at (610) 525-2486, ext. 23 or via email: jcastano@theredeemer.org



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