

Readings for Funeral, Thanksgiving & Memorial Services

Likewise there are many readings suitable for funeral services.

It is customary to choose one reading from the Bible. Other readings, poems and prayers may be included. When you are ready Revd Diana is here to help you.

- Psalm 121 "Looking to God for Help"
- Psalm 23 *The Lord is My Shepherd*"
- Psalm 84 *How lovely are your dwelling places*"
- John 3. 16-23 "So God loved the world"
- John 14 1- 6 "Do not let your hearts be troubled...I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (*Homecoming*)
- John 15. 9- 17 "This is my commandment that you love one another "
- John 15. 12-17 "Love one another... greater love has no one than one who lays down his life for a friend "
- John 10. 11-15 "I am the Good Shepherd... and I lay down my life for the sheep"
- John 11.17-27 "Raising of Lazarus- Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died "
- Matthew 5. 1-12 *The Beatitudes* "Blessed are the poor in Spirit"
- Matthew 28 1-10 "Resurrection of Jesus"
- 1 Peter 1-9 "You are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your soul"
- 1 Corinthians 13 (or part of) "Now faith and hope and love abides, these things and the greatest of these is love"
- Romans 8. 31- to end "If God is for us, who is against us?"
- Revelations 21 1-7 "Behold I make all things new... he will wipe every tear from their eye"



St Giles
Uley



Holy Cross
Owlpen



St Bartholomew
Nympsfield

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The Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield
Churches of St Giles, Holy Cross and St Bartholomew

Arranging a Funeral, Memorial or Thanksgiving Service in Church

Readings and Music



You are welcome to have a Funeral Service or Memorial Service in any of our three parish churches whether or not you come to church. Our village churches are your churches and we welcome you.

Whether you choose to have the service in church or not, Revd Diana is here to assist you and conduct the service at Gloucester or Westerleigh crematoriums.

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Organ Music for Funerals, Thanksgiving & Memorial Services

Opening music (processional, abbreviated as necessary)

Berlioz: The Shepherds' Farewell (from L'Enfance du Christ)

Elgar: Andante from 1st Symphony

*Handel: Largo

*Tallis: Third Mode Melody (as used by Vaughan Williams in his Tallis Fantasia)

*Mendelssohn: O Rest in the Lord (aria from Elijah)

*Bach: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

*Bach: Bist du bei mir ("Be thou with me")

*Faure: Pie Jesu, from Requiem

Closing music (recessional)

Elgar: Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)

Walford Davies: Solemn Melody

Grieg: Last Spring

Bach: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr (I call on the Lord, chorale prelude BWV 639)

Tschaikowsky: Andante from String Quartet, Op. 11

Pachelbel: Canon

Items marked with an asterisk are of a suitable length for use as either opening or closing music. Alternatively, any of these pieces may be played quietly before the Service. (You can hear versions of most of them on YouTube.)

We have an excellent PA system and are able to play CD music of your choice. David Walker our organist and Revd Diana will be happy to help you.

Hymns for Funeral, Thanksgiving & Memorial Services

There are many hymns suitable for Funerals including Carols and Easter Hymns. You may like to choose a hymn of God's Praise or one of God's unfailing love. There are some hymns associated with funeral services and these are very well known and comforting. The organist will play the first mentioned tune unless requested otherwise.

- Come Down O Love Divine
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- Alleluia Sing to Jesus
- Love Divine All Love's excelling (tune: Blaenwern or Stainer's Love Divine)
- Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side

- Great is thy Faithfulness
- O God our help in Ages Past
- Peace, perfect Peace
- Now the day is ended
- Abide with me
- Amazing Grace
- On A hill far away (The Old Rugged Cross)
- There is a green hill far away
- When I survey the wondrous Cross
- Guide me O thou great redeemer
- Lead us heavenly Father
- Eternal Father strong to save
- Lord of all Hopefulness
- Father hear the prayer we offer
- Blest are the pure in heart
- Spirit of God, unseen as the Wind (tune Skye Boat Song)
- The Lord's my Shepherd (tune: Crimond or Brother James' Air)
- The God of Love/The King of Love(also based on Psalm 23)
- Thine be the Glory
- All creatures of our God and King
- Teach me, my God and King
- For the Beauty of the Earth
- All things Bright and Beautiful
- Morning has broken
- Praise my soul the king of heaven
- Praise ye the Lord
- To God be the Glory
- Now thank we all our God
- God is love, let heavens adore him
- Let us with a gladsome mind
- Immortal Invisible, God only wise
- He who would valiant be /Who would true valour see
- The day thou gavest
- God be in my head
- Jerusalem the Golden
- Jesus lives! Thy terror now
- Let saints on earth
- Faithful vigil ended
- Jesus, stand among us
- Love that wilt not let me go
- Rock of Ages (tune: Toplady or Petra)

