



Funeral Guide

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Order of Service

Listed below is a typical **Order of Service** for an Atonement funeral. Your officiating pastor will review these with you. It is up to the discretion of the senior pastor to maintain the Christian integrity of the service.

- Opening Verse
- Entrance Hymn
- Remembrances (optional)
- First Lesson
- Gospel Reading
- Homily
- Hymn
- The Apostles' Creed
- The Lord's Prayers
- The Commendation
- Military Honors (*if applicable*)
- Closing Hymn

Some Suggested Bible Passages (NRSV)

First Lesson

Job 19: 23–27

²³ O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer^[a] lives,
and that at the last he^[b] will stand upon the earth;^[c]
²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in^[d] my flesh I shall see God,^[e]
²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,^[f]
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Psalms 23 ~ *The Lord is my shepherd*

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
³ He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the
house of the Lord my whole life long.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-6 ~ *Everything Has Its Time*

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

Some Suggested Bible Passages . . .continued

Second Lesson

Romans 8: 31-35 and 37-39 ~ *God's Everlasting Love*

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8 ~

I have finished the race, I have kept the faith

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Some Suggested Bible Passages . . .continued

1 Corinthians 15: 12-19 ~ *The Risen Christ, Our Hope*

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 ~ *The Last Enemy Destroyed*

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 ~ *The Comfort of Christ's Coming . . .*

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,^[a] about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Some Suggested Bible Passages . . .continued

Revelation 21: 2–7 ~ *Christ makes all things new.*

²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;

⁴ 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."

⁵And 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." ⁶Then 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. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Suggested Bible Passages . . .continued

Gospel

John 14: 1-6 ~ *The Way, the Truth, and the Life*

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Matthew 11:28-30 ~ *Rest for your souls*

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Suggested Bible Passages . . . continued

John 11: 17-27 ~ *I Am the Resurrection and the Life*

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

John 3: 1—17 ~ *The New Birth*

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Some Suggested Hymns

- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** ~ #229 *Green Hymnal*
Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound ~ #448 *Green Hymnal*
How Great Thou Art ~ #532 *Green Hymnal*
I Know that My Redeemer Lives ~ #352 *Green Hymnal*
Just As I Am, without One Plea ~ #296 *Green Hymnal*
O God, Our Help in Ages Past ~ #320 *Green Hymnal*
Precious Lord, Take My Hand ~ #731 *Blue Hymnal*
What a Friend We Have in Jesus ~ #439 *Green Hymnal*
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry ~ #770 *Blue Hymnal*

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Tho' the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

Some Suggested Hymns . . .continued

If You Could See Me Now. . . by Kim Noblitt © 1992

My prayers have all be answered, I've finally arrived.
The healing that had been delayed has now been realized.
I'm not in a hurry, there's no schedule to keep.
I'm enjoying Jesus, just sitting at His feet.

Chorus:

If you could see me now, I'm walking streets of gold.
If you could see me now, I'm standing strong and whole.
If you could see me now, you'd know I've seen his face.
If you could see me now, you'd know my pain's erased.
You wouldn't want me to ever leave this place,
If you could see me now.

My light and temporary trails have worked out for my good,
To know it brought Him glory when I misunderstood.
Though we've had our sorrows, they can never compare.
What Jesus has in store for us, no language can share.

Repeat Chorus:

You wouldn't want me to ever leave this perfect place,
If you could only see me now
If you could see me now
If you could only see me now.

Who to Contact

To begin preparation and schedule a service contact:

Director of Caring Ministries, Deacon Cherri Jestmore
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Helpful Information

There are many reputable businesses in the area. The following information offers a limited selection of vendors Atonement has found to be trustworthy.

Funeral Homes

- Johnson County Memorial Gardens, 11200 Metcalf Avenue
Telephone: (913) 451-1860
- The Amos Family Funeral Home, 10901 Johnson Drive
Telephone: (913) 631-5566
- Overland Park Funeral Chapel, 8201 Metcalf Avenue
Telephone: (913) 544-0400

Floral Arrangements

- HyVee, 8501 W 95th St
Telephone: (913) 894-1983
- Dalton's Flowers, 8135 Santa Fe Dr
Telephone: (913) 642-2121

Fees

Organist/Pianist: \$200

Soloist/Instrumentalist \$100

Sound Technician \$75

Luncheon A donation to the luncheon is appreciated.

It includes sandwiches, salads, chips, desserts and beverages.

Reception \$75 Includes beverages and assorted desserts

Pastor. *an honorarium to the presiding pastor is also appreciated.*
Suggested amount \$200

Stephen Ministry

Grieving is a bittersweet blending of happy memories mixed with feelings of sadness, loneliness, and regret. No one has to make this journey alone, however. If you would like the support of a trained, caring listener to walk with you, please request a Stephen Minister. Call the church office, 913.648.0595, and let your healing begin.



Notes