



# Columbarium

*All Saints Presbyterian Church | Austin, TX*

All Saints Presbyterian Church's Columbarium & Memorial Garden provides a special place for interment of (depositing) cremated remains of church members, pastors, and their family members. The Columbarium is contains 576 niches (compartments), each with the capacity for up to two (2) urns of one (1) person each. The memorial wall contains an additional 154 memorial plaques available for engraving to remember those buried elsewhere.

*Please let David Breeding (dbreeding@allsaintsaustin.org) know if you'd like to schedule a brief site visit -- site visits can be scheduled on a weekday (during business hours).*

### **Eligibility for Interment**

- Interment in the Columbarium is restricted to the cremated remains of members, pastors, former members, and former pastors of All Saints, as well as their parents, spouses, and children. The Senior Pastor may grant eligibility to others who are meaningfully connected to All Saints.

### **Fees for Interment**

- The one-time fee to reserve a niche in the Columbarium is \$4,000 (plus \$107 in card transaction processing fees if applicable). The fee includes the right of interment in the reserved niche, up to two urns, inscription on the niche, and ongoing care for the Columbarium. The fee does not include the cost of cremation. In the Austin area, direct cremation cost is around \$1,000, excluding optional services (e.g. visitation). All Saints may change the niche fee, but incumbent niche reservation owners will not be reimbursed any difference nor assessed additional costs if the fee changes. Each niche may accommodate up to two urns. Those who elect to reserve only one half of a shared niche (thereby leaving room for the ashes of another unrelated person) may do so for \$2,500 (plus \$67 in card transaction processing fees if applicable).

### **Eligibility for Memorialization**

- Remembrance on the memorial wall is restricted to members, pastors, former members, and former pastors of All Saints, as well as their parents, spouses, and children. The Senior Pastor may grant eligibility to others who are meaningfully connected to All Saints. A memorial plaque is meant to memorialize one individual or one married couple.

### **Fee for a Memorial Plaque**

- The one-time fee for a memorial plaque in the Memorial Garden is \$1,000 (plus \$27 in card transaction processing fees if applicable). The fee includes the plaque and its inscription, as well as ongoing care for the Memorial Garden. All Saints may change the fee, but those who have already paid the fee will not be reimbursed any difference nor assessed additional costs if the fee changes.

## **Financial Assistance**

- Anyone desiring to reserve a niche or memorial plaque, but without the means to pay the fee, may appeal to any deacon for help from the Benevolence Fund. Disbursements from the Benevolence Fund are subject to consideration by the deacons per their standing practices for Benevolence Fund disbursements.

## **Reserving a Niche**

- We are now officially accepting niche reservations. Once the niche reservation fee has been paid in full (minus any deposit prepaid), you may select a specific niche to be reserved. The attached one-page niche reservation form will be your way of documenting the details for All Saints to keep on file; in exchange you will receive a niche reservation certificate for your files. Just leave the niche selection section blank for now -- that is best finalized on site and in person.



## THE COLUMBARIUM INTERMENT SERVICE

A service for the interment of ashes is similar to a graveside burial service at a cemetery. If you have any questions not addressed in this packet, please contact the All Saints Funeral Coordinator at [funerals@allsaintsaustin.org](mailto:funerals@allsaintsaustin.org).

### **ALL SAINTS FUNERAL COORDINATOR**

The All Saints Funeral Coordinator is available to assist the family and friends of the deceased throughout the entire process with those things related to the service or facility use. The coordinator will communicate primarily with the family and the officiating pastor.

### **CEREMONY**

- The ceremony for an interment is brief. Included with this packet is an example of an interment service.
- Typically, two family members will assist with the reading of the scriptures. If no family members or friends are available, the pastor or other All Saints staff person can serve as scripture reader.
- If desired, a hymn can be sung prior to the benediction at the end of the service. A few common selections are listed below.
  - Be Thou My Vision
  - The Doxology
  - Amazing Grace

### **THE URN AND ASHES**

Prior to the service, the cremains of the deceased should be placed in an urn provided by All Saints (designed to fit the columbarium niches). If the interment is to take place soon after the cremation, All Saints can provide the urn to the crematorium. If another urn is already being used, a qualified All Saints staff person will gladly assist in transferring the cremains to the All Saints urn and placing it in safe-keeping until the time of the interment service.

Immediately prior to the service, the urn containing the cremains is placed on a small table in front of the appropriate columbarium niche. During the service, the pastor will place the urn in the niche; and, following the service, the engraved nameplaque will be put in place and the niche sealed.

### **FLOWERS**

There is a place either on the concrete bench or on the table with the urn for an arrangement of flowers. The family can bring these or can arrange for a florist to deliver them on the day of the interment. If they are to be delivered, please ask the florist to contact All Saints to arrange for someone to be present to receive them and put them in place.

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF  
[NAME OF DECEASED].**

BIRTH DATE - DEATH DATE

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"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.  
O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD."

-Psalm 116:15-16

**INVITATION**

Minister: My friends, we have come together to entomb the ashes of our brother/sister, N. In doing this we recall that our bodies bear the imprint of the first creation when they were fashioned from dust; but in faith we remember, too, that by the new creation we also bear the image of Jesus who was raised to glory. We gather today in confident hope that one day God will raise us and transform our mortal bodies:

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us lives to himself, and no man dies to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord.

All: *Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.*

Minister: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;

All: *Even so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Minister: Let us pray. O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant N, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**PSALM READING**

**PSALM 23**

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

## HOMILY

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and peace.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

All:

*Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.*

*Grant us grace to entrust N to your never-failing love; and to believe that you have received him/her into the arms of your mercy, and that you remember him/her according to the favor which you bear unto your people.*

Minister: Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with N and all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you do promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;*

*Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,*

*Born of the Virgin Mary,*

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate,*

*Was crucified, dead, and buried;*

*He descended into hell;*

*The third day He rose again from the dead;*

*He ascended into heaven,*

*And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;*

*From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;*

*The holy catholic Church;*

*The communion of saints;*

*The forgiveness of sins;*

*The resurrection of the body;*

*And the life everlasting. Amen.*

-The Apostles Creed

### THE COMMENDATION AND COMMITAL

Minister: O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless, we pray, this resting place, and grant that he whose ashes are placed here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

Minister: All that the Father gives me shall come to me; and him that comes to me I will in no way cast out.

*All:* *He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwells in us.*

Minister: Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

*All:* *You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.*

Minister: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother/sister N; and we commit his/her body to the grave; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him/her and keep him/her, the Lord make his face to shine upon him/her and be gracious unto him/her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him/her and give him/her peace. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

*All:* *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Minister: Grant eternal rest to N, O Lord; where the world of dust and ashes has no dominion. Confirm us in our hope that he/she will be created anew on the day when you will raise him/her up in glory to live with you and all the saints for ever and ever. Amen.

All: Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

### **BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

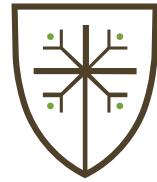
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.  
(Words: ancient Irish hymn, Music: traditional Irish melody, CCLI license #2476739)

### **BENEDICTION**

Minister: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



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