

Our Eternal Home // The Rev. Ben Robertson

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There is an old adage that Episcopalians would rather talk about death than money. Well, since we are in the midst of our annual stewardship season, let's talk about death! Specifically, funeral planning. This is inspiring reading, I know.

Planning one's own funeral is awkward. We rarely want to ponder the end of our earthly journey. But once the work is complete, you can enjoy the peace of mind that your service will be in harmony with your wishes. Plus, planning your service is a tremendous gift to your family and parish who will be grieving your loss and may be unsure of your preferences.

To help with this process, we have created a new document, "Our Eternal Home," a funeral planning resource for All Saints' members and their families. You can pick up a hard copy in the office or Narthex (lobby), or you can [download a copy to your electronic device](#). Using this workbook, you may provide necessary personal details, select certain liturgical options, and specify folks you would like to participate in your service. We also include the full text of the traditional funeral readings and some of the more popular funeral hymns, for your reference. None of these are required, but they are a place to start. And, if you are interested in being interred in All Saints' Memorial Garden, that paperwork is included as well.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please ask. Once you plan your service, please keep a copy with your important papers, and share copies with your family, attorney, executor, and the parish office. And, if you have any suggestions on how we can improve this resource, please share those with me. Thank you.

Now, what other awkward topics should we discuss ... politics?