

Here are some appropriate hymns and readings for a burial service.

When choosing scripture: There should be at least one reading from each of the Old and New Testaments. Traditionally one reading comes from the Old Testament, one from the Psalms (perhaps read by the whole assembly together), one from the New Testament letters, and one from one of the Gospels. They should always express hope and comfort for the bereaved and proclaim God's promise of new and eternal life in Christ.

When choosing music: The hymns chosen should always be fitting for a Christian worship service. They should express hope and comfort for the bereaved and be hymns of confidence. Easter hymns are appropriate for burial services any time of the year.

### **Old Testament Readings**

Job 19:23-27	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	<i>For everything there is a season</i>
Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>God will swallow up death forever</i>
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31	<i>Comfort, O comfort my people</i>
Isaiah 43:1-3, 18-19, 25	<i>I am about to do a new thing</i>
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	<i>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters</i>
Jeremiah 31:8-13	<i>I will turn their mourning into joy</i>
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases</i>
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	<i>The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom</i>

### **Psalms**

Psalm 23	<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>
Psalm 42:1-7	<i>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God</i>
Psalm 118:19-29	<i>Open to me the gates of righteousness</i>
Psalm 130	<i>Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord hear my voice.</i>
Psalm 149	<i>Sing to the Lord a new song</i>

### **New Testament Letters**

Romans 5:1-11	<i>Peace with God through Jesus Christ</i>
Romans 5:17-21	<i>Through Adam came sin and through Christ comes justification</i>
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	<i>Nothing can separate us from God's Love</i>
1 Corinthians 15:12-26	<i>Christ, the first fruits, has been raised</i>
2 Corinthians 4:7-18	<i>We have this treasure in clay jars / Living by faith</i>
Philippians 3:20-4:1	<i>Jesus will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body</i>
1 Thessalonians 4:13-28	<i>The dead in Christ will rise</i>
1 Peter 1:3-9	<i>New birth to a living hope through the resurrection</i>
Revelation 7:9-17	<i>God will wipe away every tear</i>
Revelation 21:1-7	<i>The new heaven and the new earth</i>

### **New Testament Gospels**

Matthew 5:1-10	<i>The Beatitudes</i>
Matthew 11:25-30	<i>Come to me, all you that are weary</i>
Mark 16:1-7	<i>The resurrection of Christ</i>
Luke 23:39-43	<i>You will be with me in paradise</i>
John 1:1-5, 9-14	<i>The light shines in the darkness</i>
John 6:37-40	<i>I will raise them up on the last day</i>
John 10:11-16	<i>I am the good shepherd</i>
John 11:21-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
John 14:1-6	<i>In my Father's house there are many rooms</i>

## Evangelical Book of Worship

503	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	447	O Blessed Spring
629	Abide with Me	760	O Christ the Same
266	All Earth Is Hopeful	627	O Day Full of Grace
377	Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!	711	O Day of Peace
634	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	632	O God, Our Help in Ages Past
779	Amazing Grace	786	O Holy Spirit, Enter In
338	Beneath the Cross of Jesus	313	O Lord, Now Let Your Servant
638	Blessed Assurance	441	Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand
656	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	787	On Eagle's Wings
626	By Gracious Powers	773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
781	Children of the Heavenly Father	623	Rock of Ages
383	Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!	423	Shall We Gather at the River
625	Come, We That Love the Lord	426	Sing with All the Saints in Glory
363	Come, You, Faithful, Raise the Strain	439	Soon and Very Soon
252	Each Winter as the Year Grows Older	361	The Day of Resurrection!
422	For All the Saints	502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
323	God Loved the World	778	The Lord's My Shepherd
618	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	366	The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done
764	Have No Fear, Little Flock	587	There's A Wideness in God's Mercy
612	Healer of Our Every Ill	376	Thine is the Glory
856	How Great Thou Art	826	Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise
485	I Am the Bread of Life	824	This Is My Father's World
619	I Know that My Redeemer Lives	391	This Joyful Eastertide
815	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	613	Thy Holy Wings
732	I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry	635	We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
769	If You But Trust in God to Guide You	742	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
630	In Heav'n Above	666	What Wondrous Love is This
770	In the Morning When I Rise		
628	Jerusalem, My Happy Home		
312	Jesus, Come! For We Invite You	<i>Others that might work?</i>	
621	Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense	722	O Christ Your Heart Compassionate
616	Jesus, Remember Me	843	Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
755	Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me	878	Soli Deo Gloria
624	Jesus, Still Lead On	327	Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow
409	Kyrie, God, Father in Heav'n Above	774	What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
805	Lead On, O King Eternal!		
802	Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus		
765	Lord of All Hopefulness		
767	Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me		
631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling		
759	My Faith Looks Up To Thee		
596	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less		
367	Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds		
839	Now Thank We All Our God		

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Birth:** Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism:** Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation:** Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

**School Graduations:**

High School: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Post HS: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

**Wedding:** Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience:** (Including military)

Place

Dates

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**Retirement Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies, interests, etc.:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Special requests for the funeral service:** \_\_\_\_\_

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