



St Marylebone  
*Parish Church*

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# A Guide to Funerals and Memorial Services 2025



We offer you our condolences at this time of bereavement and remembering a loved one.

This leaflet should help you decide what might be best for you as you think about planning a service at St. Marylebone Parish Church.

We are very happy to meet with you to discuss your specific requirements.

### **Date & Time**

Personally, or through your Funeral Director, please make an appointment to meet the Rector or one of the other clergy on the team. Discuss what date and time you would like the service to take place. The longer notice we have the easier it is to meet your requirements.

### **How much will it cost?**

This will depend on your requirements and whether a Choir of 10 or 5 voices will be required. Flowers or other request might also add to the cost of the service. Funeral/Memorial Service invoices will, usually, be sent to the Funeral Director, unless we are informed otherwise.

Payment should be made Electronically (BACS) by using the following details:

#### **Account Name:**

**The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Marylebone with Holy Trinity St Marylebone**

**Sort Code: 20-03-79**

**Account No.: 50808210**

**Reference: Surname**

## **Music**

Music at a Funeral or Memorial Service can be very important. We have a strong musical tradition here at St Marylebone with a fine choir of professional classical musicians.

We will be happy to talk with you about your choice of music and recommend organ and choir pieces suitable to the occasion. For the recommended list of Organ Music and Choral items, please see the list appended to this document. Please do not feel limited by this list of suggestions, however.

*Please note that recorded music cannot be played at Funerals or Memorial services at St Marylebone.*

A **'Standard' Funeral Service** at St Marylebone (which includes the organ, an organist, ten professional singers, Director of Music, Fees, and up to 100 printed Orders of Service is approximately **£3,700.00**. We can provide additional solo instrumentalist (cello, violin, etc.), flowers, etc., if required at an additional cost.

A **'Standard' Memorial Service** at St Marylebone (which includes the organ, an organist, ten professional singers, Director of Music, Fees, and up to 100 printed Orders of Service is approximately £3,900.00 We can provide additional solo instrumentalist (cello, violin, etc.), if required at an additional cost.

## **Catering**

You can hold a reception following a Funeral or Memorial Service here at St Marylebone. Up to 100 guests (standing) can be accommodated in the Crypt Hall. A larger number can be accommodated by staying in the main worship space of the parish church. St Marylebone works with Hubbub Caterers <https://www.hubbubcatering.co.uk/> (although you may provide your own catering). Catering and Room Hire is an extra charge.

## **Readings**

Every Funeral or Memorial service will include at least one reading from Holy Scripture. You may find this website helpful. It lists suitable Bible passages:

[www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals](http://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals)

## **The Funeral Service**

You have a choice from two different funeral services. One uses contemporary language (you, yours), the other uses more traditional language (thee, thou). The Rector will discuss the options with you.

Both services may be found at this website:

[www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals](http://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals)

## **Order of Service**

On the day of the Funeral or Memorial Service the congregation will need to follow the service in a printed Order of Service booklet. This booklet will include within it the words of the hymns, the names and words of the musical items, the reading(s) etc. We will undertake the printing of up to 100 good quality copies within the quoted price. Extra copies or copies with extra pages (such as photographs, etc.) will be charged at cost. The Orders of Service are printed professionally.

## **Flowers**

We are very happy for you to have flowers in St Marylebone, and these can be ordered by the parish church at an extra cost. However, you do not have to purchase extra flowers.

## **Recording/Livestreaming**

We are very happy for this to take place within certain parameters, however, you should note that there will be an additional cost for this.

## **Funerals and Memorial Services: the choices you need to make**

It is helpful if you understand the structure that your service will take and what decisions you will need to make concerning music & readings.

The structure of a typical service is outlined below and at the end of this document. The choices you will need to make include:

## **Some Sample Service Outlines**

### **A Funeral**

Music before the Service

The Burial Sentences (Croft/Purcell sung by the Choir) *as the coffin enters if not already in the parish church*

Bidding Prayer

Hymn 1

Bible Reading

Psalm or Anthem or Solo

Eulogy or Homily

Anthem or Solo

Hymn 2

Prayers

Our Father

Anthem or Solo

Reading (Non-Scriptural prose or prose, if desired)

Hymn 3

The Commendation (and Committal if not at graveside or crematorium)

Anthem or Solo

Organ Voluntary

### **A Requiem Mass**

Organ Music

Burial Sentences/Introit

Kyrie Eleison

The Collect

Reading

Psalm/Gradual Hymn/Anthem

Gospel

Homily/Eulogy  
Prayers  
The Peace  
Hymn  
Eucharistic Prayer (Sanctus, etc.)  
Our Father  
During Holy Communion Anthem (Agnus Dei)  
Hymn  
Post Communion Prayer  
Eulogy/ Secular Reading  
Anthem or Hymn  
The Commendation  
[Nunc dimitis or In Paradisum]  
Organ Music

## **A Memorial or Thanksgiving Service**

Music before the Service  
Sentences  
Bidding Prayer  
Hymn 1  
Biblical Reading  
Psalm or Anthem or Solo  
Eulogy 1 and/or Homily  
Anthem or Solo  
Hymn 2  
Eulogy 1 and/or Homily  
Prayers  
Lord's Prayer  
Anthem or Solo  
Reading (Non-Scriptural if desired)  
Hymn 3  
Anthem or Solo (possibly In paradisum or Nunc Dimittis)  
Organ Voluntary

## **Interment of Cremated Remains**

St. Marylebone has a Columbarium in the Crypt where cremated remains can be safely and appropriately deposited. If you would like to make use of this facility, please discuss the options with the clergy. A one-off fee of £500.00 is charged for this.

## **Retiring Collection**

Many families like to take a collection in aid of the parish church or a charity supported by the person who has died. The parish church is happy to source Gift Aid envelopes and process the collection on your behalf.

## **Conclusion**

All of this can sound a little overwhelming at first, but with time and thoughtful planning you will end up with a Funeral or Memorial Service which will be able to give comfort to family member, friends and colleagues of the deceased.

## **Music for Funerals and Memorial Services:** *Some ideas to help you.*

*The lists are not exhaustive and are simply provided to help you think about the options.*

### **Organ Music** *as people gather for the service*

Bach, J S	Air (from Suite no.3)
Bach, J S	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from <i>Cantata No. 208</i> )
Bach, J S	Bach Leibster Jesu BWV 731
Bach, J S	Alle Menschen Mussen Sterben BWV 643
Bach, J S	Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 533
Bach, J S	Fantasia and Fugue in C minor BWV 537
Bach, J S	Toccatà in D Minor ('Dorian') BWV 538
Bach, J S	Prelude and Fugue in G major BWV 541
Bach, J S	Fantasia in G minor BWV 542
Bach, J S	Prelude in B minor BWV 544

Bach, J S	Fugue in E-Flat BWV552b
Bach, J S	Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654
Boëllmann	Prière a Notre-Dame (from <i>Suite Gothique</i> )
Bohm	Bohm Vater Unser im himmelreich
Brahms	O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, op. 122
Bridge	Adagio in E major (Three pieces)
Buxtehude	Ach Herr, mich armen Sunder
Buxtehude	Mensch, willst du leben seliglich
Buxtehude	Vater unser im Himmelreich
Elgar	Nimrod <i>from</i> Enigma Variations
Handel	Water Music Suite
Howells	Master Tallis's Testament (Six Pieces)
Mendelssohn	Adagio <i>from</i> Sonata No. 1
Mendelssohn	Sonata No. 3 (II - Andante tranquillo) op. 65
Pachelbel	Canon in D major
Parry	Chorale Prelude on Melcombe
Thalben Ball,	Elegy
Vaughan-Williams	Rhosymedre

### **Organ Music** *as people leave after the service*

Bach, J S	Prelude and fugue in C minor BWV 546
Elgar,	Pomp and Circumstance March no. 1
Elgar	Pomp and Circumstance March no. 4
Karg-Elert	Nun danket alle Gott (Marche triomphale) op. 65
Mendelssohn	Sonata No. 3 (I - Con moto maestoso) op. 65
Mulet	Tu es petra
Vierne	Symphonie No.1 (Finale)
Wagner (arr.)	Overture to <i>Tannhäuser</i>
Walton	Crown Imperial Passacaglia on the Death of Falstaff
Widor	Toccata (from <i>Symphonie No.5</i> )
Widor	Finale (from <i>Symphonie No.6</i> )



## Hymns

Singing hymns binds a congregation together and helps to express some of our deepest emotions which are often hard to put into our own words.

We recommend that you have 3 hymns. The clergy will be happy to discuss this choice with you, but here are some you might like to consider:

- *The Lord's my shepherd*
- *Abide with me, fast falls the eventide*
- *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*
- *All my hope on God is founded*
- *All people that on earth do dwell*
- *And did those feet in ancient time ('Jerusalem')*
- *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*
- *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
- *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*
- *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*
- *King of glory, King of peace*
- *Love Divine, all loves excelling*
- *Now thank we all our God*
- *O worship the King, all glorious above*
- *Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of Creation*
- *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*
- *The King of Love my shepherd is*
- *Jerusalem*

You are not limited to these hymns; they are only a suggestion.

If you are not sure of the tunes which accompany these words, then visit <https://hymnary.org/> and search for the relevant hymn.

## Choral Music

Here is a list of some of the choral anthems sung most commonly at funerals and memorial services at St Marylebone

Bach, J S	Jesu, joy of Man's desiring
Bainton	And I saw a new heaven

Bairstow	Lamentations
Brahms	How lovely are thy dwellings fair (from the Requiem)
Brahms	Gestliches Lied, Op 30
Byrd	Vivitas Sancti Tui
Briggs, K	Media Vita
Croft	Funeral Sentences
Durufié	Movements from the Requiem Mass: Introit/Kyrie or In Paradisum
Elgar	The Angel's Farewell <i>from</i> Dream of Gerontius
Fauré	Movements from the Requiem Mass: Sanctus, Pie Jesu, In Paradisum, Cantique de Jean Racine
Gibbons	O Lord, increase my faith
Goodall	Do not stand at my grave and weep
Greene	Lord, let me know mine end
Grahl	O nata lux
Grahl	Amazing Grace
Handel	I know that my redeemer liveth
Handel	They shall receive a glorious kingdom, HWV 264
Harris	Bring us O Lord God, at our last awakening
Harris	I said to the man who stood at the gate
Howells	Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks
Lawton	The Cloud's Veil
Mealor	If ye love me
Mozart	Kyrie eleison/Agnus Dei (from Coronation Mass)
Palestrina	Sicut cervus (Psalm 42)
Parry	My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars
Purcell	Hear my prayer, O Lord
Purcell	When I am laid in Earth <i>from</i> Dido and Aeneas (Solo)
Purcell	Thou knowest Lord the secrets
Rachmaninoff	Bogoroditse Dyevo
Rheinberger	Abenlied
Roberts	God is love

Sisask	Heliseb väljadel (Ave Maria)
Sumsion	They that go down to the sea
Bono, U2, <i>arr. Chilcott</i>	M L K.
Vaughan Williams	Valiant for Truth
Vivaldi	Nisi Dominus (Psalm 126), R.608
Walford Davies	God be in my head
Wesley	Wash me thoroughly
Wesley	Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

Settings of the Nunc Dimittis (Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace): Dyson in F, Holst, Stanford in B flat, Stanford in G



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*For more information about counselling and opportunities for spiritual direction  
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