

Frequently Asked Questions

Can we display pictures of our loved one?

Yes. For funerals in the cathedral, pictures may be placed in the Narthex, in Memorial Hall, and at the reception. For funerals in the chapel, pictures may be placed in the hallway outside Saint Martin's Chapel and at the reception. There will be no pictures displayed in any worship space.

Can we have a friend or family member speak at the funeral?

Yes. One eulogy can be delivered by someone who was close to the deceased. The eulogy will be delivered within the context of the service and should be no more than 5 to 7 minutes in length (approximately 500 to 700 written words). The priest can then follow with a homily (short sermon), if desired. Other speeches and remembrances should be saved for the reception. Please have the eulogist speak to the officiating priest or the sacristan if they have any questions.

Can we play recorded music during the service?

No. Only live music is to be played in a funeral service. We have both an organ and piano in the cathedral. If music is desired for a service in Saint Martin's Chapel, we are able to accommodate a pianist, instrumentalist, and/or vocalist. Dr. Michael Boney, our Director of Music, can help coordinate any special musicians you may desire. Recorded music can be played at the reception.

Can we livestream the funeral?

Yes. We can live-stream the service in the cathedral. We cannot live-stream any services in Saint Martin's Chapel or committals on All Souls' Walk, and we do not allow any outside vendors for live-streaming. There are a number of considerations and restrictions associated with live-streaming; we need one week to confirm availability on the service day and time. Please contact Enrique Cintrón, Digital Ministry Coordinator, at enrique@sjcathedral.org to discuss these options.

How is our loved one present in the funeral?

In the Episcopal Church, we do not have viewings or open caskets. Should you desire that, please schedule it through your funeral home at another location prior to the service at the cathedral. Closed caskets are welcome as are ashes. All caskets and cremains will be covered by a pall. Though not normative, it is also possible to have a service without the deceased present.



Funeral Fees

These fees are effective as of January 15, 2023. Please note that they are subject to occasional change and the fees applicable will be those in effect on the date of the service.

Service	
Music	
Organist(<i>or pianist in Saint Martin's Chapel</i>)	\$500
Additional instrumentalist	\$TBD
Soloist	\$TBD
Sound and livestreaming	
Committal or Saint Martin's service	No charge
Cathedral service - audio only	\$150
Cathedral service - audio and livestream	\$750
Flowers	
Cathedral Flower Guild: Special flower arrangement request	\$TBD
Cathedral Flower Guild: Flower arrangement from Sunday services <i>(availability determined by the Sacristan)</i>	No charge
Cathedral Flower Guild: Silk flower arrangement rental <i>(two arrangements on high altar; photos available upon request)</i>	\$TBD
Other: Cathedral recommended florist	\$TBD
Leaflets	
Up to 150 leaflets	No charge
Each leaflet over 150	\$0.50
Suggested donation to cathedral's annual budget	
Burial service only	\$500
Funeral and burial service	\$1,000
Reception	
Use of Dagwell Hall (2 hour minimum)	\$250/hour
Use of microphone	\$25
Crypt on All Souls' Walk	
Family crypt for members and retired clergy only	\$4,000
Common crypt for members and others by request	\$400

Additional fees may be applicable to accommodate special set up requests. An invoice will be sent following the funeral and/or burial service.