



St. Christopher by the Sea

Memorial Garden

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A Memorial Garden has been established on the property of the Church. Many churches have established such gardens in recent years. With land for cemeteries becoming more scarce, cremation makes sense both ecologically and spatially, and brings to pass the concept of “ashes to ashes and dust to dust.” Also the churchyard within a community has been a traditional place for Christian burial.

The Memorial Garden is intended for use of members and former members of our Church and our Gibson Island community and their families. However, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, any person may be considered for burial.

A statement of the Terms, Conditions and Fees regarding the burial and a Burial Agreement, which must be signed prior to burial, are available upon request from the Board of Trustees.

A Christian burial service or one approved by the Board of Trustees will be conducted when the ashes are buried.

Ashes will be interred directly into the ground. A cloisonné urn provided by the Church may be used to contain the ashes until the time of the actual interment. The Church maintains a diagram showing the location of all ashes buried in the Garden and determines the sequence and location of all future burials. The reuse of burial space can occur in approximately 12 months. Burial is permanent and ashes are not recoverable.

A Memorial Plaque hangs in the narthex of the Church. The individual nameplates designating the name and the years of birth and death of the deceased are uniform in size and lettering style and are provided by the Church. No markers, individual plantings, or floral arrangements are permitted.

A Memorial Garden Account has been established to cover costs of maintaining and improving the Garden and contributions are always welcomed.

Custody and control of the Memorial Garden and all matters related thereto are vested in the Board of Trustees. The Board or a committee of the same shall manage and maintain the Garden. No one shall have any right, expectation, or cause of action against the Church concerning the physical location, maintenance, or policies pertaining to the Memorial Garden.

Changes in specific matters pertaining to the use of the Memorial Garden may be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees in conjunction with Clergy of the Church and will be implemented by the Board.

Board of Trustees (10/02)

