Planning Your Celebration of Life Service

Name:
Address:
Please note: Copies of these preferences are on file with
I wish the body to be present (funeral)
not to be present (memorial service)
I wish to have the service take place at
Or I wish to have a graveside service at
These varieties or colors would be my preference for flowers:
Bulletin Cover
Full Name
Date of Birth
I would like the following music, appropriate to the service: hymns to be sung
hymns to be played

Other Music
Other Musicians (If arrangements can be made)
Soloist (If arrangements can be made)
Handbells (If arrangements can be made)
I would like a specific prayer to be included:
I would like the following reading used: (attach a copy if other than scripture) Psalms
Scripture Lessons
Prayers, Poetry, etc
In addition to the pastor of the church, I would like another clergy member to be a part of the service (if arrangements can be made)
Name
Contact Information
I would like a time of sharing which would include;
family reminiscences Names:
Others Names:

I would like Holy Communion to be celebrated at the service
Other traditions I would like to include in my service (i.e fraternal organizations, sororities)
Pictures/Remembrances (assembled by the family)
I would like pictures displayed
I would like an electronic file of pictures to be played before, after, or in the Narthex during the Celebration of Life Reception
I request that memorial gifts be given in lieu of additional flowers to the following group(s) in my memory:
Address
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The following people should be considered for (honorary) pall bearers: (if needed)
Other comments and suggestions:
Lest the above seem to pose impossible burdens on those who survived me, I affirm that these preferences are guidelines only, to be followed as closely as possible, within reason
DateSignature

Celebration of Life Hymn Suggestions

Abide With Me 700

All Creatures of Our God & King 62

Amazing Grace 378 A Mighty Fortress 110

Are Ye Able 530

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know 163

Battle Hymn 717

Because He Lives 364

Be Not Dismayed 130

Be Still My Soul 534

Be Thou My Vision 451

Blest Be the Tie that Binds 557

Breathe On my Breath of God 420

Children of the Heavenly Father 141

Christ Is Alive 318

Close to Thee 407

Come, Let us Join Our Friends Above 709

Come, Ye Disconsolate 510

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 315

Day Is Dying in the West 687

Faith of Our Fathers 710

Fairest Lord Jesus 189

For All the Saints 711

God of Love & God of Power 578

He Leadeth Me 128

He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives Today 397

Holy, Holy, Holy 64

How Blest are They (for an older adult) 654

How Great Thou Art 77

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

I'll Praise My Maker 60

In the Garden 314

Jesus Is All the World to Me 469

Jesus Savior Pilot Me 509

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

Let There Be Peace On Earth 431

Love Divine, All Love Excelling 384

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore 344

Marching to Zion 733

Mil Voces Para Celebrar 59

More Love to Thee, O Lord 453

Marching to Zion 733

More Love to Thee, O Christ 453

My Faith Looks Up to Thee 452

My Hope is Built 368

Nearer My God to Thee 528

Nobody Know the Trouble I've Seen 520

O For a Thousand tongues to Sing 57

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 480

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (stanza 3) 247

O Thou, in Whose Presence 518

Of the Father's Love Begotten 184

Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living) 356

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven (stanzas 3 & 4) 66

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 474

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart 160

Rock of Ages 361

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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling 348

Stand By Me 512

Steal Away to Jesus 704

Sweet Hour of Prayer 496

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot 703

Take Time to Be Holy 395

The Church's One Foundation 545 or 546

The Day of Resurrection 303

The God of Abraham Praise 116

The Lord's My Shepherd 136

The Old Rugged Cross 504

Thy Holy Wings 502

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus 462

The Strife Is Oe'r 306

Thine Be the Glory 308

This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose 153

Up from the Grave He Arose 322

What a Friend we Have in Jesus 526

What Wondrous Love Is This 292

Ye Servants of God 81

Scripture Suggestions

Old Testament

Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7, 13, 15, 18-19, 25; 44:6, 8a

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

¹³I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

¹⁵I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁵I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

 44^{6} Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13

55Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Exodus 14:5-14, 19-31

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed towards the people, and they said, 'What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?' So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged* their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23 (Contemporary)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 130

Psalm 42 (UMH 777)

Psalm 43 (UMH 778)

Psalm 46 (UMH 780)

Psalm 90 (UMH 809)

Psalm 91 (UMH 810)

Psalm 103 (UMH 824)

Psalm 116 (UMH 837)

Psalm 121 (UMH 844)

Psalm 139 (UMH 854)

Psalm 145 (UMH857)

Psalm 146 (UMH858)

Canticle of Hope (UMH 734)

Canticle of Remembrance (652)

New Testament

John 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ^{* 3}And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

- 18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.
- 25 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate,* the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Romans 8:1-2, 11, 14, 17-18, 28, 31-32, 35-39

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit* of life in Christ Jesus has set you* free from the law of sin and of death.

¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ* from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through* his Spirit that dwells in you.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

- ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
- 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
- 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?
- ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2a, 12, 16-18, 35-38a, 42b-44, 54-55, 57

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

35 But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

^{42b}What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' ⁵⁵'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Ephesians 1:15-23; 2:1-10

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God* put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

2You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

1 Peter 1:3-9, 13, 21-25

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, ^{*} even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen ^{*} him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

13 Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.

²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Revelation 7:2-3, 9-17

²I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, ³saying, 'Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads.'

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹And all the angels stood around the

throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Other Scriptures Suggestions

Psalm 1	Blessed is the man
Psalm 8	What is man
Psalm 27	The Lord is my light
Psalm 46	God is our refuge and strength
Psalm 84	How amiable are they dwellings
Psalm 90	Lord, Thou has been our refuge
Psalm 106	O give thanks to the Lord
Psalm 116	My delight is in the Lord
Psalm 121	I lift my eye to the hills
Psalm 139	O Lord, You have searched me and know me
Psalm 146	Praise the Lord, O my soul
Job 19: 21-27	For I know my redeemer lives
Isaiah 61: 1-3	The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
Wisdom 3:1-9	The Souls of the righteous are in the hands of God
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	A time for everything
Matthew 5: 3-11	The Beatitudes
John 5: 24-27	everlasting life
John 10: 11-16	I am the good shepherd
John 11: 21-27	I am the resurrection and the life
John 14: 1-6	Let not you hearts be troubled
John 16: 16-22	Sadness and gladness

I Corinthians 13	The psalm of love
I Corinthians 15	Resurrection – body/spirit
Romans 8:31-39 I John 3:1-2 Revelation 7:9-12	Who shall separate uswhen he shall appear, we shall be like himGod shall wipe away all tears
Revelation 21:2-7	the new Jerusalem