

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a consecrated burial place, like a cemetery, but within a Church or Church grounds where the ashes of the dead are interred.

What are the benefits of a columbarium?

A Sacred Site for Final Repose

It affords church members and their families the opportunity to select their final resting place in the shadow of the church which has been central to their lives, a site of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit and pray at any time.

Simplicity of Arrangements

It eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault and monument. It provides a place for interment immediately adjacent to the Church, eliminating the need for dual services, at the cemetery and at the Church.

Substantial Financial Savings

The combined cost of a columbarium niche and cremation are less than one-fourth the cost of a casket, burial site and gravestone.



Where is the columbarium located?

It is located outdoors just outside the narthex doors, on the south side of the Church.



How many niches does the columbarium have?

The Columbarium has 104 niches, each with a capacity to hold two urns.

Who may use the columbarium?

Interment in our Columbarium is limited to present or past Church members and members of their immediate families, including spouses, parents, and children.

Who oversees the columbarium?

Administration, operation and maintenance of the columbarium are the responsibility of the Rector, who delegates this authority to the columbarium committee.

May I choose the niche location I want?

Yes, niche locations may be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.

How much does a niche cost?

The cost of each niche ranges from \$1500-\$2000. The cost includes two bronze urns, interment, inscription of the niche face and perpetual care. The cost of cremation is not included.

How may I purchase a niche?

Secure and complete an application from the Church. Submit it along with a payment in full by check or credit card to the Parish Secretary.



Bishop's blessing...

I write to thank you for your interest in securing a niche in our new columbarium. This service to our parishioners is a first, though most of us are already familiar with the concept. The installation of a columbarium on parish grounds is fast catching on in churches of all denominational persuasions across the country. At a theological level, the Anglican/Reformed Episcopal Church's view of cremation is well expressed in the words of administration of ashes on Ash Wednesday: "Remember oh Man that from dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return." Sooner or later regardless of the method of burial, we all turn to dust. Our frames are mortal. Our souls, however, go to be with the Lord.

At a practical level, space for cemeteries continues to become limited. The columbarium is an acceptable way for Christians to be buried that takes up minimum area. It is also a wonderful way for Christians to be buried on holy, consecrated ground once again. As you probably are aware, it used to be that Christians were buried in and around the church. Unless a parish has a columbarium, this practice is not possible for most parishes.

Again, thank you so much for your interest in our new columbarium. May the Lord bless,

In Christ,



The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D.
Presiding Bishop, Ordinary of DMA



It is an ancient Anglican tradition to bury the dead in sacred ground.

This wonderful custom can be seen when visiting the beautiful old parish churches in the British Isles.

Thus, The Columbarium at the Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral holds true to our Christian heritage, accommodating those who choose the sanctity of their Church as an enduring place of rest.



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The Columbarium at the Church of the Holy Communion provides a place for interring the cremated remains of Church members and their loved ones. It returns us to the age-old custom of interring loved ones in the churchyard, near where they were baptized, married and nurtured in the Christian faith.