



# Office of Liturgy & Music

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## Music in the Funeral Liturgy

*“Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.”* As Christians, we believe that death is a transition, not an end. We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. We believe that by dying he destroyed our death, and through his rising, he restored our life. We are participants in the resurrection, not simply spectators. This participation begins with our baptism and will continue through the transition of death.

“Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the [gathered] Assembly in faith and love.” (Order of Christian Funerals, §30)

The following list of suggested music reflects our beliefs. It is not intended to be a definitive list of approved liturgical funeral music; however, it is a starting point. (Secular or non-liturgical music is not permitted during the funeral rites.) You are encouraged to take a moment to pray, then to review the following hymns and psalms—making your choice for each musical prayer moment in the liturgy.

Musical pieces with an asterisk (\*) are frequently chosen in our parish.

### Processional Hymns

- \*All Creatures of Our God and King<sup>1</sup>
- Alleluia, Sing to Jesus<sup>1</sup>
- \*Amazing Grace
- \*Be Not Afraid
- For All the Saints<sup>1</sup>
- \*Here I Am, Lord
- I Am the Bread of Life
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- \*Lift High the Cross
- Lord of All Hopefulness (Tune: SLANE)
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- \*On Eagle’s Wings
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- Sing With All the Saints in Glory
- The Strife is O’er (Alleluia!)<sup>1</sup>
- We Will Rise Again

<sup>1</sup>These cannot be sung during Lent.

**Our Processional Hymn Selection:**

### Responsorial Psalms (titles are underlined)

- “Be Merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.”
- “O Lord, you are the Center of My Life...”
- “I Will Take the Cup of Life, I will call God’s name all my days.”
- “In the Land of the Living, I will walk with God, all my days.”
- “Keep Me Safe, O God, you are my hope.”
- “The Lord is Kind and Merciful.”
- “My Soul is Thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.”
- “Our Blessing Cup is a communion in the blood of Christ.”
- “Running Streams” (“Like the deer that longs for running streams, so longs my soul for you.”)
- \* “Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my needs, from death in life.” (Psalm 23, “The Lord is my shepherd”)
- \* “The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation, of whom should I be afraid?”
- “This Day Was Made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad!”<sup>1</sup>
- “This Is The Day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!”<sup>1</sup>
- \* “To You, O Lord I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.”
- \* “What Return Can I Make for all God gives to me?”

<sup>1</sup> These cannot be sung during Lent.

**Our Responsorial Psalm Selection:**

### Preparation of Gifts

*This is usually instrumental but can be sung if selected.*

- \*Amazing Grace
- \*Ave Maria (Schubert, Gounod, Chant)
- \*Be Not Afraid
- Be Still, My Soul
- Center of My Life
- Eye Has Not Seen
- \*Gentle Woman
- Holy Darkness
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- \*Instrumental
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- Lord of All Hopefulness
- Magnificat (Sing out my soul...)
- Mary's Song (My soul doth glory...)
- \*On Eagle's Wings
- Panis Angelicus* (Franck or Lambilotte)
- \*Servant Song
- Shall We Gather at the River?
- \*You Are Mine

#### Our Preparation Hymn Selection:

### Closing Hymns

*This can be instrumental or sung.*

- \*Alleluia! Alleluia!<sup>1</sup> (Tune: Ode to Joy)
- Alleluia, Sing to Jesus<sup>1</sup>
- For All the Saints<sup>1</sup>
- Glory in the Cross
- Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- \*How Great Thou Art
- \*I Am the Bread of Life
- I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- Instrumental*
- Jesus Christ Is Risen Today<sup>1</sup>
- Jesus, Remember Me
- \*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Let There Be Peace on Earth
- Lift High the Cross
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- May the Choirs of Angels Come Greet You
- \*On Eagle's Wings
- Sing a New Song<sup>1</sup>
- \*Sing with all the Saints (Tune: Ode to Joy)
- Soon and Very Soon
- The Strife is O'er: Alleluia!<sup>1</sup>
- We Will Rise Again

<sup>1</sup> These cannot be sung during Lent.

#### Our Closing Hymn Selection:

### Communion Hymns

- \*Be Not Afraid
- \*Behold the Lamb
- Blest Are They
- Center of My Life
- Eat This Bread
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Gift of Finest Wheat ("You satisfy...")
- \*Here I Am, Lord
- \*I Am the Bread of Life
- I Have Loved You
- I Will Take the Cup of Life
- Now We Remain ("We hold the death...")
- Our Blessing Cup
- \*On Eagle's Wings
- \*One Bread, One Body
- Shepherd Me, O God
- \*Servant Song
- \*The Supper of the Lord
- \*Taste and See
- \*We Remember
- \*You Are Mine
- You Are Near

#### Our Communion Hymn Selection:

### Song of Farewell

Options (check one):

- \_\_\_ "May the choirs of angels come to greet you, may they speed you to paradise..."
- \_\_\_ "Saints of God, come to his/her aid... Receive his/her soul, and present him/her to God the Most High."
- \_\_\_ "May songs of the angels lead you home, and guide you along your path..."
- \_\_\_ "O Loving God, we send your son/daughter home to you..."

Name/Age of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Funeral Liturgy: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you need any assistance, please call or e-mail the parish Director of Liturgy & Music at the Parish Office.*