



# Office of Music & Liturgy

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## Music for 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.

**“Music is integral to the funeral rites. 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. It is not intended to be a definitive list of approved liturgical funeral music. (Secular or non-liturgical music is not permitted during the funeral rites.)

### Processional Hymns

- \*Amazing Grace
- \*Be Not Afraid
- City of God
- Faith of Our Fathers (A Living Faith)
- \*Here I Am, Lord
- I Am the Bread of Life
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- Lord of All Hopefulness
- \*On Eagle’s Wings
- Sing with All the Saints in Glory We Shall Rise Again

### Our Processional Hymn Selection:

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

### Responsorial Psalms (titles are underlined)

- “Be Merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.”
- “Be With Me Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray. “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.”
- “The Lord is Kind and Merciful.”
- “Shelter me O God, hide me in the shadow of your wings...”
- \* “Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my needs,  
IRPGHDWKLOROLIHVDOP  
DVVHDDQHFWKHJRRGHVVRIWKHRG’  
KHRG,VDJKWDQDOYDWLRRQIKRPVKRGG,EH  
DIDLG”  
KHRGLVKHSHKGWKHHLVQWKLQVKDOODQ’  
RRG,OLIWPVRORRRXOLIWPVR’  
KDWFWQNHIRDOO\*RGJLYHVWRPH”

### Our Responsorial Psalm Selection:

*See next page for more selections*

**Preparation of Gifts**  
*Can be sung or instrumental.*

- \*Amazing Grace
- \*Ave Maria (Schubert, Gounod, Chant)
- \*Be Not Afraid
- Center of My Life
- Gentle Woman (Hail Mary)
- Lord of All Hopefulness
- Mary's Song (My soul doth glory...)
- \*On Eagle's Wings
- Panis Angelicus* (Franck or Lambilotte)
- \*Prayer of St. Francis
- \*Servant Song
- Shall We Gather at the River?
- Shelter Me, O God
- \*You Are Mine

**Our Preparation Hymn Selection:**

**Communion Hymns**

- \*Be Not Afraid
- \*Blest Are They
- \*Center of My Life
- Eat This Bread
- Eye Has Not Seen
- \*Here I Am, Lord
- \*I Am the Bread of Life
- Now We Remain ("We hold the death...")
- \*On Eagle's Wings
- \*One Bread, One Body
- \*Prayer of St. Francis
- Servant Song
- \*The Supper of the Lord
- \*Taste and See
- \*We Remember
- \*You Are Mine
- You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**Our Communion Hymn Selection:**

**Song of Farewell (Sung during incensing  
of the departed--part of funeral rite.)**

**Options (check one):**

\_\_\_ "May the choirs of angels come to greet you,  
may they speed you to paradise..."

\_\_\_ "May holy angels lead you forth to  
paradise..." (Tune: Danny Boy)

**Closing Hymns**

*This can be instrumental or sung.*

- \*Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- \*Canticle of the Sun
- City of God
- Glory and Praise to Our God
- \*Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- \*How Great Thou Art
- \*I Am the Bread of Life
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
- Lead Me, Lord
- Let There Be Peace on Earth
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- \*On Eagle's Wings
- Sing with all the Saints (Tune: Ode to Joy)
- Soon and Very Soon
- We Shall Rise Again

**Our Closing Hymn Selection:**

*If you need any assistance,  
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**Name/Age of Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Family Contact's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Funeral Liturgy:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

