

Music Suggestions for Funeral Liturgies

Whether planning the Funeral Liturgy of a loved one or pre-planning your own, the music you select can say a lot about what you and loved ones believe. The music you select can even inspire new faith or renewed faith in the lives of your family and friends. We hope the musical choices below will help you to select music that is both comforting and uplifting.

In the funeral liturgy there several opportunities for hymns:

- 1) The Gathering Hymn [when we enter the church]
- 2) The Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts
- 3) The Hymn at Communion
- 4) The Recessional/Closing Hymn

Most Commonly Selected Hymns for Funeral Masses

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Here I Am, Lord
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life
On Eagle's Wings
Prayer of St. Francis

Other Frequently Selected Hymns

Be Not Afraid
Blest Are They
Behold the Lamb
City of God
Eye Has Not Seen
Gift of Finest Wheat
Hosea
I Have Loved You
I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Like a Shepherd
Lord, You Have Come (to the Seashore) / Pescador des hombres
One Bread, One Body
Panis Angelicus
Precious Lord
We Remember
Where My Father Lives

Marian Hymns (if desired, one of the following should be chosen for Presentation of Gifts)

Ave Maria
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Other Marian hymns may be found in the Hymnal

Responsorial Psalm (sung between the First and Second Readings by the cantor / congregation)

- Ps. 19 Lord, You have the words of everlasting life
Ps. 23 Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)
Ps. 25 To you, O Lord
Ps. 23 The Lord Is My Shepherd
Ps. 27 The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation
Ps. 34 Taste and See
Ps. 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful
Ps. 116 Our Blessing Cup
Ps. 122 Let Us Go Rejoicing
Ps. 130 With the Lord there is Mercy

Recessional – Closing Hymns

Blest Are They

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Faith of our Fathers

For all the Saints

Joyful, Joyful we adore thee

Sing a new song

The strife is O'er

We Walk by Faith

We will Rise Again