

# APPROPRIATE SONGS FOR MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Hymns, songs and music serve an important part in Catholic liturgy, worship and devotional life. There are many acclamations and songs that are presumed to be always sung such as the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, the Great Amen and the Lamb of God.

There are four places at Mass where hymns may be chosen from a wide variety of choices, keeping in mind the sacredness and solemnity of the sacred rites:

1. Entrance Hymn
2. Song during the Preparation of the Gifts
3. Communion Hymn
4. Recessional

Below are a number of suggested hymns. Some hymns may be more appropriate for particular parts of the Mass such as Communion.

## TRADITIONAL SONGS

Amazing Grace, 428  
All Creatures of Our God and King, 539  
Be Not Afraid, 427  
Be Still, My Soul, 691  
Be Thou My Vision, 394  
Blest Are They, 635  
For All the Saints, 723  
Here I am, Lord, 378  
How Great Thou Art, 420  
I Know My Redeemer Lives, 576  
Jerusalem, My Happy Home, 618

Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist, 370  
Lord of All Hopefulness, 396  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past, 442  
On Eagles' Wings, 432  
Prayer of St. Francis, 527  
Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepard, 470  
The King of Love My Shepard Is, 466  
The Strife is O'er, 566  
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, 488  
What Wondrous Love is Thee, 479

## ADVENT SEASON

*Any of the songs numbered 38 -76 may be sung during Advent. Below are some common selections:*

Creator of the Stars of Night, 61  
O Come, Divine Messiah, 51  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel, 38  
On Jordan's Bank, 40

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## **CHRISTMAS SEASON**

*An of the songs numbered 76-109 may be sung during Christmas. Below are the some common selections:*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, 86

Joy To The World, 78

## **LENTEN SEASON**

Any of the songs numbered 120-138 may be sung during Lent. Because of the solemnity and penitential nature of this season, hymns for funerals should not contain the word *Alleluia*.

## **EASTER SEASON**

Any of the songs numbered 160-185 may be sung during Easter. Below are some common selections:

Alleluia! Alleluia! 170

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, 178

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, 164

Jesus is Risen, 184

Ye Sons and Daughters, 173

Ava Maria may be played before or after Mass. (It will not be sung.) It does not have a number in our song book; simply write the title on the Funeral Preparation Sheet.