

Music for Funerals

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Music is integral to the funeral rites. The music at funerals should support, console and uplift the participants and should help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory.

We encourage families to select the music for the funeral liturgy with the assistance of the funeral coordinator and choir director. Music selections for the funeral Mass should be suitable to the sacred nature of the funeral service. Church of St. Mary musicians will provide music for all funerals. If a family requests, additional soloists or instrumentalists may be added – contact Terri McMillen to use the microphone (507-420-5877).

Because of the sacredness of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, secular instrumental or vocal music, or the use of recorded music of any kind may not be used. It is very appropriate to use this type of music at the mortuary during the wake/visitation.

The following list of hymns offers appropriate selections, most of which are found in our parish hymnal. Our parish Senior Choir has practiced these songs and will be present to lead the congregation in song.

Numbers following the song titles refer to the Gather songbook, if a number isn't listed then the song will be song by the choir only.

ENTRANCE SONGS

Jesus, Remember Me (#404) This song is sung by the choir as a Prelude at all funerals

I Am the Bread of Life (#828)

Here I Am, Lord (#686)

Be Not Afraid (#608)

Morning Has Broken (#756)

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Shepherd Me, O God (#31)

On Eagle's Wings (#611)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

PREPARATION OF GIFTS - OFFERTORY

Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace) (#726)

Lord of All Hopefulness (#578)

Panis Angelicus

All That I Am

Shepherd of Souls (#840)

COMMUNION SONGS

Amazing Grace (#612)

Lord, When You Came (#696)

You Are Near (#604)

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Beautiful Savior

Be Not Afraid (#608)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (#782)

Ave Maria

In the Garden

The Old Rugged Cross

The Cross of Love (Blessing Prayer)

You Are Mine (#649)

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MEDITATION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (#874)

Come to Me

Only a Shadow

Any of the listed hymns under Entrance Songs, Preparation of Gifts, Communion Songs

SONG OF FAREWELL - FINAL COMMENDATION SONGS – See Sheet Attached for words

Lord, Receive Your Servant

Come to His (Her) Aid

Cross of Love (Farewell Prayer – Same tune as blessing prayer)

Saints of God

Celtic Song of Farewell

RECESSIONAL - CLOSING SONGS

How Great Thou Art (#494)

Sing With All the Saints in Glory (#442)

The Strife is O'er (#446)

Sing A New Song (Unto The Lord) (#537)

Let There Be Peace On Earth (#731)

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory/Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic (for Military Funerals) (#766)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Military Funerals)