

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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MUSIC NOTES

1. OPENING/GATHERING SONG
 - a. Usually at least two verses of the song are needed.
 - b. Concludes after the presider arrives at his chair* and not when the presider arrives at his chair. It is okay to play/sing another verse of the song after the presider arrives at his chair.
2. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 - a. The Readers of God's Word are encouraged to allow for at least 5 seconds of silence after the First Reading, Psalm, and Second Reading before beginning the next reading. This allows for parishioners to reflect on what has been proclaimed.
 - b. Thus, we need at least 5 seconds of silence after the Second Reading is proclaimed before the Gospel Acclamation begins.
 - c. Please wait until the Presider [priest] stands to begin playing the Gospel Acclamation.
3. PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS SONG [OFFERTORY SONG]
 - a. Begins after the Universal Prayers have concluded, and people have sat down.
 - b. May need extra verses when incense is used to reverence the Altar.
 - c. Concludes around or shortly after the time the presider washes his hands.
4. COMMUNION SONG
 - a. Begins after the presider/deacon receives Holy Communion.
 - b. At some Masses [i.e. weddings, funerals] an announcement** may be made about non-Catholic's inability to receive Holy Communion. Thus, the song would begin after this announcement.
 - c. Concludes after the presider returns to his chair [same as with the Opening/Gathering Song].
 - d. It is permissible to play an instrumental or have a post-communion song which may begin and always concludes after the presider returns to his chair.
 - e. There will be a period of silence after the song concludes before Prayer after Holy Communion, which would be time for choir ministers/musicians receive Holy Communion in the Choir.
5. RECESSIONAL/CONCLUDING SONG
 - a. Begins after the presider or deacon announce the dismissal and the people respond, "Thanks be to God."
 - b. Plan on at least two verses of the song [depending on the length of the song] to complete the procession of minister out of the sanctuary to the church entrance.

* Mass is not 'musical chairs' where the music stops as soon as someone arrives at a chair.

** "For those who are not Catholic, please remain in your pew in prayer while those who are Catholic receive Holy Communion."

-Fr. Mark, 2/16/19