

Divine Mercy Parish

To the family and friends of the deceased,

First, I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. As the Director of Music for Divine Mercy Parish, I will be assisting you in selecting music for the funeral Mass. Attached to this letter is a funeral planning guide. Once you have looked over this planner please either select one option for each of the sections and email me your selections or [click this link to fill out the online form](#). If you would like to discuss selections with me, please give me a phone call and I will be happy to talk with you.

I would like to briefly explain the music selections for the funeral Mass. Like the first and second readings, responsorial psalm, and Gospel, the Church gives us specific scripture, both sung and spoken, that is to be used at the Holy Mass. Among the proper music to the funeral Mass are the Entrance Antiphon, Responsorial Psalm, Communion, Final Commendation, and Procession to the Place of Burial. These texts are specific, proper, to the funeral liturgy and are asked to be given precedence over other hymns or music settings. The propers aid in the ancient Tradition and Teaching of the Church to pray for the dead, specifically through the sacrifice of the Mass. It is for this reason that the selections given in this guide are provided for your consideration.

I look forward to helping you in planning for and praying for your loved one's funeral Mass.

Pax et Bonum,



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Basic Information

Director of Music/Organist

The Director of Music serves as the organist. If the family would like to use another organist a bench fee will be required in addition to the family arranging payment to the other organist. All additional musicians, if desired, must be arranged through the director of music 48 hours prior to the Mass.

Cantor

The parish will provide a cantor for the funeral Mass. If the family would like a friend or relative to sing this must be arranged through the Director of Music 48 hours prior to the Mass.

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Funeral Guide -- Outside Easter Time
Click on each title to listen to a preview.

1. **Entrance Antiphon** (select 1)

- [Requiem æternam](#) ("Eternal rest")
- [Eternal rest grant unto them](#) (Bartlett)
- [Lord, grant that they may have](#) (Ford)
- [Eternal rest grant unto them](#) (Kelly)
- [Grant them eternal rest](#) (Tietze)
- [Open for me the gates of justice](#) (Ford)

2. **Responsorial Psalm** (select 1)

- [Requiem æternam dona eis Domine](#) ("Eternal rest grant them O Lord")
- Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- Psalm 23: Though I walk through the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.
- Psalm 25: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- Psalm 25: No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.
- Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation
- Psalm 27: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.
- Psalm 63: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

3. **Offertory** (select 1)

- [Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriæ](#) ("O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory")
- [O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory](#) (Bartlett)
- [Abide with Me](#)
- [Amazing Grace](#)
- [Lord of All Hopefulness](#)
- [On Eagles Wings](#)
- [I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say](#)
- [Merciful Savior, Hear Our Humble Prayer](#)
- [The King of Love, My Shepherd Is](#)
- [What Wondrous Love is This](#)
- [How Great Thou Art](#)

4. **Communion** (select 1)

- [Lux æterna luceat eis, Domine](#) (“Light eternal shine upon them, O Lord”)
- [May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord](#) (Bartlett)
- [May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord](#) (Ford)
- [Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord](#) (Kelly)
- [May light eternal shine upon him/her \(Motyka\)](#)

5. **Communion Hymn** (optional) *Denotes ability to use in Offertory section*

- [Adoro Te Devote / Godhead Here in Hiding](#)
- [All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure*](#)
- [Be Not Afraid*](#)
- [Eye Has Not Seen*](#)
- [Gift of Finest Wheat](#)
- [Jesus, Remember Me*](#)
- [My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*](#)
- [Nearer, My God, to Thee*](#)
- [Prayer of St. Francis*](#)
- [Soul of My Savior](#)

6. **Final Commendation** (select 1)

- [Subvenite Sancti Dei](#)
- [Saint's of God, come to his/her aid!](#) (Weber)
- [Song of Farewell \(Old Hundredth\)](#)

7. **Procession to the Place of Committal** (select 1)

- [In Paradisum](#)
- [May choirs of angels lead you into paradise](#)
- [Celtic Song of Farewell \(Schaubel\)](#)

8. **Mass setting** (select 1)

- [Chant Mass - Missa Pro Defunctis \(Mass XVIII\)](#)
- [Community Mass \(Proulx\)](#)
- [Missa Simplex \(Proulx\)](#)