

Closing (Recessional) Hymn

35 While the Roman Missal makes no mention of a closing (recessional) hymn, it is customary in many places for the assembly and/or choir to sing as the ministers leave the sanctuary. Alternatively, instrumental music may be used to accompany the ministers, and may in fact be preferable at times.

When composing music to be sung at the conclusion of the liturgy, it is important to observe the principles cited in the criteria for assessing music and texts (above).