

## **MUSIC FOR FUNERAL MASSES AT ALL SAINTS PARISH**

Please work with the musician for the funeral for the proper location for each song in the funeral. If there is a song or hymn not on the list, feel free to ask the musician if it is appropriate for a Catholic Mass and if it is possible to be sung and we are able to do it, we will do our best accommodate.

In times of grief and sorrow, we often turn to music as an expression of our faith -- of those beliefs and hopes we sometimes cannot express in words. Whether planning the Funeral Liturgy of a loved one or pre-planning your own, the music you select can say a lot about what you, your family and loved ones believe. It can be a great source of comfort and consolation to the living. The music you select can even inspire new faith or renewed faith in the lives of your family and friends. We hope the musical choices below will help you to select music that is both comforting and uplifting.

In the funeral liturgy there several opportunities for hymns:

- 1) The Gathering Song [when we enter the church]
- 2) The Song at the Presentation of the Gifts
- 3) The Song at Communion
- 4) Communion Reflection
- 5) Song of Farewell [just before we leave the church]
- 6) The Closing Song.

We offer the following suggestions for your consideration. The placement of the music is usually best left to the discretion and experience of the parish musician.

### **Most Commonly Selected Hymns for Funeral Masses:**

- Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- Here I Am, Lord
- How Great Thou Art
- I Am the Bread of Life
- On Eagle's Wings
- Prayer of St. Francis
- You Are Mine

### **Other Frequently Selected Hymns:**

- Blest Are They
- Behold the Lamb
- City of God
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Gift of Finest Wheat
- Hosea
- I Have Loved You

- Abide with Me
- His Eye is On the Sparrow
- [All I Ask of You \(is forever to remember me\)](#)
- I come to the garden alone
- The Old Rugged Cross
- When the Saints go Marching In
- Like a Shepherd
- Lord, You Have Come (to the Seashore) / Pescador des hombres
- One Bread, One Body
- Panis Angelicus
- Precious Lord
- We Remember

**Marian Hymns (if desired, one of the following should be chosen for Communion Meditation or Presentation of Gifts)**

- Ave Maria (there are several versions to choose from)
- Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

**Song of Farewell (Final Commendation – sung when the priest incenses the casket, before the Closing Hymn)**

- Song of Farewell (May the choir of angels come to greet you . . . ) (there are several versions to choose from)
- Saints of God

**Responsorial Psalm (sung between the First and Second Readings by the cantor and congregation). The following are the most well known settings:**

- Ps. 19 Lord, You have the words of everlasting life
- Ps. 23 Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)
- Ps. 23 The Lord Is My Shepherd
- Ps. 27 The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation
- Ps. 34 Taste and See
- Ps. 91 On Eagle's Wings
- Ps. 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful