



FUNERAL MASS INFORMATION



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THEOLOGY OF THE LITURGICAL RITES AT DEATH

At the death of a Catholic Christian, whose life of faith began in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life, which has now been returned to God, the author of all life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints.

The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites also recall to all who take part in them God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis. *Order of Christian Funerals #4-5*

"If one member suffers in the Body of Christ which is the Church, all the members suffer with that member" (1 Corinthians 12:26). For this reason, those who are baptized into Christ and nourished at the same table of the Lord, are responsible for one another. When Christians are sick, their brothers and sisters share a ministry of mutual charity and "do all that they can to help the sick return to health, by showing love for the sick, and by celebrating the Sacraments with them." (Roman Ritual, Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum)

So too when a member of Christ's Body dies, the faithful are called to a ministry of consolation to those who have suffered the loss of one whom they love. Christian consolation is rooted in that hope that comes from faith in the saving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christian hope faces the reality of death and the anguish of grief but trusts confidently that the risen Lord has vanquished the power of sin and death. The Church calls each member of Christ's Body to participate in the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, to comfort those who mourn. *Order of Christian Funerals #8*

*In the past you have loved others, comforted them and shared their losses.
During the hours ahead it will be your turn, your time to be loved, to be comforted
and to let others share your grief.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below are commonly asked questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us with additional questions or concerns.

What days of the week are funerals held?

- Monday through Friday, before 1:00 pm
- Funerals are not held on Saturday, Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and most federal holidays.

Is Cremation permitted in the Catholic Church?

- The Catholic Church permits cremation (since 1963) as an acceptable, alternative means of burial. It is preferred that cremation occur after the celebration of the Funeral Liturgy; the Rite of Committal then takes place after the cremated remains have been prepared by the funeral home. However, the Funeral Mass may be celebrated with the cremated remains present.
- The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased. *Order of Christian Funerals #417*

Who do I contact to plan the funeral?

- You are welcome to contact the Parish Office with any questions. However, most often families meet with the funeral home first.
- There are 4 local funeral homes in Hilton Head and Bluffton
 - Keith Funeral Home (*Hilton Head*): 843-715-4584
 - Island Funeral Home (*Hilton Head*): 843-242-7442
 - Saul's Funeral Home (*Bluffton*): 843-815-5535
 - Simplicity Lowcountry Cremations & Burial (*Bluffton*): 843-353-4641

My loved one was in the military, is there anything special that can be arranged?

- Military honors, and other services such as a bagpiper, are coordinated through the funeral home.
- Military honors typically take place at the cemetery; otherwise, they can take place on the plaza.
- Bagpipes are not permitted to be played in the church, only on the plaza.

Are there stipends for the funeral Mass?

- There is a \$350 stipend for the organist; \$150 stipend for the cantor; and \$50 stipend for the altar server. Payments are due by the day of the Mass.
- The celebrant would be grateful for any gift of thanksgiving for their participation in this most important Mass.

Are eulogies permitted?

- There are no eulogies during the Funeral Mass. It is recommended that eulogies be done at the visitation, reception or another appropriate time.

Is the Parish Hall available for receptions?

- Depending on availability, the Parish Hall is available for a reception following the Mass.
- A special event application must be completed prior to the funeral Mass, and submitted to Catholic Mutual Insurance with the Diocese of Charleston. Once approved, there is a \$120 fee for the insurance for that day. Applications and further information are available from the Parish Office.
- There is a \$400 rental fee for the Parish Hall and payment is due prior to the funeral Mass.
- The parish staff will set-up the tables and chairs in the Parish Hall, but families must contact a caterer on their own.

Are flowers permitted?

- During Ordinary Time there are no restrictions on flowers for a Funeral Mass. During Lent and Advent, the flowers are limited to small arrangements.
- 1-2 floral arrangements can be placed near the altar, and must be 30 inches or less (no taller than the altar).
- You can use the flower colors you prefer, as your choices are respected and valued.
- It is customary to leave the flowers in the church for the weekend Masses. If you donate your flowers, you can ask for a letter for tax purposes. We will put an excerpt in the bulletin, so please let us know your preference as soon as possible.
- It is optional to have casket flowers. However, they are removed before the Liturgy so the pall can be placed upon it during Mass.
- Flowers delivered directly to the church are placed in the narthex. Please let the funeral home know your decision about where to take the flowers after Mass.
- Please ensure that flowers are delivered to the church during Parish Office business hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm and Friday, 8:30 am – Noon.

Are photos permitted?

- At the funeral Mass the focus shifts to prayer and God. The interior of the Catholic Church is consecrated for only sacred purposes to worship the Lord.
- No pictures, slideshows, or videos are allowed in the Church, neither before, during, nor after the funeral Mass/service.
- Pictures and memorabilia can be placed in the narthex, along with prayer cards and a guest book. These items are arranged with the selected funeral home.
- If you are using the Parish Hall for a reception, a projector is available to use for a slideshow. Please let the Parish Office know in advance.

Does Holy Family provide a worship aide?

- It is our courtesy to provide a worship aide. They are black and white, with a photo.
- We will print up to 75 copies. If additional copies are needed, we will provide the .pdf file to the family so they may print their desired amount.
- Please provide a high resolution picture (.jpg or .png) to info@holyfamilyhhi.org

When do I need to submit the reading and hymn selections for the Mass?

- Readings and hymns are due to the Parish Office at least 7 days prior to the funeral Mass.
- Selections may be submitted at the following link:
<https://www.osvhub.com/holyfamilyhhi/forms/funeral-mass-planning>

Can my friend/family member sing at the Mass?

- While we welcome family participation in the Mass, a Holy Family cantor is arranged as soon as the Mass is scheduled. Our cantors are specially prepared for liturgies such as funerals and are familiar with all parts of the Mass, not just the selected hymns.
- If you wish to have a friend/family member participate, they may sing only a prelude and/or communion meditation hymn from our list of hymns. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange this.

Does the family need to schedule the priest?

- The celebrant for the Mass is scheduled by the Parish Office.
- A visiting priest is permissible, but it is the family's responsibility to contact the visiting priest for his availability.
- In the event of a visiting priest, a Letter of Good Standing from the priest's assigned diocese, must be submitted to the Parish Office, at least 7 days prior to the funeral.
- If they wish, immediate family may meet with the priest 2-3 days prior to the funeral Mass.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERAL LITURGIES

The following are approved readings for funeral liturgies. Once you have made the selection of (1) New Testament reading, (1) Responsorial Psalm and (1) New Testament reading, please note it on the planning form found at: <https://www.osvhub.com/holyfamilyhhi/forms/funeral-mass-planning>

To note:

- If there is a Scripture reading not found below that you wish to be included in the liturgy, please submit to the Parish Office for review.
- During the 50 days of Easter (Easter Day through Pentecost Sunday), reading number 1, 17, 18, or 19 from the New Testament is used as the first reading instead of a passage from the Old Testament.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (“FIRST READING”)

1. Job 19:1, 23-27 *I know that my redeemer lives.*

Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

2. Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6, 9 *He accepted them as a holocaust.*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

3. Wisdom 4:7-14 *A blameless life is a ripe old age.*

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported— snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

4. **Isaiah 25:6, 7-9** *The Lord will destroy death forever.*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us."

5. **Lamentations 3:17-26** *It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.*

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is worm-wood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him, It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

6. **Daniel 12:1-3** *Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake.*

[I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:] "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

7. **2 Maccabees 12:43-46** *It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.*

Judas [the ruler of Israel] then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that waits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Refrain is sung by all present and the cantor sings the verses. Psalm 23 is always used and below are three options from which to choose:

1. "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Owen Alstott):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ambqglOGrb0&list=RDambqglOGrb0&start_radio=1
2. "Shepherd Me, O God" (Marty Haugen)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L55J02iTGjM>
3. "The Lord is My Shepherd" (Scot Crandal)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixLgtlr_7Gw

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (“SECOND READING”)

- 1. Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36, 42-43** *God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.*
Peter proceeded to address the people in these words: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised up on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”
- 2. Romans 5:5-11** *Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God’s anger through him.*
Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
- 3. Romans 5:17-21** *Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*
If, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person, Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 4. Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9** *Let us walk in newness of life.*
Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

5. **Romans 8:14-23** *We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.*

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, *Abba*, "Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

6. **Romans 8:31-35, 37-39** *Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?*

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7. **Romans 14:7-9, 10-12** *Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each of us shall give an account of himself before God.

8. **1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28 or 15:20-23** *All people will be brought to life in Christ.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the One who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

9. **1 Corinthians 15:51-57** *Death is swallowed up in victory.*

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when that which is corruptible clothes itself

with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

10. II Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1 *What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.*

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

11. II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 *We have an everlasting home in heaven.*

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made by hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

12. Philippians 3:20-21 *Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of our to be like his glorious body.*

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

13. Thessalonians 4:13-18 *We shall stay with the Lord for ever.*

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers [and sisters], about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so to will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

14. 2 Timothy 2:8-13 *If we have died with him, we shall live with him.*

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

15. **I John 3:1-2** *We shall see God as he really is.*

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God! Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

16. **I John 3:14-16** *We have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers and sisters.*

We know that we have passed from death to life. We know because we love our brothers [and sisters]. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers [and sisters].

17. **Revelation 14:13** *Happy are those who die in the Lord.*

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them."

18. **Revelation 20:11 – 21:1** *The dead have been judged according to their works.*

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

19. **Revelation 21:1-5, 6-7** *There will be no more death.*

I saw anew heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the thrones saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNERAL LITURGIES

PRELUDE MUSIC

Dr. Pam Kane, Director of Music at Holy Family, will play from her repertoire of classical and liturgical music for 15-20 minutes prior to Mass. Please email her at music@holyfamilyhhi.org if you have a special request.

Links are provided below to lesser known, but worthy, hymns.

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

** also appropriate as a recessional hymn

- Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
- Amazing Grace **
- Be Thou My Vision <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh5QCv7aW2g>
- Faith of Our Fathers
- Here I Am, Lord
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoKDu6HbyRY>
- Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee **
- Lift High the Cross **
- Lord of All Hopefulness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOZqqLMA18>
- Morning Has Broken
- God Beyond All Praising <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnnQpC9oLxU>
- God, Our Help in Ages Past **
- On Eagle's Wings **
- Praise to the Lord
- Sing With All the Saints in Glory ** (Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee tune)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saTHrJtlvn0>
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHnrF3rPZQ8>
- Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones ** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3w4D3Atcdyw>

OFFERTORY HYMNS/PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

++ also appropriate as a Communion hymn

- Be Not Afraid ++
- Be Still My Soul ("Finlandia")
- Blest Are They ++
- Christ Be Our Light ++ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMkfKXLcm5Q>
- Come to Me ++ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U6mwljzjdk>
- Eye Has Not Seen ++ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRyOS0nZr7s>
- Hail Holy Queen
- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
- Hosea <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U6mwljzjdk>
- I Have Loved You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkMBSchV0Hc>

- I Know That My Redeemer Lives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo0N73nmZTM>
- I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light
- Immaculate Mary
- Lead Me, Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Qm5JG8zVhk>
- Like a Shepherd ++
- Now We Remain ++
- Lord, You Have Come ++ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j4CQoi5HAc> (please note...only English verses would be sung...forward to 1:00 to hear English verse/refrain)
- Prayer of St. Francis
- Servant Song
- Sing of Mary
- You Are Mine
- You Are Near ++

COMMUNION HYMNS:

See also selections in Offertory section marked ++

- Eat This Bread
- Gift of Finest Wheat
- I Am the Bread of Life
- One Bread, One Body
- Pan de Vida
- Take and Eat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkvOnb2fsvU>
- Taste and See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcn1-9Fg0WA>
- The Supper of the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLpduajNP10>
- Ubi Caritas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvYSj0azOBI>
- We Remember
- Worthy Is the Lamb https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjA-a04T_6M
- Come to Me and Drink <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAfTt2pN8Aw>
- Behold the Lamb https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4fHiL_j8Lg

COMMUNION MEDITATION:

Sung by the cantor

- Abide With Me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SY3vSL3U53Q>
- An Irish Blessing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pZtyHMzuCs>
- Ave Maria
- Be Still and Know That I Am God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zqtqC6yFZA>
- In God Alone https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLSRnFqxp_s
- Isaiah 49 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNx6kzchRdo>
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JfQEX5uOgw>
- Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIM6yiF5QSA>
- There Is a Balm in Gilead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMs3M1jdIRM>
- 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple
- Where My Father Lives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G05S8vikPes>

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

See also selections marked ** in “Processional” hymn category

- America, the Beautiful (especially for Veterans)
- City of God
- Eternal Father Strong to Save (especially for Veterans)
- For All the Saints
- God of Our Fathers
- Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- How Great Thou Art