

Music at Your Loved One's Funeral

Music plays an important part at a funeral Mass. It can lift our spirits, express our sorrow and proclaim our beliefs about life after death as it gives us hope. It adds dignity to the service and often provides comfort to the mourners. Music is used at the beginning and end of Mass, the Preparation of Gifts and Communion.

The parish always requires the use of both an Organist and Vocalist from the parish to support singing during the Funeral Mass. Because this is a Mass, popular or secular songs would be best used at the Wake Service or during the meal following the funeral.

To help you choose your music here is a list of common hymns often chosen for funeral liturgies.

All I Ask of You (Norbet)	Keep in Mind (Deiss)
All Is Well with My Soul (Ville du Havre)	Now We Remain (Haas)
Amazing Grace (NEW BRITAIN)	O God, Our Hope in Ages Past (Croft)
Be Not Afraid (Dufford)	O How Blessed (The Beatitudes) (Schutte)
Blest Are They (Haas)	O Loving God (Londonderry Air)
Carry Me Home (Modlin)	On Eagle's Wings (Joncas)
Christ Be Our Light (Farrell)	Only in God (Talbot)
Eat This Bread (Taize)	Prayer of St. Francis (Temple)
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (MELITA)	Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)
Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen)	Sing with All the Saints in Glory \
For All the Saints (Vaughan Williams)	(Hymn to Joy-Ludwig von Beethoven)
Gift of Finest Wheat (Kreutz)	Song of Farewell (Sands)
Give Me Jesus (Spiritual)	Soon and Very Soon (Spiritual)
How Great Thou Art (Hine)	The Strife Is O'er (Palestrina)
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Joncas)	There Is a Longing (Quigley)
I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)	These Alone Are Enough (Manion)
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	This Alone (Manion)
(DUKE STREET)	We Are the Light of the World (Greif)
In Every Age (Whitaker)	You Are Mine (Haas)
It is Well with My Soul (Bliss)	You Are Near (Schutte)
Jesus, Remember Me (Taize)	

Responsorial Psalms:

Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want
or Shepherd Me, O God (Marty Haugen)

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I lift My Soul

Psalm 27: I believe I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the Living
or The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 130: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

For the expanded listing of music, see our funeral guidelines, WHEN A LOVED ONE HAS DIED.