**Music Within the Order of Christian Funerals**

*Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift….and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord’s suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.* (OCF 30)

Music can be used within the three Rituals of Christian Funerals: the Vigil, which may take place at the Funeral Home, the Funeral/Memorial Mass, which takes place at the church, and the Place of Committal or the final act of the community which takes place at the cemetery/interment.

The use of personal, recorded or secular music can be used at the Funeral home or Wake, Closing of the Coffin or Place of Committal.

For Funeral/Memorial Masses, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish provides at each of the church sites an organist, cantor, and/or Resurrection Choir Ministry. The following suggestions may assist you in planning the Funeral/Memorial Mass:

**Processional & Recessional Hymns:**

Amazing Grace

Blest Are They

Be Not Afraid

Eye Has Not Seen

Here I Am Lord

How Can I Keep From Singing

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

How Can I Keep From Singing

How Great Thou Art

Lord of All Hopefulness

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Lord You Have Come/Pescador de Hombres

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

(Hymn to Joy)

Soon and Very Soon

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

We Have Been Told

We Walk By Faith

We Will Rise

You Are Mine

**Responsorial Psalms:** *(Please note: Musical Arrangement of psalm may be chosen by*

*music director, unless otherwise specified)*

Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd (Cry Out with Joy) or Shepherd Me O God *(Haugen)*

Psalm 16: Center of My Life

Psalm 18: I Love You, Lord/Te Amo, Señor

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord (Soper)

Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs *(O Waly, Waly or Bob Hurd)*

Psalm 62: Rest in God Alone (Cry Out with Joy books)

Psalm 130: With The Lord There is Mercy

Psalm 131: My Soul is Still (Haas)

Psalm 146/147: Bless The Lord, My Soul

**Presentation of Gifts:**

Prayer of St Francis

Precious Lord

Bless the Lord (Taizé)

Christ Before Us (Suo Gân)

Nada Te Turbe (Taizé)

Jesus Remember Me (Taizé)

**Communion Hymns:**

Amén El Cuerpo de Cristo

Blest Are They

Bread of Life

Eat This Bread

Gift of Finest Wheat

Here I Am Lord

I Am the Bread of Life

In the Breaking of the Bread

On Eagle’s Wings

One Bread, One Body

Pan de Vida

Taste and See

Ubi Caritas

Song of the Body of Christ

We Remember

**Song of Farewell/Incensing:**

Go In Peace (Hart)

Go Silent Friend (Irish Tune)

In Paradisum (Chant)

Jesus Remember Me (Taizé)

May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise (Hughes)

O Loving God (Irish Tune)

Song of Farewell (Old Hundredth)

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