

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	Lord You Have Come/Pescador de
Blest Are They	Hombres
Be Not Afraid	Sing With All the Saints in Glory
Eye Has Not Seen	(Hymn to Joy)
Here I Am Lord	Soon and Very Soon
How Can I Keep From Singing	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Holy God We Praise Thy Name	We Have Been Told
How Can I Keep From Singing	We Walk By Faith
How Great Thou Art	We Will Rise
Lord of All Hopefulness	You Are Mine
I Heard the Voice of Jesus	

Responsorial Psalms: sung between the first and second readings. *(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)
Ave Maria

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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