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Music for the Funeral Liturgy

“Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.” As Christians, we believe that death is a transition, not an end. We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. We believe that by dying he destroyed our death, and through his rising, he restored our life.

“Music is integral to the funeral rites. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the [gathered] Assembly in faith and love.” (Order of Christian Funerals, §30)

The following list of suggested music. It is not intended to be a definitive list of approved liturgical funeral music. (Secular or non-liturgical music is not permitted during the funeral rites.)

Processional Hymns

*Amazing Grace
*Be Not Afraid
City of God
Faith of Our Fathers (A Living Faith)
*Here I Am, Lord
I Am the Bread of Life
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Lord of All Hopefulness
*On Eagle’s Wings
Sing with All the Saints in Glory We
Shall Rise Again

Our Processional Hymn Selection:

Musical pieces with an asterisk (*) are frequently chosen in our parish.

Responsorial Psalms (titles are underlined)

“Be Merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.”
“Be With Me Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray. “O Lord, you are the Center of My Life...”
“I Will Take the Cup of Life, I will call God’s name all my days.”
“In the Land of the Living, I will walk with God, all my days.”
“The Lord is Kind and Merciful.”
“Shelter me O God, hide me in the shadow of your wings...”
* “Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my needs, from death into life (Psalm 23)
*“Taste and See the goodness of the Lord.”
“The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation, of whom should I be afraid?”
*“The Lord is My Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”
*“To You, O Lord I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.”
*“What Return Can I Make for all God gives to me?”

Our Responsorial Psalm Selection:

See next page for more selections

Preparation of Gifts
Can be sung or instrumental.

- *Amazing Grace
- *Ave Maria (Schubert, Gounod, Chant)
- *Be Not Afraid
- Center of My Life
- Gentle Woman (Hail Mary)
- Lord of All Hopefulness
- Mary's Song (My soul doth glory...)
- *On Eagle's Wings
- Panis Angelicus* (Franck or Lambilotte)
- *Prayer of St. Francis
- *Servant Song
- Shall We Gather at the River?
- Shelter Me, O God
- *You Are Mine

Our Preparation Hymn Selection:

Communion Hymns

- *Be Not Afraid
- *Blest Are They
- *Center of My Life
- Eat This Bread
- Eye Has Not Seen
- *Here I Am, Lord
- *I Am the Bread of Life
- Now We Remain ("We hold the death...")
- *On Eagle's Wings
- *One Bread, One Body
- *Prayer of St. Francis
- Servant Song
- *The Supper of the Lord
- *Taste and See
- *We Remember
- *You Are Mine
- You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Our Communion Hymn Selection:

**Song of Farewell (Sung during incensing
of the departed--part of funeral rite.)**

Options (check one):

___ "May the choirs of angels come to greet you,
may they speed you to paradise..."

___ "May holy angels lead you forth to
paradise..." (Tune: Danny Boy)

Closing Hymns

This can be instrumental or sung.

- *Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- *Canticle of the Sun
- City of God
- Glory and Praise to Our God
- *Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- *How Great Thou Art
- *I Am the Bread of Life
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
- Lead Me, Lord
- Let There Be Peace on Earth
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- *On Eagle's Wings
- Sing with all the Saints (Tune: Ode to Joy)
- Soon and Very Soon
- We Shall Rise Again

Our Closing Hymn Selection:

*If you need any assistance,
please call or e-mail the parish
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Name/Age of Deceased: _____
Family Contact's Name: _____
Phone Number(s): _____
Date of Funeral Liturgy: _____
Time: _____
Church: _____

