

APPROVED HYMNS FOR CATHOLIC FUNERAL MASSES

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The following list of sacred hymns is designed to guide families preparing for a Catholic funeral Mass.

Only sacred music approved for use in the church by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops will be available for use during the solemn sacrifice of the Mass. From the moment we gather in the church, until departing, we must be mindful of the solemn Rites and Liturgy that are taking place. As such, all music and readings should be selected to enhance the solemnity and dignity of the occasion.

While many secular songs may have special meaning to a loved one, family, or friends, they are rarely if ever appropriate for liturgical use in the Catholic Church and should therefore be reserved for gatherings before or after the Funeral Mass and Internment. It is also important to note that it is illegal to use any commercially produced music, whether on cassette, CD, or MP3, for public performance.

Families may choose one selection from each category

Other hymns from the Parish hymnal may be available upon request and approval

ENTRANCE HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Lift High the Cross
Sing With all the Saints in Glory (Hymn to Joy)
Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(While reading the psalm is an option, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* puts precedence on it being sung whenever possible)

The Lord is My Shepherd (psalm 23)
You are my inheritance, O Lord (psalm 16)
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (psalm 25)
The Lord is my light and my salvation (psalm 27)
The Lord is kind and merciful (psalm 103)
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (psalm 116)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Come to Me
Here I am Lord
On Eagles Wings
All is Well with My Soul
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (contemporary)
The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life
Gift of Finest Wheat
In The Breaking of the Bread
Taste and See
This Bread That We Share
Eat This Bread
Ubi Caritas

MEDITATION (AFTER COMMUNION)

Ave Maria
J'irai la voir un jour! (French hymn)

SONG OF FAREWELL

Song of Farewell (OLD HUNDRETH - Traditional)
Song of Farewell (SANDS - Contemporary)
Irish Blessing
In Paradisum (Traditional Latin Chant)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lift High the Cross
Three Days
I Am the Bread of Life
How Great Thou Art
Let There be Peace on Earth
Be Thou My Vision