

Music Selections For Funerals

Church of St. Joseph – Bronxville, NY
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Name: _____ Date & Time of funeral: _____

“Sacred music has an integral role in the funeral rites, since it can console and uplift mourners while, at the same time, uniting the assembly in faith and love. Since music can evoke strong feelings, it should be chosen with care. It should console the participants and help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ’s victory over death and in the Christian’s share in that victory.”
-Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (USCCB, 2012)

Selecting Music

In general, music that is appropriate for a Catholic Mass is also appropriate for a Funeral Liturgy. If you have a request of SACRED music that is not listed, please notify Dr. Seigart at least 24 hours prior to the funeral. Secular music should not be sung or played in the church. If you have favorite songs that are meaningful but are secular, they can be played/sung at the wake, gravesite or gathering after the Mass. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Steven Seigart at sjmusicdirector@gmail.com or call 914-337-1660, ext. 129. Please choose from the musical selections listed below, and the music director will put them in an appropriate order. If you have a desired order for the musical selections, you may also indicate that. Most popular selections are listed in **bold**.

Order of Music at a Memorial Mass

Prelude (instrumental)	you may select (optional)
Entrance Hymn	you must select
Responsorial Psalm	you must select
Gospel Acclamation	selected by the music director
Offertory Hymn/Song	you must select
Mass Parts (“Holy, holy...”, “Lamb of God”, etc.)	selected by the music director
Communion Hymn/Song	you must select
Closing Hymn	you must select
Song of Farewell	selected by the music director
Postlude (instrumental)	you may select (optional)

Musician Fees and Payment

The donation to the church provides for an organist/pianist, who can also provide basic cantor duties (leading hymns and mass parts). However, the Church of Saint Joseph strongly recommends families to have a dedicated cantor (vocal soloist) for all memorial masses, and is required if you would like any of the vocal solos below or have any special requests not listed on this sheet. You may also wish to have other instruments at the memorial as well (violin, cello, harp, trumpet, flute, bagpipes, etc.), and these instrumentalists as well as the cantor can be arranged by the music director, provided this is communicated to the music director at least one day before the memorial. The fee for a cantor/soloist is \$200 and the fee for an instrumentalist is \$300. Payments should be made at the time this sheet is returned to MUSIC FUND.

Cantor/Soloist: Yes _____ No _____

Other instruments: (list) _____

Responsorial Psalm (choose one)

- Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God (M. Haugen)
- Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd (O. Alscott)
- Psalm 34: Taste and See (G. Mailloux)
- Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light (D. Haas)
- Psalm 62: In God Alone (D. Haas)

Hymns/Songs (choose up to four)

- A Mighty Fortress is Our God #988
- Amazing Grace #1001
- Be Not Afraid #987
- Be Thou My Vision #1043
- Blest Are They (D, Haas, not in hymnal)
- Christ, Be Our Light #958
- Christ Be Beside Me #1004
- Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #942
- Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether #1029
- Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Hymn) #1060
- Eye Has Not Seen (M. Haugen, not in hymnal)
- Fairest Lord Jesus #966
- Faith of Our Fathers #981
- For All the Saints #896
- Gift of Finest Wheat (You satisfy...) #905
- Holy God We Praise Your Name #938
- Hosea (Come back to me) #810
- How Great Thou Art #954
- I Am the Bread of Life #912
- I Have Loved You (M. Joncas, not in hymnal)
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives #842
- In paradisum (gregorian chant) #932
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home #1042

Instrumental Selections (optional, choose one or two)

- Adagio (Albinoni)
- Adagio from "Toccat, Adagio, and Fugue" (Bach)
- Andante Religioso from Sonata 4 (Mendelssohn)
- Andante Sostenuto (Widor)
- Andante Tranquillo from Sonata 3 (Mendelssohn)
- Dance of the Blessed Spirits (Gluck)

Vocal solos (optional, cantor required, choose one or two)

- Arioso (Bach)
- [Shall We Gather] At the River (Copland)
- Ave Maria (Schubert)
- Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)
- Evening Prayer (Humperdinck)
- He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him (Handel)
- I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Handel)
- If With All Your Hearts (Mendelssohn)
- Laudate Dominum (Mozart)
- O Divin Rédempteur/O Divine Redeemer (Gounod)
- O For the Wings of a Dove (Mendelssohn)

- Psalm 84: Happy Are They (T. Potter)
- Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Cotter)
- Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving (S. Soper)
- Psalm 139: You Are Near (D. Schutte)

- Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee #939
- Lift High the Cross #894
- Lord of All Hopefulness #978
- Lux aeterna (gregorian chant) #935
- My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #970
- Nearer, My God, to Thee #972
- Now Thank We All Our God #974
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past #85
- On Eagle's Wings #990
- One Bread, One Body #1019
- Prayer of St. Francis (Make me a channel of your peace) #1015
- Requiem aeternam (gregorian chant) #937
- Salve Regina (gregorian chant) #887
- Sing With All the Saints in Glory #838
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is #969
- We Remember (M. Haugen, not in hymnal)
- We Walk by Faith #984
- We Will Rise Again (D. Haas, not in hymnal)
- Where Charity and Love Prevail #994
- Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #848
- You Are Mine (D. Haas, not in hymnal)

- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
- Largo from Xerxes (Handel)
- Nimrod (Elgar)
- O Welt Ich Muss Dich Lassen (Brahms)
- Rhosymedre (Vaughan Williams)
- Sheep May Safely Graze (Bach)

- O Rest in the Lord (Mendelssohn)
- Quietly, Peacefully (Dvorak)
- Panis Angelicus (Franck)
- Pie Jesu (Fauré)
- Pie Jesu (Rutter)

Other selections not on this sheet:
