

Music for the Mass of Christian Burial

Music Suggestions are based on the resources available at Saint Rose.

Saint Rose provides a Funeral Schola (choir), cantor, and accompanist for both organ and piano.

Family members who are church musicians are welcome to be part of the funeral music ministry.

GATHERING PROCESSION: Usually should be something easily sung by all the people gathered. A familiar song works best here.

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Lord of all Hopefulness
Here I Am Lord
Blest Are They
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sing With All the Saints
Joyful, Joyful We Adore
Alleluia Sing to Jesus
We Shall Rise Again
Canticle of the Sun
City of God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The psalm is one of the four scriptures that we hear at Mass. The psalm is sung between the Old Testament and New Testament readings. The people sing a short refrain and the cantor or choir sings the verses to the psalm.

Psalm 23 Shepherd Me O God
Psalm 25 To You O Lord
Psalm 27 The Lord Is My Light
Psalm 91 Be with Me, Lord
Psalm 91 On Eagles Wings
Psalm 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful
Psalm 116 The Name of God

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS:

We sing a song, or listen to instrumental music, a solo, or choir piece as the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

Be Not Afraid
You Are Mine
How Great Thou Art
The Servant Song
The Summons
Amazing Grace
We Walk By Faith
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Lord of all Hopefulness
Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
How Can I Keep From Singing
I Have Loved You
Here I Am Lord
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
O God You Search Me
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION:

We sing a song or a psalm with a shorter and more memorable refrain during Communion.

Be Not Afraid
You Are Mine
I Have Loved You
Eye Has Not Seen
On Eagles Wings
Here I Am Lord
I Am the Bread of Life
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Take and Eat
Blest are They
Shepherd Me O God
Taste and See
We Have Been Told
We Remember
One Bread One Body

MUSIC FOR THE CLOSING RITES:

Because each of us is a temple of the Holy Spirit in life, we honor the body or ashes and pray together with incense and song.

Jesus Remember Me
The Hand of God Shall Hold You
May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise
The Lord is Near

CLOSING MUSIC

As we process out of church we sing a song of Faith and Hope.

Amazing Grace
Alleluia Sing to Jesus
How Great Thou Art
Canticle of the Sun
City of God
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
(traditional)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
(contemporary)
Lord of All Hopefulness
Sing With All the Saints in Glory
We Walk By Faith
We Shall Rise Again
Sing to the Mountains
Let There Be Peace on Earth

Other classical/choir options that may be used during the Mass.

Pie Jesu - Webber or Faure
Ave Maria - Schubert or Gounod
Panis Angelicus - Franck
May the Road Rise to Meet You – True
My Song will Be for You Forever

Postlude

May the Angels Lead You into Paradise – *Tune of Danny Boy*