

# FUNERAL MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

St. Mary, Hyde Park

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Music is an important part of Catholic funeral rites. It allows convictions and feelings to be expressed that words alone may fail to convey. Music has the power to strengthen the faith and hope of those present. The hymns chosen should express the mystery of our salvation in Christ, namely the saving power of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection.

*This is a thorough list, but other music can be considered with the approval of the Director of Music and Liturgy, or the Pastor.*

Funeral music should support and console those present, help create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death, and remind us to pray for the deceased. Secular songs (popular or non-religious songs), even though that may have been meaningful to the deceased or to the family, do not capture the Gospel message of hope nor the sacred quality of Christian worship. For those reasons, the music used during the Catholic Funeral Rites cannot be secular.

Abide With Me  
All Creatures of Our God and King  
All My Days  
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
Amazing Grace  
At the Lamb's High Feast  
Be Not Afraid  
Be Thou My Vision  
Behold the Lamb  
Bread of Life  
Center of My Life  
Come to Me  
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Draw Near  
Dwellers in the Holy City  
Eat This Bread  
Eye Has Not Seen  
For All the Saints  
Gift of Finest Wheat  
God Will Wipe the Tears  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
The Hand of God Shall Hold You  
Here I Am, Lord  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
How Can I Keep from Singing?  
How Great Thou Art  
I Am the Bread of Life  
I Have Loved You  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
I Receive the Living God  
In Christ Alone  
In the Arms of God  
Jerusalem, My Happy Home  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
Like a Shepherd  
The Living Bread of God  
Lord of All Hopefulness

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
Now Thank We All Our God  
O God, Beyond All Praising  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
O God, You Search Me  
On Eagle's Wings  
One Bread, One Body  
Only in God  
Peace Be With Those  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Quietly, Peacefully  
Rest Now in Me  
Shelter Me, O God  
Shepherd of My Heart  
Shepherd Me, O God  
Sing With All the Saints in Glory  
Softly and Tenderly  
The King of Love, My Shepherd Is  
The Strife is O'er  
Taste and See  
These Alone are Enough  
This Alone  
Ubi Caritas  
Unless a Grain of Wheat  
We Shall Rise Again  
Where My Father Lives  
With a Shepherd's Care  
Worthy is the Lamb  
You are Near

#### Common Solos/Meditations

Ave Maria  
Old Irish Blessing  
Panis Angelicus  
Pie Jesu