



Funeral Mass Planning

Song Suggestions

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Funeral Mass Hymns

The songs listed below are often requested for funeral masses. You may choose your opening hymn, offertory hymn, communion hymn, and closing hymn from this list.

Amazing Grace - *Amazing Grace; how sweet the sound.*

Be Not Afraid - *Be Not Afraid, I go before you always, come follow me, I will give you rest.*

Behold the Lamb – *Behold, Behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, All who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.*

Blest are They – *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest be the Lord – *Blest be the Lord, Blest be the Lord, the God of mercy the God who saves I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.*

Christ Be Our Light – *Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness, Christ be our light, shine in your church, gathered today.*

Eye Has Not Seen- *Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him*

Fly Like a Bird – *Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul. I want to soar like an eagle. Though I may journey far away from home, I know I'll never be alone.*

Gift of Finest Wheat – *You satisfy the hungry heart, with gift of finest wheat.*

Give Me Jesus – *In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. . . .*

Here I Am Lord – *Here I am Lord, is it I Lord, I have heard you calling in the night.*

How Can I Keep from Singing – *No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing.*

How Great Thou Art – *Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art.*

I Am the Bread of Life – *And He will raise you up, And He will raise you up, And He will raise you up on the last day.*

I Have Loved You – *I have loved you, with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine.*

I Know that My Redeemer Lives – *I know that my Redeemer lives, the One who calls me home. I long to see God's face to face, to see with my own eyes.*

In Every Age – *In every age, O God, you have been our refuge. In every age, O God, you have been our hope*

In the Garden- *I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own. .*

Irish Blessing- *May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your side.*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light- *I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus...*

Just A Closer Walk with Thee – *I am weak but thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong: I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, close with Thee.*

Lord, You Have Come- *Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow...*

On Eagle's Wings – *And he will raise you up on Eagle's Wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hands.*

One Bread One Body–*One Bread, One Body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless, and we though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

Parable – *To everything, there is a season, a time to be born, and a time to die.*

Prayer of St. Francis – *O Master grant that we may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Precious Lord, take my hand *Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling – *Come home, come home, you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you to come home!*

Take Me Home – *Take me home, to your dwelling place, in your sweet embrace, ready to hold me in your arms. Take me home, to your loving eyes, with you alone I'll rise, singing forever, in your arms, take me home.*

We Will Rise Again – *We will run and not grow weary, for our God shall be our strength, and we shall fly like the eagle, we will rise again.*

You are Mine –*Do not be afraid, I am with you, I shall call you each by name, come and follow me, I will bring you home, I love you, and you are mine.*

Meditation

Many families choose to have a meditation after communion. During this time, you may select an additional hymn from the above list, or one of these options below.

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert or Charles Gounod

Goin' Home – Anton Dvorak

Song of Farewell

The Song of Farewell is sung immediately following the final blessing. The celebrant will incense the remains as the congregation prays in silence. The song of farewell can be any of these options:

Song of Farewell – *May the choirs of angels come to greet you. May they lead you to paradise. May the Lord enfold you in his mercy. May you find eternal life.*

Song of Farewell – *Come to his/her aid, O saints of God; Come meet him/her angels of the Lord. Receive his/her soul, O holy ones; Present him/her now to God, Most High.*

O Loving God- (to the tune of O Danny Boy) *O loving God, we send your son/daughter home to you, home to a place of everlasting love...*

Responsorial Psalms

The responsorial psalm is sung between the first and second reading. Below are examples of psalms that are often requested at funerals.

PSALM 23: *Shepherd Me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

PSALM 23: *Because The Lord Is my Shepherd, I have everything I need...*

PSALM 23: *The Lord is My Shepherd there is nothing I Shall Want.*

PSALM 25: *To You O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.*

PSALM 27: *The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid*

PSALM 33: *Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.*

PSALM 42: *As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

PSALM 84: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord God...*

PSALM 103: *Loving and Forgiving are you, O Lord...*

PSALM 103: *The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and Merciful.*

PSALM 116: *I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord...*

PSALM 128: *O Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways...*

PSALM 145: *I will praise your name forever, my king and my God...*