

## Music Selections for the Funeral Liturgy

We extend our deepest sympathies for your loss, and aim to make choosing beautiful and personal music easier and less stressful. You may choose 4-5 songs that resonate with you, the Music Director will help put them in order for the Mass. You may also choose a Psalm and a Song of Farewell, Rochelle can help you with these choices. I encourage you to listen to options on the website and choose music that speaks to your heart, rather than titles that you might recognize.

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Please visit [www.funeralmusic.info](http://www.funeralmusic.info) for audio excerpts of many of these suggestions.

### SONGS:

All I ask of you  
Amazing Grace  
Ave Maria (Schubert)  
Ave Maria (Norbet)  
Ave Verum (Mozart)  
Be Not Afraid  
Be Thou My Vision  
Eternal Father (verses for  
Army/Navy/Marine/Airforce, please specify)  
Gift of Finest Wheat  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Here I am, Lord  
Hosea  
How Great Thou Art  
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling (Alonso)  
I Am the Bread of Life  
I Danced in the Morning  
I Have Loved You  
In the Arms of God  
Irish Blessing (Fabing)  
J'irai la voir un jour  
Lady of Knock  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Lift High the Cross  
Lord of All Hopefulness  
May the Road Rise to Meet You (True)  
On Eagle's Wings  
Panis Angelicus (Frank)  
Pie Jesu (Faure)  
Prayer of St. Francis (Make me a channel)  
Precious Lord  
Rest Now In Me  
Restless is the heart (Farrell)  
Shelter Me, O God  
Sing with All the Saints (*Ode to Joy* tune)

Take Up Your Cross  
The Hand of God Shall Hold you  
The Prayer (Sager/Foster)  
When Love is Found (*O Waly waly* tune)  
You Are Mine

### Responsorial PSALMS:

- The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want (Ps. 23)
- Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life (Ps 23)
- Blest Are Those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O Lord (Ps. 128)
- In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, O Lord (Ps. 138)

### Song of Farewell (Final Blessing before the closing song):

Celtic Song of Farewell (May the choirs of angels...to the tune of *Danny Boy*)  
I know that my Redeemer Lives (Soper)  
Jesus, Remember Me (Taize)  
Saints of God come to his/her aid, hasten to meet him/her angels of the Lord...  
Song of Farewell (May the choirs of angels..)  
Song of Farewell (come to his/her aid, O saints of God)

### Additional Musicians if desired

(subject to availability):  
Add second singer for harmony (100-125)  
Add 3 singers for a full Quartet (100-125ea)  
Add a violin (125-150)

**See next page for grouped suggestions on choices that are Upbeat, Classical, Irish, Vocal and Violin duets, and Quartet options**

**More Upbeat Choices:** (particularly good for opening/closing songs)

I Danced in the Morning  
How Great Thou Art  
Lift High the Cross  
Sing With all the Saints in Glory  
Morning Has Broken  
I am the bread of life

**Classical Selections:**

Ave Maria (Schubert or Bach/Gounod)  
Ave Verum (Mozart)  
Panis Angelicus (Franck)  
Pie Jesu from Faure's Requiem

**Contemporary Selections:** (more modern compositions with beautiful text)

In the Arms of God (Alonso)  
How lovely is your dwelling (Aquino)  
The Prayer (english only version)  
May the Road Rise to Meet you (True)  
Rest Now in Me (Tate)  
The Hand of God Shall hold you (Haugen)  
Restless is the Heart (Farrell)  
Lux Aeterna (Burrows)

**Irish Selections:**

Irish Blessing (Fabing)  
May the Road Rise to Meet you (True)  
Be Thou my Vision  
Lord of all Hopefulness  
Lady of Knock  
Celtic Song of Farewell (tune of Danny boy)  
Danny Boy (prelude or closing song)  
When Irish Eyes (prelude or closing song)  
My Wild Irish Rose (prelude or closing song)

**Duets with an additional singer:**

The Gift of Love (arr. Hapson)  
May the Road Rise to Meet you (L. True)  
Panis Angelicus (Franck)  
Restless is the heart (B. Farrell)  
Danny Boy (prelude or 2<sup>nd</sup> communion)  
The Prayer (full duet with tenor)  
Eternal Father (armed forces hymn)  
Special arrangements of Here I am Lord, On Eagle's Wings, Abide with Me  
\*Plus added harmony on all hymns

**Violin duets:** (preludes and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> communion song)\*

Sheep May safely graze (Bach)  
Bist du bei mir (Bach)  
Air from Water Music (Bach)  
Gymnopedie (Satie)  
Flower duet (Delibes)  
Meditation from Thais (Massenet)  
\*Plus added harmony and descants on all hymns

**Quartet of Singers options:**

May the Road Rise to Meet you (True)  
Ave Verum (Mozart)  
The Prayer/Lead Us Lord  
Lux Aeterna 'may perpetual light shine on them' (Burrows)  
Benedictus (Lewis)  
Abide with Me (arr. Hanson)  
In my Father's House (Stopford)  
Going Home (Dvorak)  
Restless is the Heart (Farrell)  
Eternal Father (armed forces hymn)  
Danny Boy  
\*Plus added harmony on all hymns