

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish Community

Music Suggestions for Your Loved One's Liturgy of Christian Burial

When considering music for the Eucharistic Liturgy of your loved one, there is an opportunity to pause and reflect within the theme and context of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, who is always with us, especially during difficult times, as well as during the sacrifice of the Mass. It is the Risen Jesus, who comforts and sustains us with peace and love along with our family, friends, and parish community. Our faith reassures us, that our loved one lives on with Christ. Though we grieve the loss, we come together in gratitude and love for the life of our loved one, and that one day we will be united with them again. The following hymn suggestions reflect the themes of peace, faith, love, and gratitude:

Gathering: All Creatures of Our God and King (May be used as a Recessional)
All the Earth Proclaim the Lord (Diess)
Be Not Afraid (Dufford)
Christ Be Our Light (Farrell) (May also Be Used as a Recessional)
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)
I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light (May be used as a Recessional Hymn)
For All the Saints (Sine Nomine-Vaughn Williams)
Glory and Praise to Our God (Schutte)
Lift High the Cross (Also can be used as a Recessional Hymn)
This Day God Gives Me (Melody of Morning Has Broken)
We Walk By Faith (Haugen) (Also can be used as a Recessional Hymn)

Responsorial Psalm Settings: Psalm 23: Shepherd Me O God (Haugen and Gelineau/Guimont)
Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation
Psalm 34: The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor (Foley)
Psalm 36: To You O Lord I Lift Up My Soul (Haugen)
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful
(Any other appropriate psalm setting)

Preparation of the Gifts: Ave Maria (Schubert/ Gounod/Langlais/Gregorian Chant)
Amazing Grace (also may used during Communion)
Center of My Life (Farrell)
Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen)
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry)
Hosea (Weston Priory) (also appropriate during Lent)
How Great Thou Art (may also be sung during Communion)
I Have Loved You (Joncas)
Keep in Mind That Jesus Christ Has Died for Us and Is Risen (Diess)
Prayer of Saint Francis (Temple)
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Shelter Me of God (Hurd)
The Lord Is Near (Joncas)
Wherever You Go (Weston Priory)

Communion: Gift of Finest Wheat (Kreutz)

Eat This Bread (Taize)
 Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)
 I am the Bread of Life (Toolan)
 I Received the Living God
 One Bread, One Body (Foley)
 Panis Angelicus (Lambillotte or Cesar Franck)
 Shepherd of Souls
 Taste and See (James Moore)
 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is
 Unless a Grain of Wheat (Farrell)
 We Remember How You Loved Us (Haugen)
(Suggest any appropriate Eucharistic Hymn)

Recessional

All Creatures of Our God and King
 Abide With Me
 Be Thou My Vision (Slane)
 Beautiful Savior
 Holy God We Praise Thy Name
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 Lift High The Cross
 Let There Be Peace on Earth
 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (Appropriate during Easter Season)
 Jesus Is Risen, Let Us Sing (Easter Season)
 O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxt)
 On Eagles' Wings (Joncas)
 Sing With All the Saints in Glory (Ode to Joy Melody)
 We Are the Light of the World
 We Walk By Faith

When selecting music, it is also suggested that the hymns try to reflect the scripture readings you have selected-so that both the Word and liturgical music are interconnected in the context of the Eucharistic celebration, and the life of your loved one. (The connection need not be perfect-be open to the Holy Spirit to help and inspire) Also consider the liturgical seasons- especially Advent, Lent, and Easter- there is music appropriate to that season that may be meaningful to you. Some selections are provided above.

The music chosen is to be appropriate for the Roman Catholic Rite of Christian Burial. Any requested music outside the Liturgical Rite, requires consultation with the Music Director and if needed with our Pastor Father Joe and/ or Father Matthew, Pastoral Associate. Advanced consultation with the same criteria is also appropriate for guest musicians, should the occasion arise.

If I can be of further assistance and support you in the planning of your loved one's music for the liturgy, feel free to contact me at 973-981-4511.

I look forward to serving you.

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