

## Music Guidelines for Funeral Liturgies

Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.

Since music can evoke strong feelings, the music for the celebration of the funeral rites should be chosen with great care. The music at funerals should support, console, and uplift the participants and should help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory. Music must be chosen carefully so that the participants of the Mass know the music and are able to sing with the cantor and choir if they choose to do so.

St. Joseph Parish will provide booklets that contain an outline of the rite, the texts and songs belonging to the people, and directions for posture to assist the assembly's participation. It is not required, but the family may request hymns from the enclosed list that have special meaning for the family. **Any musical requests must be submitted to the Rectory Office at least 24 hours before the Funeral, in order to allow enough time to prepare booklets.** The family may choose up to 4 hymns and 1 Psalm from the lists below. Requests not on this list are at the discretion of the Music Director and may require extra charges to purchase accompaniments and the proper copyright privileges.

St. Joseph has a full time Music Director, Funeral Choir and cantors who will provide music for the Mass of Christian Burial. The family may request a member or friend who is a trained soloist to sing one solo during the Mass. The Director of Liturgy and Music must approve the solo piece. The soloist must present credentials to the Music Director 2 days before the Mass in order to be considered to solo during the Mass. The organist, other instrumentalists, cantor, and choir should assist the assembly's full participation in singing the songs, responses, and acclamations of these rites.

Arrangements for the organist and cantor are made through the funeral home for a customary stipend of \$125 for the organist and \$85 for the cantor. If an extra rehearsal is required for a soloist or an instrumentalist, this may be arranged with the Music Director for a fee of \$25 per ½ hour.

## GATHER COMPREHENSIVE 2 HYMNAL

\_\_\_ 442 - Sing with All the Saints in Glory  
\_\_\_ 454 - I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
\_\_\_ 457 - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
\_\_\_ 459 - The Strife Is O'er  
\_\_\_ 489 - Crown Him with Many Crowns  
\_\_\_ 492 - To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King  
\_\_\_ 515 - We are the Light of the World  
\_\_\_ 519 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
\_\_\_ 520 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You  
\_\_\_ 523 - All Creatures of Our God and King  
\_\_\_ 532 - Sing of the Lord's Goodness  
\_\_\_ 560 - Lord of All Hopefulness  
\_\_\_ 586 - Amazing Grace  
\_\_\_ 590 - You are Near  
\_\_\_ 593 - On Eagle's Wings  
\_\_\_ 596 - Be Not Afraid  
\_\_\_ 613 - Love Divine, All Love's Excelling  
\_\_\_ 614 - What Wondrous Love Is This  
\_\_\_ 616 - Eye Has Not Seen  
\_\_\_ 627 - You are Mine  
\_\_\_ 633 - Come to Me  
\_\_\_ 694 - We Have Been Told  
\_\_\_ 758 - Soon and Very Soon  
\_\_\_ 762 - We Shall Rise Again  
\_\_\_ 790 - Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones  
\_\_\_ 791 - For All the Saints

\_\_\_ 812 - Take and Eat  
\_\_\_ 818 - Shepherd of Souls  
\_\_\_ 822 - I Am the Bread of Life  
\_\_\_ 826 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus  
\_\_\_ 833 - Table Song  
\_\_\_ 842 - Without Seeing You  
\_\_\_ 868 - Go, Silent Friend

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALMS**

\_\_\_ 23 - Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God  
\_\_\_ 24 - Psalm 23: My Shepherd is the Lord  
\_\_\_ 27 - Psalm 25: Remember Your Mercies  
\_\_\_ 29 - Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light  
\_\_\_ 43 - Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting  
\_\_\_ 44 - Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting  
\_\_\_ 45 - Psalm 63: Your Love is Finer Than Life  
\_\_\_ 58 - Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful  
\_\_\_ 62 - Psalm 116: In the Land of the Living  
\_\_\_ 66 - Psalm 121: Our Help Comes from the Lord  
\_\_\_ 68 - Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing  
\_\_\_ 71 - Psalm 130: With the Lord There is Mercy

### **SONG OF FAREWELL**

\_\_\_ 862 - The Hand of God  
\_\_\_ 867 - Song of Farewell