

# Funeral Mass Preparation



*“I Am the Resurrection and the Life.”*

*~ John 11:25*

Queen of the Universe Parish  
Levittown, Pennsylvania

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Dear Friends:

It is with deep sadness that we learn of the death of your loved one. The entire parish of Queen of the Universe grieves with you and extends to you our deepest sympathy and prayers. One of the greatest sources of consolation to a family at the time of death is the spiritual support provided by the funeral liturgy. It is through the prayers of the Church, the readings of Sacred Scripture, and celebration of the Eucharist that death is seen not as an end but as a beginning of a new life with God.

The involvement of a family in the choosing of readings, the selection of music and the designation of people for the various roles assumed at Mass helps the process of grieving and allows the family full participation in the liturgical life of the Church. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Enclosed, please find a planning sheet for preparing the funeral Mass in the center of the booklet. The guidelines can be explained to you by a representative of the parish. We kindly ask the family of the deceased to select which options you will use and list the names of the participants you choose. This needs to be returned to the Parish as soon as possible (at least one day before the Mass) so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. At the bottom of the Planning Sheet, please use the space to write any personal notes regarding the deceased's life of faith to assist the priest in celebrating the funeral liturgy. We are committed that we will do everything we can to make the liturgy both worthy and meaningful for your family.

Finally, please be aware that Eulogies or Words of Remembrance are no longer permitted in church. These should be said at the funeral home or the family gathering after the funeral.

May the Risen Lord bring eternal life to your loved one and a sense of peace to those who remain behind.

Sincerely yours,

The Clergy and Staff of Queen of the Universe Parish

# Section One: Selecting Readings



The selection of readings for a funeral liturgy should be seen as a comfort rather than a burden. If at any time you find it burdensome or overwhelming, please contact the rectory and we will assist you or if you wish, we may choose the readings for you. The following pages are provided for a two-fold purpose. First, to allow you to select readings which will properly place the funeral Mass for your loved one in a context of hope in the resurrection of Christ, that it is through His resurrection that He accomplishes our salvation. Second, they will allow you and your family to take an active role in preparing and celebrating the funeral Mass as two members of the family can act as readers, if desired. The Gospel will ordinarily be chosen by the priest.

There are a few things to keep in mind for anyone who wishes to read at a funeral Mass:

- It is preferable that anyone reading at a funeral Mass have some experience already of reading at Mass. If this is not possible, then the person(s) reading should be comfortable reading in front of people.
- The readers should try to check in with the sexton prior to the Mass when arriving at Church for any final instructions.
- Ordinarily, the priest may invite the reader(s) up to the pulpit after the Opening Prayer. The readers should exit their pew, bow to the altar in front, and then proceed to the pulpit to the left (facing the Altar). They may be seated behind the pulpit when not reading. After the First Reading, a Responsorial Psalm will be sung by the cantor and they may be seated at this time. After the readings are finished, the reader(s) will return to their seat after bowing to the altar.
- The reading may be done from this booklet as it is the same translation found in the lectionary or the lectionary may be used whichever is more convenient.

# First Reading- Old Testament

## 1.) A reading from the second book of Maccabees

2 Mc 12:43-46

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord

## 2.) A reading from the book of Job

Jb 19: 1,23-27

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead

they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,

and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing

The Word of the Lord

### 3a.) A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 3:1-9

*(long form)*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;

They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,  
and the LORD shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord



### 3b.) A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 3:1-6, 9

*(short form)*

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and no torment shall touch them.

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Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord

#### 4.) A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 4:7-14

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.  
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing  
of time,  
nor can it be measured in terms of years.  
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,  
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.  
He who pleased God was loved;  
he who lived among sinners was transported--  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind  
or deceit beguile his soul;  
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right  
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.  
Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the  
Fullness of a long career;  
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,  
therefore he sped him out of the midst of  
wickedness.  
But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take this into account.

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## 5.) A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Is 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will provide for all peoples

A feast of rich food and choice wines,  
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the LORD for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

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## 6.) A reading from the book of Lamentations

Lam 3:17-26

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the LORD.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
as my reason to have hope:  
The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;  
therefore will I hope in him.  
Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the LORD.

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## 7.) A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

Dn 12:1-3

I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:

"At that time there shall arise

Michael, the great prince,

guardian of your people;

It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress

since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape,

everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep

in the dust of the earth shall awake;

some shall live forever,

others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly

like the splendor of the firmament,

And those who lead the many to justice

shall be like the stars forever.

The Word of the Lord

# First Reading- Old Testament

*The first readings on the following pages are special readings for use only **during** the Easter Season. Please choose one.*

## **E1.) A reading from the book of Revelation**

**Rv 20:11 – 21:1**

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.

The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.

This pool of fire is the second death.

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

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## **E2.) A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word (that) he sent to the Israelites

as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

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### **E3.) A reading from the Book of Revelation**

**Rv 14:13**

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say,

"Write this:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," said the Spirit,

"let them find rest from their labors, for their works  
accompany them."

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# Second Reading - New Testament



*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.” ~ John 14:1*

## 1.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

**Rom 5:5-11**

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God  
has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit  
that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at  
the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just  
person, though perhaps for a good person one  
might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we were  
still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his  
blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled  
to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once  
reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Not only that, but we also boast of God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now  
received reconciliation.

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## 2.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

**Rom 5:17-21**

For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more,

So that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

### 3a.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 6:3-9

*(Long Form)*

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into  
Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into  
death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the  
dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live  
in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a  
death like his, we shall also be united with him in  
the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so  
that our sinful body might be done away with, that  
we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we  
shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no  
more; death no longer has power over him.

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### **3b.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**Romans 6:3-9**

*(Short Form)*

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into  
Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into  
death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the  
dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live  
in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we  
shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no  
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#### 4.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

**Rom 8:14-23**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

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## 5.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

**Rom 8:31-35,37-39**

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## 6.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Rom 14:7-12

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die,  
we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or  
die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he  
might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do  
you look down on your brother? For we shall all  
stand before the judgment seat of God;  
for it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord,  
every knee shall bend before me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then each of us shall give an account of  
himself to God.

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## 7.) A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 15:20-28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.

When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

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**8.) A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**1 Cor 15:51-57**

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall  
asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant,  
in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised  
incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with  
incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must  
clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself  
with incorruptibility and this which is mortal  
clothes itself with immortality, then the word that  
is written shall come about:

"Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**9.) A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**2 Cor 4:13 - 5:1**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in His presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen, but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

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**10.) A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**2 Cor 5:1,6-10**

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed, we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that  
while we are at home in the body we are away from the  
Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the  
body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at  
home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of  
Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according  
to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

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**11.) A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**

**Phil 3:20-21**

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also  
await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body to conform with his  
glorified body by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

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**12.) A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

**1 Thes 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

### 13.) A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

2 Tim 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him,  
we shall also live with him.

If we persevere,  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him,  
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful,  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

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## 14.) A reading from the first letter of John

1 Jn 3:1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed  
on us that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know  
us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like  
Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

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**15.) A reading from the first letter of John**

**1 Jn 3:14-16**

We know that we have passed from death to  
life because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,  
and you know that no murderer  
has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that  
he laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

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# **The Prayer of the Faithful** (General Intercessions)

*A member of the family or a friend may wish to participate by reading the Prayer of the Faithful.*

*This can be the one of the previous readers or someone else. Choose General Intercession I or II and mark it on the planning sheet.*

## General Intercessions I

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father where he intercedes for His Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Lector: Our response is — Hear our prayer.

Lector: In baptism, \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord in your mercy,  
**R. Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord in your mercy:  
**R. Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord in your mercy:  
**R. Hear our prayer**

Lector: The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord in your mercy:  
**R. Hear our prayer.**

Lector: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord in your mercy:  
**R. Hear our prayer.**

Priest: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## General Intercessions II

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to save all His people living and dead.

Lector: Our response is — Lord hear our prayer.

Lector: For \_\_\_\_\_ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints,  
we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, The Bread of Life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day,  
we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness,  
we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the family and friends of our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all of us gathered here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord hear our prayer.**

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

# Selecting Sacred Music





Another key component of a worthy funeral Mass is the selection of appropriate sacred music. The sacred music selections found on the following pages are chosen specifically due to their appropriateness to the funeral Mass. Other selections from our Parish Hymnal are possible. If there is a selection not found on the following pages that is in the hymnal, please call/email the Director of Music to discuss your choice. Ordinarily music found outside the hymnal is not permitted mostly due to copyright and licensing laws. The music is arranged to show the best use for each selection, however you are not limited to the categories listed. For example, if you want to use a song listed as a Communion Hymn for the Recessional, it is possible.

Ordinarily, the parish provides a cantor and an organist for the funeral Mass. Other instrumentalists besides an organist or cantor are ordinarily not permitted but again, exceptions can be made.

## Approved Music for Funeral Liturgies

(You may choose hymns not included on this list as long as they are included in our hymnal.)

### *Entrance Hymn*

Alleluia Sing to Jesus  
Be Not Afraid  
City of God  
Gather Us In  
Here I Am Lord  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Sing a New Song  
We Gather Together  
We Remember  
We Walk By Faith

### *Responsorial Psalm*

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd  
Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation  
Psalm 103 The Lord is kind and merciful  
Psalm 131 My soul is longing for your peace

### *Preparation of the Gifts*

Amazing Grace  
Blest Be the Lord  
Come to the Water  
Eye Has Not Seen  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Hosea  
I Have Loved You  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
Like a Shepherd

Only in God  
Only This I Want  
Prayer of Saint Francis  
Seek Ye First  
The Cry of the Poor  
We Are Many Parts  
We Remember  
You Are Mine

## ***Communion***

Amazing Grace	In Remembrance of Me
At Thy First Eucharist	O Lord I Am Not Worthy
Eat this Bread	One Bread, One Body
Eye Has Not Seen	Panis Angelicus
Gift of Finest Wheat	Soul of My Savior
I Am the Bread of Life	Taste and See
I Am the Living Bread	We Remember

## ***Communion Meditation (optional)***

Ave Maria or another suitable hymn

## ***Closing Hymn/Recessional***

A Mighty Fortress	Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee
City of God	Lift High the Cross
Crown Him With Many Crowns	Now Thank We All Our God
Faith of our Fathers	O God Our Help in Ages Past
For All the Saints	On Eagles Wings
Glory & Praise to Our God	Praise God From Whom All
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	Blessings Flow
How Great Thou Art	Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens
I Sing the Mighty Power of God	Praise to the Lord
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	Sing a New Song

*“Come to me,  
all you who labor and are burdened...*



*...and I will give you rest.”  
~ Matthew 11:28*