

## Music for the Mass of Christian Burial

Music Suggestions are based on the resources available at [Corpus Christi](#). (Taken from [Gather Comp II Hymnal](#))

**GATHERING PROCESSION:** Usually should be something easily sung by all the people gathered. A familiar song works best here.

Amazing Grace # 612	Joyful, Joyful We Adore You # 528
Be Not Afraid # 608	Alleluia Sing to Jesus # 853
Come To Me O Weary Traveler # 637	O God Our Help in Ages Past # 614
Lord of all Hopefulness # 578	We Shall Rise Again # 772
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say # 646	How Firm a Foundation # 606
Sing With All the Saints # 595	

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The psalm is one of the four readings from scripture that we hear at mass. The psalm is sung between the first reading and the second readings. The people sing a short refrain and the cantor or choir sings the verses to the psalm.

Psalm 23	My Shepherd is The Lord # 30	Psalm 84	Happy Are They #77
Psalm 23	Shepherd Me O God #31	Psalm 91	Be With me Lord # 85
Psalm 25	To You O Lord # 36	Psalm 91	On Eagles Wings # 611
Psalm 27	The Lord Is My Light # 39	Psalm 103	The Lord is Kind and Merciful #99 or 100
Psalm 62	In God Alone #59	Psalm 121	Our Help Comes from the Lord #119
Psalm 63	My Soul is Thirsting #60 or 61		

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Is sung before we listen to the gospel. During Lent we sing “Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.” All other times we sing “Alleluia”

**MUSIC FOR PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS:** We sing a song, or listen to instrumental music or a solo as the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

Be Not Afraid # 608	I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say # 646
You Are Mine # 649	Lord of all Hopefulness #578
How Great Thou Art # 494	Make Me A Channel of Your Peace #726
Amazing Grace # 612	How Can I Keep From Singing #603
We Walk By Faith # 590	Precious Lord Take My Hand #874
There Is A Balm in Gilead #648	The King of Love My Shepherd Is #635
With a Shepherd’s Care # 654	I Have Loved You #504
Shelter Me O God #636	Here I Am Lord #686

*SOLO SONGS – other sacred songs are also possible, this is a selection of the more commonly chosen solos.*

*Ave Maria, F. Schubert\*\**

*Ave Maria, Bach/Gounod\*\**

*Panis Angelicus, Cesar Franck\*\**

*God is My Shepherd, A. Dvorak\*\**

*Old Irish Blessing, D. Agay\*\**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us, JS Bach\*\**

*Pie Jesu, G. Fauré\*\**

*Come Unto Me, G.F. Handel\*\**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, G.F. Handel*

**MUSIC FOR THE EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS:** The Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Amen are sung.

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION:** We sing a song or a psalm with a shorter and more memorable refrain during communion. Some suggestions:

Be Not Afraid # 608

You Are Mine # 649

I Have Loved You #504

Eye Has Not Seen #638

On Eagles Wings # 611

Eat This Bread # 838

Here I Am Lord #686

I Am the Bread of Life #828

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart # 815

Take and Eat #831

Blest are They #659

Shepherd Me O God #30

Taste and See #47 or 814

**MUSIC FOR THE CLOSING RITES:** We honor the body or ashes with incense and sing the *In Paradisum* prayer. This is led by the cantor.

If the end of the funeral liturgy marks the beginning of the procession to the place of burial, we may use instrumental music or sing a song at this time. If there is no body, or the burial is postponed for some reason, singing a closing song can be appropriate, though not necessary. Some suggestions

Amazing Grace # 612

To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King #488

Alléluia Sing to Jesus # 853

Crown Him with Many Crowns #485

How Great Thou Art #494

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You #528

O God Our Help in Ages Past # 614

For All the Saints #793

Lord of All Hopefulness # 578

Sing With All the Saints in Glory # 442

We Walk By Faith # 590