

Music is an important part of Catholic funeral rites. Music allows convictions and feelings to be expressed that words alone may fail to convey. Music has the power to strengthen the faith and hope of those present. The hymns chosen should express the mystery of our salvation in Christ, namely, the saving power of the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. Funeral music should support, console, and uplift those present and help create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and should remind us to pray for the deceased. Secular songs (popular or non-religious songs), even though they may have been meaningful to the deceased or to the family, do not capture the Gospel message of hope nor the sacred quality of Christian worship. For those reasons, it is not possible to use secular songs for funeral services.

Many of these songs may be used other places during the funeral mass. The numbers reference the Breaking Bread Hymnal.

Entrance Hymn or Closing Hymn

Abide with Me BB 638
All Creatures of Our God and King BB 537
At the Lamb's High Feast BB 172
Be Not Afraid BB 427
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come BB 212
Crown Him with Many Crowns BB 743
For All the Saints BB 732
Glory and Praise to Our God BB 538
Grant Them Eternal Rest BB 836
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name BB 195
How Can I Keep from Singing BB 439
I Heard the Voice of Jesus BB 489
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (DUKE STREET) BB 577
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper) BB 690
In Every Age BB 487
Jerusalem, My Happy Home BB 618
Keep in Mind BB 680
Lead Me, Lord 629 Lord of All Hopefulness BB 394
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 458
Now Thank We All Our God BB 198
O God, Our Help in Ages Past BB 432
On Eagle's Wings BB 434
Sing with All the Saints in Glory BB 617
Soon and Very Soon BB 589
The King of Love My Shepherd Is BB 496
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns BB 51
The Lord is My Hope BB 495

The Strife Is O'er BB 578
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy BB 470
Though the Mountains May Fall BB 437
We Will Rise Again BB 444
What Wondrous Love is This BB 465

Offertory Hymns

All My Days BB 597
As the Deer Longs BB 451
Ave Maria (Schubert)
Ave Maria (Bach)
Be still, my soul BB 693
Be Thou My Vision BB 392
Blest Be the Lord BB 429
Come to Me BB 482
Come unto Me BB 524
Give Me Jesus BB 681
Go in Peace BB 682
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman BB 700
Holy Darkness BB 481
Hosea BB 672
How Great Thou Art BB 418
Isaiah 49 BB 615
Lord of All Hopefulness BB 394
O God, You Search Me BB 435
O loving God BB 687
Only in God BB 442
Only This I Want BB 517
Precious Lord, Take My Hand BB 695
Shelter Me, O God BB 488
Softly and Tenderly BB 664
The Lord is my Light BB 684
Prayer of St. Francis BB 502
There Is a Longing BB 397
The Cry of the Poor BB 622
You Are Near BB 433

Communion

Blest Are They BB 628
Bread of Life BB 323
Center of My Life BB 448
Gift of Finest Wheat BB 327
Here I Am, Lord BB 377
I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan) BB 343
I Am the Living Bread BB 347
Like a Shepherd BB 612

Taste and See BB 773
The Supper of the Lord BB 360
Unless a Grain of Wheat BB 509

Final Commendation

In Paradisum/May Angels Guide You (chant) BB 840

Song of Farewell (OLD HUNDREDTH) BB 839

Song of Farewell BB 688

Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Alstott) BB 837

Psalm 25

I Lift Up My Soul (Manion) BB 759

To You, O Lord (Soper) BB 760

Psalm 27

The Lord Is My Light (Alstott)

The Lord Is My Light (DeBruyn) BB 761

Psalm 42

As the Deer Longs (Hurd) BB 777

My Soul is Thirsting for you BB 776

Psalm 84

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Joncas) BB 790

Psalm 103

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Dufford) BB 807

Psalm 116

In the Presence of God (Kendzia) BB 812

Our Blessing Cup (Joncas) BB 813