

FUNERAL MUSIC SELECTIONS

As with all public Liturgies of the Church, music plays an integral part. The texts of the Mass parts and prayers for the Catholic funeral speak of the Lord's joyful resurrection and victory over death and in doing so offer consolation to those who grieve. In planning the music for a funeral, therefore, priority is given to the texts provided by the church for moments such as the Entrance Procession and during Communion because these texts have provided an objective source of consolation for mourners for centuries. In addition to these texts appointed by the Church, the family is invited to request hymns from our list of appropriate and common hymns, all of which have been selected because the texts speak powerfully of Christian hope in the face of death and are selections known to our musicians. Thus, please know that not all requested hymns may be accommodated, though we strive to do so.

Our Cathedral musicians will serve as organist and cantor. A monetary donation for the organist is greatly appreciated, though there is no prescribed fee. A small stipend of \$75 is requested for the cantor to support their time and talent. Fees to the cantor can be paid through the church office – cantors names are always printed on the back of the Mass program. We do request that fees be paid no later than 2 weeks following the service. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter.

The following are standard parts of the Liturgy and are sung at every Funeral Mass:

- PRELUDE: *Requiem aeternam* (sung by a cantor as the casket is brought into the church)
- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord' (refrain sung congregationally)
- HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: Chant Mass XVIII (sung by congregation)
- MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: 'Save us, Savior of the World' (sung by congregation)
- LAMB OF GOD: Chant Mass XVIII (sung by congregation)
- COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 'May light eternal' (refrain sung by congregation)
- COMMENDATION: 'Come to her/his aid' (sung by congregation as priest incenses the casket)
- RECESSIONAL: 'In Paradisum' (sung by a cantor as the casket leaves the church)

If desired, the family may choose one or two hymns from this list for use during either the Offertory or as an additional song during Communion:

- Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)
- At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (SALZBURG)
- Christ the Lord is Risen Today (LLANFAIR)
- Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (THE CALL)
- Crown Him With Many Crowns (DIADEMATA)
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD)
- I Know that My Redeemer Lives (DUNEDIN)
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home (LAND OF REST)
- Lord of All Hopefulness (SLANE)
- My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (RESIGNATION)
- Shepherd of Souls (ST AGNES)
- Soul of my Savior (ANIMA CHRISTI)
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST COLUMBA)

The best online resource to hear hymn selections is YouTube (www.youtube.com). Simply type in the name of the selection as it is listed on this sheet, including the word in all caps. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlynn Eaton, Interim Director of Music, by email (keaton@sjbcathedral.org) or by phone (318) 221-5296, x 114.