

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Music for funerals, as for any liturgy, should help people pray. Music expresses the hopes and beliefs of our faith in a way the spoken word cannot. At a funeral, the music should lead the assembled community to an awareness of the central mystery of the Christian faith, namely, our redemption from sin and death through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Secular or non-liturgical music is not appropriate at the funeral liturgy; it may be more appropriate at the Vigil or Wake Service.

*Select music that enables the assembly to pray by considering the makeup of the people expected. The following are suggested hymns found in the St. Michael hymnal that would be familiar to most Catholics. Those with an * would be especially familiar to many Protestants.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (choose 1)

Ps. 23 Shepherd Me, O God	31
Ps. 25 To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul	36
Ps. 27 The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation	39

HYMNS (choose 1 or 2)

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus *	853
Amazing Grace *	612
Be Not Afraid	608
Blest Are They (Beatitudes)	659
Center of My Life	598
For All the Saints	793
I Know That My Redeemer Lives *	430
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *	422
Lift Up Your Hearts	558
On Eagle's Wings *	611
Prayer of St. Francis	726
Sing With All the Saints (Ode to Joy) *	442
You Are Mine	649
You Are Near	604
We Walk By Faith	590

COMMUNION HYMNS (choose 1)

Eat This Bread	838
Eye Has Not Seen	638
Gift of Finest Wheat	815
I Am the Bread of Life	828
We Remember	593