Music Choices for Funerals

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Some pieces are marked as "Outside of Lent only." During Lent, we are to refrain from use of the word "Alleluia" during the Liturgy.

Processional Hymn

The processional hymn accompanies the procession of the urn or casket from the back of the church up towards the sanctuary.

- All Creatures of Our God and King (Outside of Lent Only)
- <u>Amazing Grace</u>
- How Firm a Foundation
- How Great Thou Art
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home
- Director of Music's Choice
- Other: _____

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm is part of the Liturgy of the Word and is sung in between the first and second reading. There is an antiphon sung by all followed by verses sung by the cantor. The Church gives us approved translations of the texts to each psalm, and each text is set musically by composers.

- Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
 - o Gelineau (My shepherd is the Lord)
 - o <u>Guimont</u>
 - Haugen (Shepherd Me O God)
 - o <u>Ostrowski</u>
- Psalm 23: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life
 - o <u>Guimont</u>
- Psalm 27: The lord is my light and my salvation
 - o <u>Alstott</u>
 - o <u>Proulx</u>
- Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful.
 - o <u>Haugen</u>
 - o <u>Ostrowski</u>
- Director of Music's Choice
- Other: _____

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Acclamation is the "Alleluia" that we sing before the proclamation of the Gospel. During Lent, when saying "Alleluia" is not permitted, we instead sing "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ" or something similar.

- Outside of Lent
 - o Gregorian Chant Mode VI
 - o Celtic Alleluia
- During Lent
 - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ (Alstott)
 - Lenten Gospel Acclamation from the Mass of <u>Renewal</u>
- Director of Music's Choice
- Other: _____

Offertory

During the offertory, family members or friends <u>who are</u> <u>baptized and professing Christians</u> will bring up the gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is customary to have a hymn here, although you can also have a vocal solo.

- Hymn
 - o 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
 - o Abide with Me
 - o <u>Be Still My Soul</u>
 - o Christ in Me Arise
 - o The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- Vocal Solo
 - o Ave Maria (Schubert)
 - o Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)
 - o Panis Angelicus (Franck)
 - o The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)
 - o Domine Jesu Christe (chant)
- Director of Music's Choice
- Other: _____

Communion Hymn

The Communion Hymn is sung as the congregation receives Holy Communion.

- One Bread, One Body (Foley)
- Gift of Finest Wheat (Kreutz)
- Taste And See (Angrisano)
- Soul of My Savior
- Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless
- O Sacrament Most Holy
- <u>Hymn of Heaven</u>
- Other: _____
- Music Director's Choice

Optional Post-Communion Meditation

After Communion, there is another opportunity for a vocal solo, instrumental music, or another hymn

- Vocal Solo
 - o Ave Maria (Schubert)
 - o Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)
 - o Panis Angelicus (Franck)
 - o The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)
- Other: _____
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Song of Commendation

The Song of Commendation is sung during the incensing of the remains. This is the final goodbye before commend the deceased to the love of God.

- <u>Celtic Song of Farewell (based on the tune of "Danny</u> <u>Boy")</u>
- The Hand of God Shall Hold You
- In Paradisum (chant)
- Quietly, Peacefully
- Song of Farewell (OLD HUNDREDTH)
- Songs of the Angels (Bob Dufford)

Recessional

This hymn will be sung as the funeral recesses out of the church.

- For All the Saints (Outside of Lent Only)
- How Firm a Foundation
- How Great Thou Art
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home
- On Eagle's Wings
- Sing with All the Saints in Glory
- The Strife is O'er (Outside of Lent Only)
- <u>We Shall Rise Again</u>
- Other: _____
- Music Director's Choice