

Funeral Song Suggestions

☞ Here are the parts of the Catholic Ceremony where music would be used:

**Remember to also contact the organist/pianist/other for any solo instrumental suggestions*

Prelude, Gathering Hymn, Responsorial Psalm, Presentation of the Gifts, Communion, Recessional, Postlude

☞ These are popular and beautiful! You could put these just about anywhere!

"Ave Maria" by Schubert or Bach/Gounod.

"Pie Jesu" by Andrew Lloyd Webber or Gabriel Fauré

"Panis Angelicus" or the English version "O Lord Most Holy" by César Franck

"The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

"In the Garden"

"The Old Rugged Cross" by George Bennard

☞ These are some songs from the Gather Hymnal that work well as Gathering hymns, Communion hymns, Recessional hymns.

(We have underlined some of our favorites!)

612 Amazing Grace

494 How Great Thou Art

608 Be Not Afraid

504 I Have Loved You

649 You Are Mine

756 Morning Has Broken

678 City of God

654 With a Shepherd's Care

399 Deep Within

686 Here I Am, Lord

726 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

611 On Eagles Wings

602 Though the Mountains May Fall

654 With a Shepherd's Care

696 Lord When You Came / Pescador de Hombres

590 We Walk by Faith

603 How Can I Keep from Singing

617 Blest Be the Lord

654 With a Shepherd's Care

636 Shelter Me, O God

638 Eye Has Not Seen

604 You Are Near

390 Jerusalem, My Destiny

☞ These songs are also from the Gather Hymnal and are pretty much exclusively Communion hymns

815 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

830 One Bread, One Body

834 Seed, Scattered and Sown

843 Look Beyond

844 Without Seeing You

828 I Am the Bread of Life / Yo Soy el Pan de Vida

822 Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup

814 Taste and See

☞ The Responsorial Psalm is often read, but several have been put to music *(Underlined are the most popular for funerals)*

31 Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

39 Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light

47 Psalm 34: Taste and See

95 Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth

99 Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

137 Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name

138 Psalm 145: Our God Is Compassion

☞ These are the most popular choices for the Final Commendation

862 Saints of God

863 In Paradisum

864 Song of Farewell

☞ We would be happy to sing any requests (in any language), provided that we receive the music in plenty of time before the ceremony and that it is approved by the Church in which the ceremony will take place. Languages the Heath Sisters have sung in include English, Spanish, Italian, Latin, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Czech, Finnish, and Welsh.