Sacred Music for the Rite of Christian Funerals (2026 Edition)

Bereavement Ministers should request that the family choose music from the hymns listed below. Funeral music should reflect Christ's Paschal Mystery in accordance with the Church, Christ being the focus within all aspects of Liturgy. Thank you.

Processional and Recessional Hymns:

All People That on Earth Do Dwell – Gather #853

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus – Gather #949

Amazing Grace – Gather #645

Be Thou My Vision – Adoremus #623

For All the Saints – Gather #884

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – Gather #615

How Great Thou Art – Gather #578

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say – Gather #724

I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Gather #527

Jerusalem, My Happy Home – Gather #870

Lead, Kindly Light – Adoremus #578

Lift High the Cross – Gather #881

Lord of All Hopefulness – Gather #663

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – Gather #641

Morning Has Broken or This Day God Gives Me (same tune) – Gather #855 or 856

O God, Our Help in Ages Past – Gather #688

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven – Gather #613

Sing with All the Saints in Glory – Gather #539

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns – Gather #414

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Gather #467

We Shall Rise Again – Gather #871

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Offertory, Communion and Meditation Hymns:

Please choose ONE Offertory hymn and ONE Communion hymn.

Be Not Afraid – Gather #683

Center of My Life – Gather #679

Come to Me – Gather #731

Eat This Bread – Gather #941

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman – Gather #889

Healer of Our Every Ill – Gather #960

I Receive the Living God – Gather #916

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light – Gather #593

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All – Adoremus #516

Like a Shepherd – Gather #402

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God – Gather #902

O God, You Search Me – Gather #581

On Eagle's Wings – Gather #691

Prayer of St. Francis/Make Me a Channel of Your Peace – Gather #828

Quietly, Peacefully (Tune: Dvorak's "New World Symphony" No. 9, Mvmt. II) – Gather #713

Shepherd of My Heart – Gather #723

Shepherd of Souls – Gather #910

Shelter Me O God – Gather #717

Take and Eat – Gather #950

Take My Heart, O Lord – Gather #650

Taste and See – Gather #930

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is – Gather #712

The Servant Song – Gather #751

Transform Us – Gather #878

Ubi Caritas (Bob Hurd) – Gather #696

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What Wonderous Love Is This – Gather #642

Where Charity and Love Prevail – Gather #706

You Are Near – Gather #695

Additional Meditation Songs (OPTIONAL):

*If selecting a Meditation Song, please choose only ONE. Please note that the list below shows common selections for Communion Meditations that are **not** found in the congregation's hymnals; therefore, these selections will be cantor solos or instrumental solos.*

Abide With Me

Ave Verum Corpus by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Instrumental)

Ave Maria by Franz Schubert

- Note: this will be instrumental if a cantor is not hired

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Panis Angelicus by César Franck

Pie Jesu by Gabriel Fauré

The Supper of the Lord

Recommended Psalm Selections:

Additional psalm settings beyond the ones listed below may be considered for the Mass upon communication with the Director of Music.

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God – Gather #35

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul – Gather #39

Psalm 34: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord – Gather #46

Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting for You, My God – Gather #57

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful – Gather #72

Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord – Gather #84

Psalm 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy – Gather #87

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Song of Farewell:

The In Paradisum (i.e., May Choirs of Angels and other names) chant, shown below, is the standard, preferred option for the Song of Farewell. If requesting an alternative Song of Farewell, the Director of Music will provide additional options that have are pre-approved.

In Paradisum Chant (in Latin or English) – Gather #977 (note: the translation is listed in Gather)

Additional Notes for Selection:

Songs not listed here must be approved by the Director of Music for appropriateness within the Funeral Rite as well as for compliance with current copyright law and licensing purchased by St. Joseph Catholic Church, Crescent Springs.

Requests for songs in languages other than English should be requested and approved as soon as possible for learning or hiring purposes, if needed. Pre-approved languages by Director of Music, Regina Rancourt (updated: 2026), include Latin, Spanish and German.

Note: The Diocese of Covington does not allow the use of hymns and psalm settings by David Haas due to sexual misconduct and overall maltreatment of women. In the case of accidental selections of songs by this composer, the Director of Music will choose an appropriate replacement.

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