

Saint Benedict Church

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Liturgical Preparation for the Funeral Mass

This guide has been prepared to assist you in making preparations for a Funeral Mass. While you are encouraged to make selections, please remember that, if you would like, all selections can be made for you. You may make all the selections or as few as you wish. The music director will place your songs in the most appropriate spots. Please consult with the priest, parish secretary, or music director for assistance. Please try to inform the parish of your choices as soon as possible (24 hours is appreciated) so that the program can be printed.

Songs

You may select songs for the:

- Opening (as the procession moves from the back of the church to the altar)
- Responsorial Psalm (after the First Reading)
- Preparation of the Gifts (offertory - following the Intercessions)
- Communion (as Communion is distributed)
- Meditation (an **optional** song that follows the Communion song. Normally not used when there is a eulogy)
- Closing (as the procession moves from the altar to the rear of the church)

The following are just some suggested titles. **Other songs may also be acceptable but they must be of a sacred, biblical or liturgical nature.** Please note that the *Song of Farewell* (May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...) is always sung and does not need to be selected.

Abide With Me	Give Us, O Lord
All are Welcome	Gift of Finest Wheat
All Creatures of Our God and King	Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
All that is Hidden	Here at this Table
Amazing Grace	Here I Am Lord
Ave Maria (Norbet)	Hosea
Be Not Afraid	How Can I Keep from Singing
Behold the Lamb	How Great Thou Art
Bread for the World	I Am the Bread of Life
Come Christians Join to Sing	I Have Loved You
Christ Be Beside Me	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Christ Be Our Light	I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	I, the Lord
Eye Has Not Seen	In Christ Alone
Flow River Flow	In Every Age
For All the Saints	In the Land There is a Hunger
Gather Us In	Irish Blessing
Gather Your People	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Lift High the Cross
Lord of All Hopefulness
Lord of the Dance
Lord You Have Come to the Seashore
Magnificat
O God, Beyond All Praising
O God, You Search Me
On Eagle's Wings
One in Body, Heart and Mind
Only This I Want
Open My Eyes
Peace is Flowing Like a River
Prayer of St. Francis
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Rain Down
River of Glory
Seek Ye First
Shepherd Me O God

Sing a New Church
Sing of the Lord's Goodness
Table of Plenty
Taste and See
The King of Love
The Lord is My Light
The Servant Song
The Summons
The Supper of the Lord
There is a Longing
This Day was Made by the Lord
Turn to Me
Ubi Caritas
Unless a Grain of Wheat
We Remember
We Shall Rise Again
We Walk By Faith
Worthy is the Lamb