

**St. James the Greater Roman Catholic Church
Concord, NC**

**Music Guidelines
for a
Funeral Mass**

Planning the funeral for a loved one is never easy. Music is an important facet of the funeral mass. We hope that the following guides and suggestions will be helpful in completing the arrangements for the funeral mass.

Pianists - The pianist will provide the music as you select from a full mass to just a few select hymns. You will need to contact one of the recommended pianists and make arrangements for their services. The family is responsible for agreeing upon the fee with the musician and paying the musician at the time of service. Many families direct the funeral home representative to attend to the task of paying the musicians. Ultimately it is the family's responsibility to contact, acquire and pay for the services of all musicians.

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Cantors - A cantor may be available to lead mass parts, hymns and do solo work as requested by the family. Please contact Linda Palko to check availability for various cantors.

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Rite of Funeral Mass – Order of Music

Introductory Rite

Greeting

Processional Hymn**

Opening Hymn

Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Psalm*

Reading II

Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel

Homily

Profession of Faith

General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts – Hymn**
Eucharistic Prayer
Sanctus/Holy, Holy*
Memorial Acclamation – Christ Has Died*
Amen*
Lord's Prayer
Passing of Peace of Christ
Agnus Dei/Lamb of God*
Communion Hymn**
Concluding Prayer

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell*
Prayer of Commendation
Procession to the Place of Committal – Hymn**

*Full Mass with all mass parts played/sung and all appropriate hymns. Full mass parts can be found on page 137 in the Gather 2 Hymnal.

**Abbreviated music- mass parts spoken, hymns for processional, preparation of gifts, communion, and procession to place of committal

Selection of Music -Families are encouraged to select music that is meaningful to them. The following hymns are *only* suggestions. Page numbers are taken from the GIA Gather 2 Hymnal. An accompanist edition of the hymnal is on the shelf beside the piano in the sanctuary.

Processionals

I Know That My Redeemer Lives #454
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #483
Come Now, Almighty King #486
Praise to you, O Christ Our Savior #517
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #519
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You #520
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #536

Psalm – There are many Psalm Settings in the Hymns beginning on page #17.

Psalm 23 “Shepherd me, O God” #23

Preparation of Gifts – This is a good place to include a favorite hymn.

Communion – The songs for The Eucharist can be found beginning on page #803

Bread of Life from Heaven #803
Song of the Body of Christ #807
Let Us Be Bread #808
One Bread, One Body #813
You Satisfy the hungry Heart #816
I Am the Bread of Life #822

Recessionals

Amazing Grace #589
May the Angels Lead You into Paradise #861
Eagle's Wings #593