

Funeral Hymns

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Music in the Funeral Rites allows the community to express its convictions and feelings, in ways that words alone may fail to fully convey. The emotions of sorrow and pain, of fear and trust, of loss and hope - all so intertwined in times of death and grieving - can find meaningful expression in a careful, prayerful selection of the hymns for the funeral.

With this in mind, the following is a list of time-honored, favorite hymns - most often chosen for funerals - from which you may choose beautifully moving hymns, to accompany the various parts of the Funeral Liturgy.

Please Note: All hymns/music used in Catholic Liturgies at St. Pius X Parish, are limited to the selections contained in the *Breaking Bread* hymnal. This volume contains beautiful liturgical hymns, composed especially for worship, with which our parishioners, our choirs, and our musicians are familiar. Songs not included in *Breaking Bread* hymnal - whether secular or religious, whether instrumental or vocal - are not permitted for a Catholic Funeral Liturgy. Instead, the most appropriate place for these special songs tends to be either during visitation hours at the funeral home, or at a subsequent family gathering.

For a Funeral *Ceremony*, choices include both an Opening Hymn and a Closing Hymn.

Opening Hymn (pg. 3): _____

Closing Hymn (pg. 6): _____

For a Funeral *Mass*, in addition to the Opening and Closing Hymns, choices also include an Offertory Hymn and a Communion Hymn.

Opening Hymn (pg. 3): _____

Offertory Hymn (pg. 4): _____

Communion Hymn (pg. 5): _____

Closing Hymn (pg. 6): _____

Opening Hymns:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Faith of Our Fathers

How Great Thou Art

Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

On Eagle's Wings

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Offertory Hymns:

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Blest Are They

Center of My Life

Eye Has Not Seen

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Here I Am, Lord

Hosea

I Am the Bread of Life

I Have Loved You

Like a Shepherd

My Soul Rejoices

On Eagle's Wings

Peace Is Flowing Like a River

Prayer of St. Francis

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

We Have Been Told

We Remember

What Wondrous Love Is This

You Are Mine

Communion Hymns:

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Blest Are They

Center of My Life

Eat This Bread

Eye Has Not Seen

Gift of Finest Wheat

How Great Thou Art

I Am the Bread of Life

I Have Loved You

I Received the Living God

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Like a Shepherd

On Eagle's Wings

One Bread, One Body

Prayer of St. Francis

Taste and See

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

We Remember

What Wondrous Love Is This

Closing Hymns:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Christ, Be Our Light

Faith of Our Fathers

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

How Great Thou Art

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Lord of All Hopefulness

My Soul Rejoices

Now Thank We All Our God

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

On Eagle's Wings

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

We Walk by Faith