



Funeral Music at St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish

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The funeral Mass is the Church's profound prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased, commending him/her to God. Because it is Mass, as with all Masses, funeral music must adhere to the Church's instructions on liturgical sacred music. It must express the Truth of the Catholic Faith, serve the liturgical action, align with the Church's rich tradition of sacred music, and express authentic Catholic ecclesiology and sacramental theology.

Not all hymns and songs meet these criteria, even many of those found in familiar hymnals. Therefore, to help you select Catholic liturgical music well suited to the funeral Mass, we provide a list of hymns from our hymnal (Source & Summit) approved for use at funeral Masses for your selection. We also propose several favorite devotional songs that may be sung as a prelude before the liturgy begins, if desired.

At all funerals at St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish, the following are sung:

- **Entrance Antiphon** (Requiem Aeternam...) during the procession & incensing
- **Communion Antiphon** (Let Perpetual Light...)
- **Final Commendation** (Saints of God, come to his/her aid...)
- **In Paradisum chant** before the closing hymn.

Additionally, the ordinary of the Mass (Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei) is assigned by the Director of Sacred Music.

You may select music for:

- **Prelude**
- **Offertory Hymn**
- **Communion Hymn**
- **Closing Hymn**

Please note that we are not able to accommodate requests for Mass music other than the options provided in this form. If you have other music you wish to use as part of this time of mourning and celebration of the deceased's life, you are encouraged to include it at the bereavement meal or in other non-liturgical gatherings.

A list of music approved for funeral Masses is on the following page. We recommend using the guided liturgy planning form at www.sciotocatholic.org/funeral-mass to submit your selections. You can also provide your selections to the Director of Sacred Music at patrick@sciotocatholic.org, or call 740-354-5441 x1013.



Devotional Prelude Options:

- Reverent silence
- Soft organ
- Ave Maria (Schubert)
- How Great Thou Art
- Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- On Eagle's Wings
- Here I Am, Lord
- Prayer of St. Francis
- I Have Loved You
- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
- I Am the Bread of Life

Offertory Hymn Options:

- Offertory "Proper" Antiphon (Deus, Deus Meus)
- Faith of Our Fathers
- There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- Abide with Me
- Beautiful Savior
- What Wondrous Love Is This
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- Be Thou My Vision

Communion Hymn Options:

- Soul of My Savior
- O Jesus, We Adore Thee
- Godhead Here in Hiding / Adoro Te Devote
- Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All
- Ave Verum (chant)
- Panis Angelicus (hymn)
- Sing, My Tongue, the Savior's Glory
- O Lord, I Am Not Worthy
- Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist

Closing Hymn Options:

- All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- Faith of Our Fathers
- Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- Praise to the Holiest In the Height