

St. Ambrose Funeral Liturgy 2025

Music Selection

As a parish family, we want to begin by offering our condolences on the loss of your loved one. Because the Mass is a public act of worship of the church, the parish takes the selection for the music in the funeral liturgy very seriously. Music should be sacred and reflect the idea of resurrection and hope.

You may have in mind some specific songs which may or may not be appropriate during the Mass. Below is a song list with suggestions for various points during the Mass. There are many songs not listed that may also be appropriate. Kim Boatman is the St. Ambrose funeral coordinator. She will assist you in choosing your music. St. Ambrose Music Director, Darren Modde, has the final decision on what songs are appropriate to play/sing. He will assign a parish cantor to lead the congregation in prayer and song. A family may choose to hire their own musician or cantor if this person has experience singing for Catholic funeral liturgies or is well versed in Catholic music repertoire.

Some music is not appropriate for a funeral Mass. For example, *O Danny Boy* is a wonderful song, but because it does not have sacred words, it is not appropriate for a Catholic Mass. The sacred and communal nature of our Catholic Funeral Mass requires careful planning in the selection of music. Because of the sacredness of the Mass, secular instrumental or vocal music, or the use of recorded music of any kind may not be used.

If you need assistance in selection of your music, Darren Modde is happy to help in this process. Please contact him: darren@stambroseonthehill.com or 314-216-0105.

The entrance, Communion, and recessional hymns should be selections that the congregation should be encouraged to sing. Solos are more appropriate during offertory, or as a Communion meditation.

Your selections should include the following:

Entrance

Responsorial Psalm (text only)

Offertory

Communion

Final Commendation

Recessional

These songs are appropriate for Entrance or Recessional:

All Creature of Our God and King #537	Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee #541
Alleluia Sing to Jesus #714	Lead Me, Lord #725
Amazing Grace #571	Let There Be Peace on Earth #508
Be Not Afraid #563	Lord of All Hopefulness #412
Canticle of the Sun #470	O God Beyond All Praising #532
Christ Be Our Light #518	On Eagle's Wings #565
City of God #385	The King of Love My Shepherd Is #450
Holy God We Praise Thy Name #206	To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King #736
I Know that My Redeemer Lives #674	We Shall Rise Again #675

These responsorial psalms (texts) have music settings:

Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want
Psalm 25: To you O Lord I lift my soul
Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalm 40: Here I am Lord I come to do your will
Psalm 42: As a deer longs for running streams, so I long for you O Lord
Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful
Psalm 130: Out of the depths I cry to you Lord

These songs are appropriate for Offertory or Communion:

Abide With Me #628	In This Place #308
All Is Well with My Soul #462	One Bread One Body #327
All My Days	Only In God #578
Ave Maria by Schubert (solo)	Open My Eyes #409
Bread of Angels (Panis Angelicus) #376	Prayer of St. Francis #510
Come To Jesus (Maher)	Seek Ye First #574
Come to the Water #611	Servant Song #388
Eye Has Not Seen #464	Stand By Me #400
Give Me Ears to Listen #645	Taste and See #337
Hail Mary Gentle Woman #684	The Summons #391
Here I Am Lord #393	There Is a Season #449
How Can I Keep From Singing #569	These Alone Are Enough #405
How Great Thou Art #469	This Alone #397
I Am the Bread of Life #355	This is My Song #729
In Christ Alone #414	You Are Near #572

These songs are appropriate for the Final Commendation:

Go In Peace #676	O Loving God #670
Go Light Your World (Troccoli)	Peace I Leave With You #509
I Know That My Redeemer Lives #674	Song of Farewell (Old Hundredth) #815
Irish Blessing #381	Song of Farewell #682
Litany of the Saints #707	Song of Farewell (Celtic)

There are appropriate Italian songs that you may want played instrumentally or sung at the funeral:

Col sole che nasce	Mira il tuo popolo
Di Te Vorrei	Nome dolcissimo
La Vera Gioia	Pane di vita nuova
Laudamus Te	Santa Lucia
Lodate dio	T'Adoriam ostia divina
Luce divina	Vi Adoro