**Music Suggestions for Vigils, Funerals or Memorials**

Music is a form of prayer that expresses deep feelings and convictions that words alone cannot. As we celebrate the lives of our loved ones, and mourn their passing, music can play a powerful part in celebrating, lamenting, healing and offering hope during a difficult time. Luckily, there are a multitude of hymns that express our fundamental Christian belief; namely, that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we are offered the promise of eternal life.

Those planning a vigil, funeral or memorial liturgy are encouraged to incorporate songs that are scripturally and liturgically based. While the below suggestions are not a complete list, most of these songs can be found in parish hymnals

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**Processional/Gathering Songs**

Amazing Grace Be Not Afraid

Blest Are They

Center of My Life

Christ Is Alive

Come to Me

Eye Has Not Seen

I Received the Living God

I Want to Walk as the Child of the Light

Jesus, Remember Me

Holy is Your Name

How Can I Keep From Singing

Sing a New Song

You are Mine

You are Near

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

**Sung Psalm**

Ps. 23 Shepherd Me, O God Ps. 25 To You, O Lord Ps. 27 The Goodness of the Lord Ps. 27 In the Land of the Living Ps. 27 The Lord is My Light Ps. 63 My Soul is Thirsting Ps. 118 This is the Day the Lord Has Made

**Presentation of the Gifts**

*This part of the Mass is very short since there is no collection as on Sunday.*

Be with Me, O Lord Come Unto Me Deep River Like a Child Rests Shelter Me, O God

**Communion**

Behold the Lamb I Am the Bread of Life On Eagle's Wings Eye Has Not Seen My Soul in Stillness Waits Be Not Afraid Pan de Vida Seed, Scattered and Sown Taste and See Song of the Body of Christ Let Us Break Bread Together My Soul is Longing You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**Post Communion Meditation**

Ave Maria (solo) Notre Dame Alma Mater (See Below) Panis Angelicus (solo)

**Final Commendation (Song of Farewell):**

May the Angels Lead You into Paradise The Lord is Good to All Who Call on Him May Saints and Angels Lead You On

**Recessional:**

Celtic Song of Farewell (solo) Jesus Christ is Risen I Am the Bread of Life I Know that My Redeemer Lives Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones For All the Saints Baptized in Water This Is the Feast of Victory The Strife is O'er Sing a New Song Sing to the Mountains Soon and Very Soon We Shall Rise Again