



Mass of Resurrection: Celebrating the Catholic Funeral Rite

Perhaps more than any other Sacramental Experience, the planning of a Funeral for a loved one can provide us with an opportunity to both assess, and express, what is at the core of our identity as believers.

More than just the commendation of our loved one to their eternal rest, the Funeral Rites celebrate the sacramental and communal foundation of our relationship with our loving God. We speak of our connection to the particular loved one who has entered eternal life, but we celebrate as well the entire Communion of Saints, all those whose lives on earth are now richly fulfilled in their unity with the Creator.

Our statement is a witness to those countless believers throughout time and throughout the world, one with us in spirit, connected to us in the Body of Christ, who affirm our faith and who in turn promise their commitment to support us on our journey.

With this in mind, it's natural that the music chosen celebrate this uniquely personal, yet fundamentally communal and Sacramental experience. The following outline offers suggestions for a blend of contemporary and traditional music reflecting this sacramental, personal and communal experience.

The simplicity or complexity of the musical accompaniment/instrumentation is, of course, up to the family. The parish has an assortment of musicians who can be engaged to facilitate the music and the prayer of all who come to celebrate the joy of this day using everything from keyboard and guitar to horns, woodwinds and percussion. It is ideal when the very pastoral musicians who minister at the parish and who are known to the congregation are called on to provide musical leadership and accompaniment for this event which is not only a "family and friends" experience, but a parish community celebration of Resurrection as well.

<i>Prelude</i>	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Bach	Instrumental
	Ode to Joy	Beethoven	Instrumental
	Song of Peace	Sibelius	Instrumental
	Simple Gifts	Shaker Tune	Instrumental
<i>Gathering</i>	Gather Us In	Song of the Body of Christ	
	We Are God's People	Hosea	
	I Am the Bread of Life	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
	Sing A New Church	All Creatures of Our God and King	
	We Gather Together	For the Beauty of the Earth	
	What Is This Place?	Be Not Afraid	
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	Psalm 23 (My Shepherd Is The Lord)	Psalm 23 (Shepherd Me, O God)	
	Psalm 25 (To You O Lord I Lift My Soul)	Psalm 27 (The Lord Is My Light)	
	Psalm 33 (The Earth Is Full)	Psalm 34 (Taste and See)	

Psalm 42 (Restless Is the Heart)
Psalm 91 (Be With Me, Lord)
Psalm 128 (Blest Are Those)

Psalm 63 (Your Love Is Finer than Life)
Psalm 103 (The Lord Is Kind)
Psalm 130 (With the Lord There Is Mercy)

Alleluia

Mass of Creation
Hughes

Celtic Alleluia
Gregorian

Easter Alleluia
Mass of Light

Preparation of the Eucharistic Gifts

On Eagle's Wings
We Walk by Faith
I Have Loved You
Simple Gifts
You Are Near
Like A Child Rests
The Lord Is My Light
Where Love Is Found
The Lord Is My Light
I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light
Now the Green Blade Rises

Here I Am, Lord
Amazing Grace
Shelter Me, O God
You Are Mine
Blest Are They
No Greater Love
Sprit Seeking Light
Balm in Gilead
We have Been Told

Where Charity and Love Prevail
The Living God My Shepherd Is
Ubi Caritas
God Beyond All Names
Eye Has Not Seen
Hosea
Daylight Fades
May We Praise You, O Lord
O Filii et Filiae
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Wake, O Wake, Sleep No Longer

Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of Light
Gregorian

Mass of Creation
Mass of Hope

Community Mass

Communion

One Bread, One Body
Take and Eat
Restless Is the Heart
We Walk by Faith
Shepherd of Souls
Confitemini Domino
In Every Age

Eat This Bread
Ubi Caritas
Unless A Grain of Wheat
Hold Me In Life
My Shepherd Lord
Nada Te Turbe
We Will Rise Again

Taste and See
I Am the Bread of Life
Now We Remain
Precious Lord, Take My hand
Jesus, Remember Me
Healer of Our Every Ill
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Post Communion Reflective Pieces

Ave Verum Corpus
Pie Jesu
Ave Maria

Adoro Te Devote
Balm In Gilead
Were You There? (Resurrection verses)

Panis Angelicus
I Received the Living God

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell
Come to His/Her Aid, O Saints of God (O Waly Waly/Old 100th)

In Paradisium

Recessional

I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
The Strife Is O'er
For All the Saints
What Wondrous Love Is This?
How Can I Keep From Singing?
Sing With All the Saints in Glory
Though the Mountains May Fall
Shall We Gather at the River
In Christ There Is No East or West

City of God
Be Not Afraid
We Are Called
Water Music (Handel)
For the Beauty of the Earth
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
We Will Rise Again
All Creatures of Our God and King
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Lord of All Hopefulness

Secular Songs with Spiritual Mesasge

In the Arms of the Angels (Sarah Mclaughlin)
The Prayer (Andrea Bocelli/Celine Dion)

You raise me Up (Josh Groban)