

Suggested Hymns for Christian Funerals

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| All of us go down to the dust..... | --- | 223 | Oh, happy day when we shall stand.. | 351 | 441 |
| Alleluia! Jesus is risen! | 674 | 377 | Oh, what their joy | 337 | |
| Amazing grace | 448 | 779 | On eagle's wings | 779 | 787 |
| Beautiful Savior | 518 | 838 | On Jordan's stormy bank I stand..... | --- | 437 |
| Blessed assurance..... | 699 | 638 | Precious Lord, take my hand | 731 | 773 |
| Blessing, honor, and glory | --- | 433 | Shall we gather at the river..... | 690 | 423 |
| Borning cry | 770 | 732 | Sing with all the saints in glory | 691 | 426 |
| Children of the heavenly Father | 474 | 781 | Soon and very soon | 744 | 439 |
| Come away to the skies..... | 669 | | The King of love my | | |
| For all the saints | 174 | 422 | shepherd is (Ps 23)..... | 456 | 502 |
| Guide me ever, great Redeemer | 343 | 618 | The Lord's my shepherd (Ps 23)..... | 451 | 778 |
| He leadeth me; O blessed thought! | 501 | | Thine is the glory | 145 | 376 |
| How great thou art | 532 | 856 | Thine the amen, thine the praise..... | 801 | 826 |
| I am the Bread of life | 702 | 485 | This joyful Eastertide..... | 676 | 391 |
| I know of a sleep in Jesus' name | 342 | | Thy holy wings..... | 741 | 613 |
| I know that my Redeemer lives! | 352 | 619 | Wake, awake, for night is flying | 31 | 436 |
| I want to walk as a child of the light | 649 | 815 | We are the Lord's..... | 399 | |
| In peace and joy I now depart..... | --- | 440 | We walk by faith and not by sight | 675 | 635 |
| In the morning when I rise | 777 | 770 | We were baptized in Christ Jesus..... | 698 | 451 |
| Into paradise may the angels lead you --- | 222 | | We who dwell in the shelter | | |
| Jerusalem, my happy home..... | 331 | 628 | of the Lord | 779 | |
| Jesus Christ, my sure defense..... | 340 | 621 | What wondrous love is this..... | 385 | 666 |
| Jesus lives! The victory's won! | 133 | | Who is this host arrayed in white..... | 314 | 425 |
| Jesus shall reign..... | 530 | 434 | | | |
| Jesus, remember me..... | 740 | 616 | Solo Favorites | | |
| Jesus, still lead on..... | 341 | 624 | Psalm settings, especially of Psalm 23, 121, | | |
| Let us ever walk with Jesus | 487 | 802 | 42:1-7; 46:1-7, 143 | | |
| Lo! He comes with clouds descending --- | 435 | | Shepherd Me, O God; Marty Haugen (Ps 23) | | |
| Lord of all hopefulness | 469 | 765 | Day by day | | |
| My faith looks up to thee | 479 | 759 | On Eagle's Wings; Michael Joncas | | |
| My Lord, what a morning | 627 | 438 | Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace | | |
| O blessed spring..... | 695 | 447 | Lord's Prayer | | |
| O Christ the same | 778 | 760 | Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling | | |
| O God, our help in ages past..... | 320 | 632 | | | |
| O God, whose will is life and good | 435 | | <i>First column</i> | | |
| O Holy Spirit, enter in | 459 | 786 | <i>#s under 600 are in Lutheran Book of Worship</i> | | |
| O Lord, now let your servant..... | 339 | 313 | <i>#s over 600 are in With One Voice</i> | | |
| O sacred head, now wounded | 116,117 | 351,352 | <i>Second column</i> | | |
| | | | <i>#s are in Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i> | | |

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Guidance for Music for Christian Funerals

The funeral or memorial service, as with a wedding, is foremost a service of worship and a liturgy of the Church. Musical selections reflect this dimension of public prayer.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Music with special meaning to the deceased or family members; consider chorale preludes on favorite hymn tunes, for example.

HYMNS

Procession into the church

A hymn of comfort, baptismal remembrance, or resurrection hope is appropriate.

Character: singable, generally well-known inter-denominationally

Hymn following the sermon

A hymn that carries forth the images of the readings and sermon, or is reflective of the life of faith of the deceased is appropriate.

Recession out of the church

A final hymn may be sung as the coffin is carried from the church, usually one of resurrection hope. In instances where there is concern regarding the singing ability of the assembly this recession may be accompanied by organ or instrumental music carrying a similar theme.

CARILLON

The carillon will ring out our resurrection hope as the recession makes its way across the North Plaza and to the waiting funeral coach.

SOLO OR INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSES

Congregational singing is preferred. In instances where there is concern regarding the singing ability of the assembly a solo may be preferable at points in the service. If a soloist is employed, two selections are recommended.

Consider using the soloist as a cantor in a responsorial psalm much like Sunday mornings in which the assembly sings a refrain and the cantor sings the verses. The soloist may take a portion of the liturgy – like the canticle “Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace” or the Lord’s Prayer. A solo may be included in the Gathering following the Prayer of the Day, or during Communion.

Instrumental music is also appropriate – as a reflection on one of the readings, for example.

OTHER

Central follows the practice of most congregations in that the church music staff is employed to provide music for the funeral service – specifically as organist or pianist.

The church musicians can also suggest names of instrumentalists or soloists. (Fees sometimes vary.)

If a friend or family member is used as a soloist or instrumentalist, it is our practice that musical selections are made in consultation with Central’s musicians and pastors.

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