



Be Christ Inspired – Joyfully Live Our Call

### **A Message from Our Parish Family**

We understand that if you have recently experienced the death of a loved one, you may be feeling confused, sad, lonely, or overwhelmed by your loss. We offer you comfort and a sure and certain hope. It is our Catholic belief that at death our life is changed, not ended, and that we and our loved ones will find eternal life with God.

As you prepare a Funeral Liturgy or Memorial Mass, we hope these resources assist you in planning a liturgy that truly celebrates the great gift of the life God has given. If you are preparing a funeral for a loved one who has passed away, please be sure you are in contact with a Funeral Director and with our pastor. You may also contact our parish office for assistance at 262-284-4266.

### **Music in Catholic Funerals**

“Sacred music has an integral role in the funeral rites, since it can console and uplift mourners while, at the same time, uniting the assembly in faith and love.”<sup>(OCF #30)</sup> Funeral music should express the Paschal Mystery and the Christian’s share in it.<sup>(OCF #30)</sup> Since music can evoke strong feelings, it should be chosen with care. It should console the participants and ‘help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ’s victory over death and in the Christian’s share in that victory.’”<sup>(OCF #31)</sup>

*In the reference notes, OCF refers to the **Order of Christian Funerals – 1989***

### **Selecting Music**

In a general sense, music that is appropriate for a Catholic Mass is appropriate for a Funeral Liturgy. Recorded music is not permitted during the liturgy; however, if there is a recording that is especially meaningful to the family, we will do our best to accommodate this. Recorded music can greatly enhance the visitation at the funeral home or may be used before the liturgy begins. Once the Mass or service has begun, however, recorded music is not appropriate. Family members or other guests who are musicians are welcome to participate in the liturgy. If you would like to include any guest musicians, please discuss this with our Director of Worship and Liturgy.

We have listed suggestions for the various points in the Mass below. These are not the only songs that would be appropriate; they are simply suggestions. If you have any questions or would like to include music that is not listed below, please contact our Director of Worship and Liturgy, Tim Handle, at [HandleT@stjohn23.org](mailto:HandleT@stjohn23.org) or 262-284-4266 ext. 1325.

The fee for our Director of Worship and Liturgy is \$200. This includes the initial planning consultation, playing and/or singing for the entire funeral, prelude music, and up to 60 minutes prior to the funeral reserved for rehearsal with outside musicians. Checks are to be made directly to the musician, Timothy Handle. This fee is due no later than the date of the funeral and is often paid directly through the funeral home. If you wish for a soloist to sing (for example, *Ave Maria*), we have several choir members and cantors available for an additional fee. We are happy to contact and arrange for them to sing.

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### Introductory Rites

Processional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting (pg. 1-2): \_\_\_\_\_

Sprinkling of the Body with Holy Water

‡ Placing of the Pall (optional; up to 6 pallbearers): \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

Collect (Section B1–B53): \_\_\_\_\_

### The Liturgy of the Word

‡ First Reading (Section C1–C7; during Easter also C8–C11): \_\_\_\_\_

optional reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm (Section D1–D10): \_\_\_\_\_

*(usually sung)*

‡ Second Reading (Section E1–E15): \_\_\_\_\_

optional reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Acclamation (verses chosen from Section F1–F11): \_\_\_\_\_

Celtic Alleluia #334; during Lent #343

Gospel Reading (Section G1–G19): \_\_\_\_\_

Homily

‡ Prayers of the Faithful (*Section H1–H7; note that some petitions are specific to priests, deacons, religious, etc. Please ask for guidance if you wish to write your own.*)

optional reader: \_\_\_\_\_

### Liturgy of the Eucharist (Omitted for a prayer service)

The Offertory – Offertory Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

‡ Gift Bearers (2–3): \_\_\_\_\_,

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer and the Sign of Peace

Communion – Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Meditation (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

‡ Words of Remembrance (optional): If someone will speak, please limit remarks to no more than 5 minutes. \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer After Communion

### Final Commendation and Farewell

Song of Farewell (special music used during the incensing of the casket or cremains): \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding Prayer

Dismissal

Song of Sending Forth: \_\_\_\_\_

*‡ denotes opportunities for friends and family members to participate.*



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**Processional Hymns (836-853)**

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 949 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus * | 578 - How Great Thou Art                |
| 645 - Amazing Grace             | 663 - Lord of All Hopefulness           |
| 683 - Be Not Afraid             | 688 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past      |
| 884 - For All the Saints *      | 539 - Sing With All the Saints in Glory |
| 777 - Here I Am, Lord           | 790 - The Summons                       |

\* Denotes songs not to be used during Lent

**Offertory Hymns (comfort: 709-732)**

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 679 - Center of My Life   | 819 - Peace Is Flowing Like a River   |
| 584 - Come to the Water   | 47 - The Cry of the Poor              |
| 728 - Eye Has Not Seen  | 712 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is |
| 889 - Hail Mary: Gentle Woman   | 979 - There Is a Place                |
| 588 - I Have Loved You  | 695 - You Are Near                    |
| 402 - Like a Shepherd   | 954 - Hands of Healing                |
| 828 - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace<br><i>(Prayer of St. Francis)</i> | 955 - Precious Lord, Take My Hand     |

**Communion Hymns (communion: 906-951)**

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 941 - Eat This Bread         | 932 - One Bread, One Body     |
| 940 - Gift of Finest Wheat   | 653 - There Is a Longing      |
| 945 - I Am the Bread of Life | 783 - Unless a Grain of Wheat |
| 920 - Pan de Vida            | 681 - We Remember             |

**Communion Meditation (optional)**

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|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Ave Maria – Schubert    | In the Garden | Irish Blessing – Denise Agay |
| Ave Maria – Bach-Gounod | Going Home    |                              |

**Song of Farewell**

- 163 – Song of Farewell - Janco
- 974 - *Song of Farewell – Joncas*
- 976 – Dwellers in the Holy City
- 978 – May Holy Angels Lead You (*Londonderry Aire*)
- 980 – May the Angels Lead You into Paradise – Hughes (*most common one at SJ23*)
- 981 – The Hand of God Shall Hold You
- n/a – Songs of the Angels – *Bob Dufford*
- n/a – Song of Farewell – *“Old Hundreth”*

**Recessional Hymns**

- Many hymns from the Processional Hymns would also work well here. Below are some additional options.*
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| 977 – In Paradisum ( <i>chant</i> ) | 527 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives – <i>DUKE STREET</i> |
| 766 - City of God                   | 870 - Jerusalem, My Happy Home                           |
| 607 – Sing a New Song               | 881 - Lift High the Cross                                |
| 615 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  | 691 - On Eagle’s Wings                                   |
| 578 - How Great Thou Art            | 981 – The Hand of God Shall Hold You                     |



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**Mass Settings (*Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, Lamb of God*)**

198, 200, 202, 204 – Mass of Creation

**Seasonal Mass settings:**

283, 286, 287, 288 – Advent / Christmas: Mass of Unity

231, 233, 236, 237, 238 – Ordinary Time (winter): Storrington Mass

308b, 180a, 183, 313b – Lent: Chant

198, 200, 202, 204 – Easter: Mass of Creation

242, 243, 246, 247 – Ordinary Time (Fall): Black Mountain Liturgy

**First Reading Outside Easter Time (*Old Testament*)**

**C1** – 2 Maccabees 12:43-46:

*He acted in an excellent and noble way as he had the resurrection of the dead in view.*

**C2** – Job 19:1,23-27a: *I know that my Vindicator lives.*

**C3** – Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6,9: *As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

**C4** – Wisdom 4:7-15: *An unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*

**C5** – Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9: *On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will provide for all people.*

**C6** – Lamentations 3:17-26: *It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.*

**C7** – Daniel 12:1-3: *Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.*

**First Reading during Easter Time (*New Testament*)**

**C8** – Acts 10:34-43 or 10:34-36,42-43 He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

**C9** – Revelation 14:13: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

**C10** – Revelation 20:11 -21:1 The dead were judged according to their deeds.

**C11** – Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 There shall be no more death.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**D1** - p. 34 – Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord

**D2** - p. 39, 993 – Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

**D3** - p. 121 – Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light

**D4** - p. 1054 – Psalm 42: Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

**D5** - p. 57, 1127 – Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting

**D6** - p. 75, 1024 – Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

**D7** - p. 78, 1020 – Psalm 116: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**D8** - p. 84, 991 – Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing

**D9** - p. 88, 1028 – Psalm 130: With the Lord There is Mercy and Fullness of redemption

**D10** - p. 664 – Psalm 143: Lord, Hear My Prayer



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### **Second Reading**

- E1** - Romans 5:5-11: Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.
- E2** - Romans 5:17-21: Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.
- E3** - Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9: We too might live in newness of life.
- E4** - Romans 8:14-23: We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
- E5** - Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39: What will separate us from the love of Christ?
- E6** - Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
- E7** - 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 or 15:20-23: So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.
- E8** - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57: Death is swallowed up in victory.
- E9** - 2 Corinthians 4:14; 5:1: What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
- E10** - 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10: "We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God..."
- E11** - Philippians 3:20-21: "Our citizenship is in heaven."
- E12** - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: "We do not want you to be unaware..."
- E13** - 2 Timothy 2:8-13: If we have died with him we shall also live with him.
- E14** - 1 John 3:1-2: We shall see him as he is.
- E15** - 1 John 3:14-16: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

- F1** - See Matthew 11:25 - Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the childlike the mysteries of the Kingdom.
- F2** - Matthew 25:34 - Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- F3** - John 3:16 - God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.
- F4** - John 6:39 - This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.
- F5** - John 6:40 - This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.
- F6** - John 6:51 - I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.
- F7** - John 11:25a, 26 - I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.
- F8** - See Philippians 3:20 - Our true home is in heaven, and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for, will come from heaven to save us.
- F9** - 2 Timothy 2:11-12a - If we die with Christ, we shall live with him, and if we persevere we shall also reign with him.
- F10** - Revelation 1:5a, 6b - Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead; glory and power be his forever and ever. Amen.
- F11** - Revelation 14:13 - Blessed are those who die in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.



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### GOSPEL

- G1** - Matthew 5:1-12a “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
- G2** - Matthew 11:25-30 “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”
- G3** - Matthew 25:1-13 Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to him.
- G4** - Matthew 25:31-46 “...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”
- G5** - Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6 “On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side,  
clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed!  
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised. He is not here.”
- G6** - Luke 7:11-17 “Young man, I tell you, arise.”
- G7** - Luke 12:35-40 “You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”
- G8** - Luke 23:33, 39-43 “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom...”  
“Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”
- G9** - Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
- G10** - Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 “Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into  
his glory... “Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws near.” “Were not our hearts burning within?”
- G11** - John 5:24-29 “Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.”
- G12** - John 6:37-40 “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him  
may have eternal life, and I shall raise them on the last day.”
- G13** - John 6:51-59 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven:  
whoever eats this bread will live forever...”
- G14** - John 11:17-27 “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- G15** - John 11:32-45 “And Jesus wept.”
- G16** - John 12:23-28 (Long version) 12:23-26 (Short version) “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground  
and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”
- G17** - John 14:1-6 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.  
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”
- G18** - John 17:24-26 “I wish that where I am they also may be with me.”
- G19** - John 19:17-18, 25-29 “And bowing his head he handed over his Spirit.”

*The first and second readings may be read by a family member or friend;*

*the Gospel reading is always read by the priest or deacon.*

*In addition to the first readings, family and friends may be included to bring up the gifts during the  
Offertory and/or read the Prayers of the Faithful (intercessions).*

*We are happy to include any musical family members or friends who wish to participate by playing an  
instrument or singing/cantor for the Mass and/or during the prelude.*