

## **Music for Funerals at St. Francis de Sales**

### **Entrance Chant**

The text for the entrance chant is, “Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.” This is chanted by the cantor as the priest is processing from blessing of the body to the altar. Typically, we chant the text in English, but we can also chant in Latin, “Requiem aeternam...”

### **Responsorial Psalm Refrains**

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 42: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Psalm 63: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Psalm 116: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 122: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 130: Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord.

Psalm 143: O Lord, hear my prayer.

### **Offertory and Communion**

During the presentation of the gifts and the preparation of the altar, a hymn, chant, or vocal solo can be sung. See the next page for suggestions.

### **Communion**

During communion a eucharistic hymn, chant, or vocal solo may be sung. See the next page for suggestions.

### **Song of Farewell**

The song of farewell has a specific ritual text and is unique to funerals. It is a time in song to pray that the deceased will be welcomed into paradise. We have three options:

*In Paradisum* – Latin Chant

*Song of Farewell* - #755 English Hymn Version

*Saints of God* – English Responsorial Version

### **Recessional**

During the procession out of the church, a hymn is sung. See the next page for suggestions.

## **Hymn Suggestions**

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| 402 Abide With Me                      | 573 I Know That My Redeemer Lives   |
| 410 All Creatures of Our God and King  | 587 Jerusalem, My Happy Home        |
| 422 All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure    | 592 Jesus, Lord, Have Mercy         |
| 426 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus            | 595 Jesus, Remember Me              |
| 430 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound | 601 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee   |
| 450 Be Not Afraid                      | 607 Lead, Kindly Light              |
| 451 Be Still My Soul                   | 622 Lord of All Hopefulness         |
| 454 Behold the Lamb                    | 634 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need |
| 452 Be Thou My Vision                  | 637 Nearer, My God, to Thee         |
| Eye Has Not Seen                       | 698 On Eagle's Wings                |
| Here I Am Lord                         | Take and Eat                        |
| 569 How Great Thou Art                 | Shepherd Me, O God                  |
| I Am the Bread of Life                 | 784 The King of Love My Shepherd Is |
| 572 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say     | 838 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones    |

## **Chant Suggestions**

Offertory Chant: *O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory (English)*

Communion Chant: *Lux Aeterna / May Eternal Light (English option)*

## **Vocal Solo Suggestions**

*Ave Maria* by Franz Schubert

*Panis Angelicus* by Cesar Franck

*Pie Jesu* by Gabriel Fauré