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Riverview Catholics Funeral Music Planning

Our Lord Christ the King Church

Dear friends in Christ,

Please be assured that you, your loved one, and your family and friends will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss and going forward. Nothing about planning a funeral is easy, but we will be beside you and do everything we can to make this easier.

There are many opportunities for music and singing in a Catholic Mass of Christian Burial or funeral. The options can become overwhelming. So, let us focus on four points in the liturgy that require music:

- The *Entrance* is sung as the family processes into the church with the ministers.
- The *Offertory* is sung as gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and prepared for the Eucharist.
- The *Communion* is sung as people receive the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus.
- The *Final Commendation* at the conclusion of the liturgy.

The music list on the following page has recommended music selections from the *St. Michael Hymnal* and *Music Supplement*. The selections in **Bold type** come directly from the Roman Catholic *Mass of Christian Burial* and *Funeral Rites*. They are sung in Latin or English, and translations for the Latin are in the hymnal. They are the Church's preferred choices for the funeral Mass. The music list also offers an assorted number of musical choices for each music selection in the liturgy. You may use music not found on the list, but it must be appropriate for the Catholic funeral liturgy and approved by the pastor and music director. If there are requests, you may list them in the form for approval. It is recommended to have requests used at preparation of gifts or for communion music.

If the lyrics and music of a request are not contained in the hymnal or supplement, you will need to print lyrics in the funeral program provided by the funeral home, or make a lyric sheet insert.

We will always provide the organist and cantor. Guest organists or cantors are usually not permitted except in very special circumstances. If a family member or guest musician wishes to contribute music, one selection may be permitted. Please consult the music director for further details.

The musical setting of the responsorial psalm, the service music for funeral, i.e. the acclamation before the Gospel, the Eucharistic Acclamations and Lamb of God, and the Song of Farewell are chosen by the music director based on the season of the liturgical year. If you have any questions about these selections, please contact my office.

Again, deepest condolences for your loss.

Blessings,

Michael Dailey, *Director of Music* – *Our Lord Christ the King Church*.

Entrance Procession	Requiem Aeternam..... #729 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #563 Lord of All Hopefulness+ #617 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound..... #424 How Firm a Foundation..... #558 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #630 O God, Our Help in Ages Past..... #658
Offertory	Abide with Me #402 Ave Maria #436 Be Not Afraid..... S-36 Blest are the Pure in Heart..... #454 Here I am, Lord..... S-34 How Great Thou Art..... #560 On Eagle's Wings S-37 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is #783 When Peace Like a River (<i>It is Well with My Soul</i>) #829
Communion	Lux Aeterna #623 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life #482 Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness..... #498 Eat This Bread..... #504 Here I am, Lord..... S-34 I Am the Bread of Life S-35 I Receive the Living God..... #567 Jesus, Lord, Have Mercy..... #586 O Jesus, We Adore Thee #664 On Eagle's Wings S-37 One Bread, One Body S-24 Unless a Grain of Wheat S-31
Recessional	In Paradisum #577 Be Thou My Vision+ #447 For All the Saints #512 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name..... #553 I Know that My Redeemer Lives..... S-39 Jerusalem, My Happy Home #583 Jesus, Still Lead On..... #590 O What Their Joy and their Glory Must Be..... #692 Sing with All the Saints in Glory..... #754 The Strife is O'er (not available in Lent)..... #788
Vocal Solo options <i>For Preparation of Gifts or additional music after Communion</i>	Ave Maria..... Franz Schubert Ave Maria J.S. Bach, arr. Charles Gounod I Know that My Redeemer Liveth – from <i>Messiah</i> G.F. Handel Pie Jesu from <i>Requiem</i> Gabriel Fauré The Lord Bless You and Keep You..... John Rutter

+ *Be Thou My Vision* and *Lord of All Hopefulness* ideally should not be used in the same funeral Mass when possible as they use the same melody with different words.