

St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Music Guidelines for Funeral Liturgies
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The Music Ministry at St. Stephen's extends to you our deepest sympathy. We want to support you and your family during this time of grief and provide some solace in your sorrow. This document will assist you in selecting appropriate music for the funeral liturgy. Please make your choices known to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Minimum of two (2) days advance notice is preferred.

If you have no specific music preferences, we will gladly select appropriate music for you. If this is your preference, please inform the Parish Office of this choice.

If you would like music at the funeral, please be aware that the stipend for the organist/pianist is \$125 and the cantor is \$100. The primary goal of the accompanist and cantor is to enrich and support the singing of the assembly, at a time when many grieving families cannot summon their voice in song, and mourners join us from other faith traditions which may not share or be familiar with our musical heritage. As a convenience, these fees are normally included in the funeral home fee. If not, please deliver both stipends to the Church Office before the funeral. The Parish Office can provide you with the names of the musicians for check writing.

We will provide a worship aid which will include song numbers for congregational singing from our hymnal *Journey Songs*. We have provided contact information below for additional members of the St. Stephen's community whose assistance you might require.

If you need any further help, please do not hesitate to contact the Music or Parish Office.

Yours in Christ,

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Every effort is undertaken to make the process of planning a funeral as seamless as possible. With that in mind, the planning of music for funerals is a 3 step process.

1st STEP Psalm may be chosen by the family. Other ritual music pre-selected by priest or deacon, accompanist & cantor.

This music is selected from the following choices:

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23 – Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen), The Lord is My Shepherd (Alsott)

Psalm 25- To You, O Lord (Haugen), Psalm 27- The Lord Is My Light (Haas)

Psalm 91- Be With Me (Haugen)

Gospel Acclamation:

The Strife is O'er J-431, Celtic Alleluia J-264 or seasonal acclamation setting

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Seasonal acclamation setting

Song of Farewell:

J-134 (Old 100th) or J-553 (Sands)

2nd STEP The family is asked to choose songs from the following list. For a funeral mass, choose 4; for a funeral service (without Eucharist), choose 3.

Amazing Grace J-680

As the Deer Longs J-663

Beautiful Savior J-841

Be Not Afraid J-673

Blest Are They (worship aid insert)

For All the Saints J-504

Gift of Finest Wheat J-791

How Great Thou Art J-614

I Am the Bread of Life (worship aid insert)

I Have Loved You J-623

I Heard the Voice of Jesus J-692

In the Garden (worship aid insert)

Jerusalem, My Happy Home J-758

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You J-575

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling J-709

On Eagle's Wings J-671

Prayer of St. Francis J-702

Precious Lord, Take My Hand J-548

Shelter Me, O God J-689

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling J-530

Turn to Me J-345

We Will Rise Again J-681

You Are Mine (worship aid insert)

3rd STEP If desired, choose additional music from the list below for Prelude, Solo or Postlude. This is optional and not required. It is also contingent on the availability of a soloist.

Ave Maria (Schubert), How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Aquino), Panis Angelicus (Franck or Lambillotte), His Eye Is On the Sparrow (Gabriel)