



# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

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## Music Planning for a Funeral or Memorial Service

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Music is not required at a funeral or memorial service, but is a way to add beauty and prayerfulness to the worship. When music is included, the organist's fee is \$200, due at the time of service, and is paid directly to the organist. Some funeral homes will issue payment to the organist and others and include the amount in their bill to you.

We are happy to be as flexible as possible about the use of music, within some guidelines: Hymns (church music sung by the congregation) normally are selected from *The Hymnal 1982*, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, *El Himmario*, or *Voices Found*. Appropriate anthems and organ voluntaries from the parish's or organist's libraries may be used, and the organist can recommend these for you. Non-sacred music appropriate for use in the context of worship may be used with the permission of the officiating clergy and organist, but the family bears responsibility for locating and providing the any such music. The parish organist plays at all funerals unless he gives permission for another organist to play. You may hire additional musicians, but you bear that expense and responsibility for arranging for their presence, and they serve under the direction of the organist. Additional musicians must be scheduled to arrive one hour ahead of the funeral or memorial service for the purpose of conferring with the organist and officiating clergy. Pre-recorded music is not permitted.

Musical selections should enhance the worship experience of the congregation. Hymns are appropriate when the congregation includes people who are likely to sing them, based on their familiarity with the music and words. When the congregation is expected to be made up more heavily of non-churchgoers or non-singers, selecting instrumental music probably is better in most cases. We can choose music for you if you have no preferences, and we are happy to honor your choices as we are able. You are welcome to borrow a hymnal from the church for use in selecting music.

Music often is used in some combination of these points in the service:

- Prelude (organ music before the service begins)
- Entrance hymn or instrumental music  
*Recommended hymns:* 199, 200, 208, 286, 287, 296, 366, 423, 427, 469, 470, 518, 526, 558, 583, 636, 637, 680, 688, 708
- Hymn or Canticle after the Old Testament reading (although normally, a spoken Psalm is used instead)
- Hymn or Canticle after the New Testament reading (Called “Sequence Hymn”) (although a spoken Psalm often is used instead, especially when Holy Eucharist is not part of the service)  
*Recommended hymns:* 1, 188, 191, 194, 209, 421, 429, 446, 447, 484, 485, 508, 652, 653, 662, 669, 691, 693, 699
- Hymn or instrumental music at the Offertory  
*Recommended hymns:* 204, 205, 208, 209, 241, 287, 321, 343, 400, 439, 446, 455, 457, 469, 470, 493, 520, 608, 657, 690, *WLP 810*
- Hymn or instrumental music during Communion (more than one selection recommended if more than 150 people are expected to take communion)  
*Recommended hymns:* 82, 204, 209, 301, 304, 314, 321, 324, 335, 343, 357, 439, 487, 508, 620, 645, 671, 676, 685
- Closing hymn or instrumental music  
*Recommended hymns:* 232, 287, 296, 344, 356, 358, 492, 493, 522, 523, 539, 555, 618, 621, 623, 624, 625, *LEVAS-II 201*
- Postlude (organ music after the service ends)

We recommend that you specify only those pieces of music that are important to you, and let our musician select the rest based on the other preferences you’ve expressed for the service.

Recommended Hymns

*The Hymnal 1982*

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| <p>1 Father, we praise thee,<br/>now the night is over<br/><i>Recommended with John 14</i></p> <p>82 Of the Father's love begotten<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 21</i></p> <p>188 Love's redeeming work is done<br/><i>Recommended as sequence hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with 1 Cor. 15</i></p> <p>191 Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Hearts and voices heavenward raise<br/><i>Recommended as sequence hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with 1 Cor. 15</i></p> <p>194 Jesus lives! thy terrors now<br/><i>Recommended as sequence hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with Romans 8</i><br/><i>or John 14</i></p> <p>199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain</p> <p>200 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain</p> <p>204 Now the green blade riseth</p> <p>205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing</p> <p>208 The strife is o'er, the battle done<br/><i>Recommended as offertory hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with 1 Cor. 15</i></p> <p>209 We walk by faith, and not by sight<br/><i>Recommended with 2 Cor. 4-5</i></p> <p>232 By all your saints still striving<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7</i></p> <p>241 Hearken to the anthem glorious<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7</i></p> <p>286 Who are these like stars appearing<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7</i></p> <p>287 For all the saints,<br/>who from their labors rest</p> <p>296 We know that Christ<br/>is raised and dies no more</p> <p>301 Bread of the world, in mercy broken</p> <p>304 I come with joy to meet my Lord</p> <p>314 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen<br/><i>Recommended with John 6</i></p> <p>321 My God, thy table now is spread</p> <p>324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence</p> <p>335 I am the bread of life<br/><i>Recommended as communion hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with John 6 or 11</i></p> <p>343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless<br/><i>Recommended with John 10</i></p> <p>344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing<br/><i>Recommended as closing hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with Psalm 23</i></p> <p>356 May choirs of angels lead you<br/><i>Recommended as closing hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7 or Rev. 21</i></p> | <p>357 Jesus, Son of Mary<br/><i>Recommended as communion hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7 or Rev. 21</i></p> <p>358 Christ the Victorious<br/><i>Recommended at the Commendation</i><br/><i>Recommended with 1 Cor. 15</i><br/><i>or Rev. 21</i></p> <p>366 Holy God, we praise thy Name<br/><i>Recommended with 1 Cor. 15 or Rev. 7</i></p> <p>400 All creatures of our God and King</p> <p>421 All glory be to God on high<br/><i>Recommended as sequence hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7</i></p> <p>423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise<br/><i>Recommended with Psalm 90</i></p> <p>427 When morning gilds the skies</p> <p>429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath<br/><i>Recommended as opening hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with Psalm 146</i></p> <p>439 What wondrous love is this</p> <p>446 Praise to the Holiest in the height<br/><i>Recommended with 1 Cor. 15</i></p> <p>447 The Christ who died but rose again<br/><i>Recommended as sequence hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with Romans 8</i></p> <p>455 O Love of God, how strong and true<br/><i>Recommended as offertory hymn</i></p> <p>457 Thou art the Way, to thee alone<br/><i>Recommended as offertory hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with John 14</i></p> <p>469 There's a wideness in God's mercy</p> <p>470 There's a wideness in God's mercy</p> <p>484 Praise the Lord through every nation<br/><i>Recommended with John 14</i></p> <p>485 Praise the Lord through every nation<br/><i>Recommended with John 14</i></p> <p>487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life<br/><i>Recommended with John 14</i></p> <p>492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness<br/><i>Recommended as closing hymn</i><br/><i>Recommended with 1 Cor. 15</i></p> <p>493 O for a thousand tongues to sing</p> <p>508 Breathe on me, breath of God</p> <p>518 Christ is made the sure foundation<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 21</i></p> <p>520 Blessèd city, heavenly Salem<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 21</i></p> <p>522 Glorious things of thee are spoken<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7</i></p> <p>523 Glorious things of thee are spoken<br/><i>Recommended with Rev. 7</i></p> <p>526 Let saints on earth in concert sing<br/><i>Recommended as opening hymn</i></p> |
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- 539 O Zion, haste,  
thy mission high fulfilling  
*Recommended as closing hymn*  
*Recommended with Isaiah 61*
- 555 Lead on, O King eternal
- 558 Faith of our fathers! living still
- 583 O holy city, seen of John  
*Recommended with Rev. 21*
- 608 Eternal Father, strong to save
- 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones  
*Recommended as closing hymn*  
*Recommended with Rev. 7*
- 620 Jerusalem, my happy home  
*Recommended as closing hymn*  
*Recommended with 2 Cor. 4-5*
- 621 Light's abode, celestial Salem  
*Recommended as closing hymn*  
*Recommended with Rom. 8, 1 Cor. 15,*  
*2 Cor. 4-5, or Rev. 21*
- 623 O what their joy and their glory must be  
*Recommended as closing hymn*  
*Recommended with Romans 8,*  
*2 Cor. 4-5, or Rev. 21*
- 624 Jerusalem the golden  
*Recommended as closing hymn*  
*Recommend with Rev. 7 or Rev. 21*
- 625 Ye holy angels bright  
*Recommended as closing hymn*  
*Recommended with Rev. 7*
- 636 How firm a foundation,  
ye saints of the Lord  
*Recommended as opening hymn*
- 637 How firm a foundation,  
ye saints of the Lord  
*Recommended as opening hymn*
- 645 The King of love my shepherd is  
*Recommended as communion hymn*  
*Recommended with John 10 or as a*  
*musical setting of Psalm 23*
- 652 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
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- 657 Love divine, all loves excelling
- 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams  
*Can be used as a sung setting*  
*of Psalm 42*
- 662 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide  
*Recommended with 1 Cor. 15*
- 669 Commit thou all that grieves thee
- 671 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
- 676 There is a balm in Gilead
- 680 O God, our help in ages past  
*Recommended as opening hymn*  
*Recommended with Psalm 90*
- 685 Rock of ages, cleft for me
- 688 A mighty fortress is our God  
*Recommended as opening hymn*  
*Recommended with Psalm 46*
- 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
*Recommended as offertory hymn*  
*Recommended with John 6*
- 691 My faith looks up to thee  
*Recommended with Rev. 7 or Rev. 21*
- 693 Just as I am, without one plea  
*Recommended with Romans 8*
- 699 Jesus, Lover of my soul
- 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us  
*Recommended with Psalm 23*  
*or John 10*

***Lift Every Voice and Sing II***

- 14 Soon and very soon
- 18 Swing low, sweet chariot
- 20 When we all get to heaven
- 60 How Great Thou Art
- 67 I love the Lord
- 69 In the Garden
- 72 Just a Closer Walk with Thee
- 109 What a friend we have in Jesus
- 120 Sweet, Sweet Spirit
- 181 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
- 183 God Will Take Care of You
- 184 Blessed assurance
- 188 It is well with my soul
- 201 I've Got Peace Like a River
- 203 There is a balm in Gilead

***Wonder, Love, and Praise***

- 764 Psalm 34 (paraphrase)
- 775 Give thanks for life
- 776 No saint on earth lives life to self alone
- 777 Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise
- 810 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
(I will raise them up on eagles' wings)
- 827 Psalm 102