

Funeral Music Selections

Processional Songs

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (GC 826) | Traditional | Eastertide

- Verse 1:* Alleluia, Sing to Jesus! His the Scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.
- Verse 2:* Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him, When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Amazing Grace (GC 586) | Traditional | Common | Ecumenical | Lent

- Verse 1:* Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
- Verse 4:* Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

Be Not Afraid (GC 596) | Matthew 5:1-12a | Common

- Refrain:* Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.
- Verse 1:* You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.
- Verse 3:* Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled (GC 765) | John 14:1-6 | Contemporary | Eastertide

- Refrain:* Do not let your hearts be troubled, Have faith in God and faith in me.
I will go forth to prepare a place for you, then I'll come back to take you with me,
that where I am, you may also be.
- Verse 1:* In God's house there are many places for you alone to dwell in safety.
You know the way to where I'll lead you, if you are lost, I will show the way.
- Verse 2:* I am the way, the truth and the life, only through me can you know what I know.
If you knew me, you would see the vision, if you see me, you see your God.

For All the Saints (GC 791) | Traditional | Autumn Ordinary

- v. 1: For all the saints, who from their labors rest, All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- v. 6: The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- v. 7: But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, Remember Me (GC 422) | Luke 23:33-43 | Taizé | Lent

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Lord of All Hopefulness (560) | Traditional | Work & Craftsmanship

Verse 1: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts Lord at the break of the day.

2: Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3: Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

On Eagle's Wings (GC 593) | Common

- Refrain:* And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
- Verse 1:* You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
- Verse 4:* For to his angels he's give a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God (GC 23) | Good Shepherd

Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord (GC 26) | Advent

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light (GC 29) | Advent

The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid?

Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us (GC 32) | Lent

Let your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm 131: My Soul Is Still (GC 72) | Unexpected or Untimely Death

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Presentation Songs

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler (GC 630) | Matthew 11:25-30 | Long Illness | Pain & Suffering

Verse 1: Come to me, O weary trav'ler; Come to me with your distress;
Come to me, you heavy burdened; Come to me and find your rest.

Verse 4: Rest in me, O weary trav'ler; Rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; Rest and cast away your care

Eye Has Not Seen (GC 616) | 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 | Unexpected or Untimely Death

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

Verse 1: When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith, And bear us up within your peaceful word.

Verse 2: Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

I Have Loved You (GC 504) | Proverbs 31:10-31

Refrain: I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine;

Verses: Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
He will bring you his light and his 1) peace; 2) hope; 3) love.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (GC 721) | Prayer of St. Francis

Verse 1: Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Verse 2: Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Verse 3: Oh, Master grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Verse 4: Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Pie Jesu (from Fauré's Requiem) | Latin | Classical | Solo

Translation: Holy Jesus, Lord, Grant them rest. Holy, Jesus, Lord, Grant them eternal rest.

Pie Jesu (from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Requiem) | Latin | Classical | Duet

Translation: Holy Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, Grant them eternal rest.

The Cloud's Veil (GC 619) | Unexpected or Untimely Death

Refrain: Even though the rain hides the stars, even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky, God is by my side.
Even when the sun shall fall in sleep, even when at dawn the sky shall weep,
Even in the night when storms shall rise, God is by my side. God is by my side.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (GC 631) | Traditional | Psalm 23

Verse 1: The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

Verse 4: In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me,
our rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.

The Prayer (performed by Celine Dion) | Contemporary | Optional Italian | Solo

Verse 1: I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go,
and help us to be wise in times when we don't know.

Refrain: Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way.
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace to a place where we'll be safe.

We Shall Rise Again (GC 762) | Matthew 11:25-30

Verse 1: Come to me, all you weary, with your burdens and pain.
Take my yoke on your shoulders and learn from me: I am gentle and humble,
and your soul will find rest, For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Refrain: We shall rise again on the last day with the faithful, rich and poor.
Coming to the house of the Lord Jesus, we will find an open door there,
we will find an open door.

What Wondrous Love Is This (GC 614) | Traditional | Lent

v. 1: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul; To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

v. 3: And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on! And through eternity I'll sing on.

Without Seeing You (GC 842) | Contemporary

Refrain: Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

Verse 1: We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust;
Turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive.

You Are Mine (GC 627) | Long Illness | Pain & Suffering | Loss of Sight

Verse 1: I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

Verse 2: I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

Verse 3: I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

Communion Songs

Blest Are They (GC 636) | Matthew 5:1-12a | Common | Beatitudes

Verse 1: Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.
 Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
 Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Draw Near (GC 829) | Contemporary

Refrain: Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord.
 Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you outpoured.

Eat This Bread (GC 806) | John 6:51-59 | Taizé

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Verse 3: Eat this flesh and drink this blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Verse 4: Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Gift of Finest Wheat (GC 816) | Good Shepherd | Communion of Saints

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat;
 Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verse 3: Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
 Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord?

Here I Am, Lord (GC 671) | Common

Verse 1: I, the Lord of sea of sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I Am the Bread of Life (GC 822) | John 11:21-27 | Common | Lazarus

Verse 1: I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; And who believe in me
 shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

On Eagle's Wings (GC 593) | Common

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
 Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Panis Angelicus (Frank) | Latin | Solo | Classical

Translation: Bread of angels, made bread for humankind. Grant us heaven's bread without end.
 O, marvel, that the poor, the humble servant might consume the Lord.

Take and Eat (GC 812) | Advent

Refrain: Take and eat; take and eat: This is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink: This is my blood given up for you.

Verse 2: I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

Taste and See (GC 827) | Contemporary

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Verse 1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.

We Remember (GC 578)

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death,
And still we celebrate for you are with us here.
And we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

You Are Mine (GC 627) | Long Illness | Pain & Suffering | Blindness

Verse 1: I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

Verse 2: I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

Verse 3: I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

Post-Communion (optional)

Ave Maria (Gounod/Bach) | Marian Devotion | Classical | Solo

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Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (GC 779) | Marian Devotion

Closing Songs

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 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. 7: But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How Great Thou Art (GC 496) | Traditional | Common | Ecumenical

Verse 1: O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Verse : When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (GC 454) | Job 19:1, 23-37 | Traditional | Eastertide

Verse 1: I know that my Redeemer lives; What joy the blest assurance gives!
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!

Verse 2: He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above;
 He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

Let There Be Peace on Earth (GC 723) | Peacemaker

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

On Eagle's Wings (GC 593) | Common

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory (GC 442) | Traditional| Common | Ode to Joy

Verse 1: Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness, we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.

Verse 2: O what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading, Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits;
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

The City of God (GC 663) | Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7 | Heaven

Verse 1: Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

The Cloud's Veil (GC 619) | Unexpected or Untimely Death

Refrain: Even though the rain hides the stars, even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky, God is by my side.
Even when the sun shall fall in sleep, even when at dawn the sky shall weep,
Even in the night when storms shall rise, God is by my side. God is by my side.

You Raise Me Up (performed by Josh Groban) | Contemporary | Solo

Verse 1: When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence,
Until you come and sit awhile with me.

Refrain: You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;
You raise me up... To more than I can be.