FUNERAL MUSIC SUGGESTIONS
Catholic Community of Northbrook—St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook

Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord’s suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.

Since music can evoke strong feelings, the music for the celebration of the funeral rites should be chosen with great care. The music at funerals should support, console, and uplift the participants and should help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ’s victory over death and in Christian’s share in that victory.

Order of Christian Funerals: #30 & #31

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General Hymns/Songs
Amazing Grace (NEW BRITAIN)
I Call You to My Father’s House (NEW BRITAIN)
Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone (TOMLIN)
   Ave Maria (Schubert)
   Ave Maria (Gounod)
   Be Not Afraid (Dufford)
   City of God (Schutte)
   Covenant Hymn (Cooney)
   Dwellers In the Holy City (ST. THOMAS)
   Go Forth (Thomson)
   Go Silent Friend (LONDONDERY AIR)
   God of Love (Beach Spring)
   Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (Landry)
   Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (GROSSER GOTT)
   How Great Thou Art (O STORE GUD)
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD)
   I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Bolduc)
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Hughes)
   I Will Be With You (Moore)
In Paradisum/May Choirs of Angels (Mode VII)
   Jerusalem My Destiny (Cooney)
   Jesus Remember Me (Taizé)
   Just a Closer Walk With Thee
   Lord of All Hopefulness (SLANE)
   Lord of the Dance
Neither Death nor Life (Haugen)
O God Beyond All Praising (THAXTED)
On Eagle’s Wings (Joncas)
Prayer of St. Francis (Temple)
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Dorsey)
Rest Now in Me (Tate)
Sing With All the Saints in Glory (HYMN TO JOY)
Softly and Tenderly (Thompson)
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST. COLUMBA)
The Summons (Bell)
We Are Called (Haas)
We Remember (Haugen)
You Are Mine (Haas)
You Are Near (Schutte)

Responsorial Psalms
Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words (Haas)
Psalm 23: My Shepherd is the Lord (Gelineau)
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd (Stahl)
Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord I Lift My Soul (Haugen)
Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light (Haas)
Psalm 91: Be With Me, Lord (Haugen)
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Cotter)
Psalm 116: I Will Take the Cup of Life (Haas)
Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing (Joncas)

Communion Hymns/Songs
I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)
In Remembrance of You (Tate)
One Bread, One Body (Foley)
Panis Angelicus (Franck)
Taste and See (Moore)
Without Seeing You (Haas)

Final Commendation (Incensing)
Celtic Song of Farewell (LONDONDERRY AIRE, WLP)
May Holy Angels Lead You (LONDONDERRY AIRE, GIA)
May the Angels Be Your Guide (MacAller)
Saints of God (Janco)
The Hand of God (Haugen)

We welcome other ideas for music during the Funeral Mass that would be meaningful to you and your family during this difficult time. If there are ideas you have that are not found of this list, please contact our Director of Music to review how we might be able to incorporate your ideas into this special liturgy.