

Suggested Hymns for Christian Funerals

	LBW/ <u>WOV</u>	<u>ELW</u>		LBW/ <u>WOV</u>	<u>ELW</u>
All of us go down to the dust.....	---	223	Oh, happy day when we shall stand..	351	441
Alleluia! Jesus is risen!	674	377	Oh, what their joy	337	
Amazing grace	448	779	On eagle's wings	779	787
Beautiful Savior	518	838	On Jordan's stormy bank I stand	---	437
Blessed assurance.....	699	638	Precious Lord, take my hand	731	773
Blessing, honor, and glory	---	433	Shall we gather at the river.....	690	423
Borning cry	770	732	Sing with all the saints in glory	691	426
Children of the heavenly Father	474	781	Soon and very soon	744	439
Come away to the skies.....	669		The King of love my shepherd is (Ps 23).....	456	502
For all the saints	174	422	The Lord's my shepherd (Ps 23).....	451	778
Guide me ever, great Redeemer	343	618	Thine is the glory	145	376
He leadeth me; O blessed thought!	501		Thine the amen, thine the praise.....	801	826
How great thou art	532	856	This joyful Eastertide.....	676	391
I am the Bread of life	702	485	Thy holy wings.....	741	613
I know of a sleep in Jesus' name	342		Wake, awake, for night is flying	31	436
I know that my Redeemer lives!	352	619	We are the Lord's.....	399	
I want to walk as a child of the light	649	815	We walk by faith and not by sight	675	635
In peace and joy I now depart.....	---	440	We were baptized in Christ Jesus.....	698	451
In the morning when I rise	777	770	We who dwell in the shelter of the Lord	779	
Into paradise may the angels lead you ---	222		What wondrous love is this.....	385	666
Jerusalem, my happy home.....	331	628	Who is this host arrayed in white.....	314	425
Jesus Christ, my sure defense.....	340	621			
Jesus lives! The victory's won!	133		Solo Favorites		
Jesus shall reign.....	530	434	Psalm settings, especially of Psalm 23, 121, 42:1-7; 46:1-7, 143		
Jesus, remember me.....	740	616	Shepherd Me, O God; Marty Haugen (Ps 23)		
Jesus, still lead on.....	341	624	Day by day		
Let us ever walk with Jesus	487	802	On Eagle's Wings; Michael Joncas		
Lo! He comes with clouds descending ---	435		Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace		
Lord of all hopefulness	469	765	Lord's Prayer		
My faith looks up to thee	479	759	Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling		
My Lord, what a morning	627	438			
O blessed spring.....	695	447			
O Christ the same	778	760			
O God, our help in ages past.....	320	632			
O God, whose will is life and good	435				
O Holy Spirit, enter in	459	786			
O Lord, now let your servant.....	339	313			
O sacred head, now wounded	116,117	351,352			

First column

#s under 600 are in Lutheran Book of Worship

#s over 600 are in With One Voice

Second column

#s are in Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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Guidance for Music for Christian Funerals

The funeral or memorial service, as with a wedding, is foremost a service of worship and a liturgy of the Church. Musical selections reflect this dimension of public prayer.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Music with special meaning to the deceased or family members; consider chorale preludes on favorite hymn tunes, for example.

HYMNS

Procession into the church

A hymn of comfort, baptismal remembrance, or resurrection hope is appropriate.

Character: singable, generally well-known inter-denominationally

Hymn following the sermon

A hymn that carries forth the images of the readings and sermon, or is reflective of the life of faith of the deceased is appropriate.

Recession out of the church

A final hymn may be sung as the coffin is carried from the church, usually one of resurrection hope. In instances where there is concern regarding the singing ability of the assembly this recession may be accompanied by organ or instrumental music carrying a similar theme.

CARILLON

The carillon will ring out our resurrection hope as the recession makes its way across the North Plaza and to the waiting funeral coach.

SOLO OR INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSES

Congregational singing is preferred. In instances where there is concern regarding the singing ability of the assembly a solo may be preferable at points in the service. If a soloist is employed, two selections are recommended.

Consider using the soloist as a cantor in a responsorial psalm much like Sunday mornings in which the assembly sings a refrain and the cantor sings the verses. The soloist may take a portion of the liturgy – like the canticle “Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace” or the Lord’s Prayer. A solo may be included in the Gathering following the Prayer of the Day, or during Communion.

Instrumental music is also appropriate – as a reflection on one of the readings, for example.

OTHER

Central follows the practice of most congregations in that the church music staff is employed to provide music for the funeral service – specifically as organist or pianist.

The church musicians can also suggest names of instrumentalists or soloists. (Fees sometimes vary.)

If a friend or family member is used as a soloist or instrumentalist, it is our practice that musical selections are made in consultation with Central’s musicians and pastors.

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