

Music Guide for Requiem Mass

As a general rule, the hymns chosen for Holy Mass should always aim to enhance the authenticity and beauty of the liturgy. Thus, entrance hymns should aim to focus us on why we are present and prepare us for Holy Mass. The offertory hymn tends to be more reflective, perhaps tied in with the readings or looking forward to the consecration. The first Communion hymn should be Eucharistic, focusing on the Blessed Sacrament. The recessional hymn should always be uplifting: it does not need to have a particular devotion but a Marian hymn is always very well suited at the end of Holy Mass.

Suggested Hymns

Entrance

- Be thou my vision
- You shall cross the barren desert
- The Church's one foundation
- Lord for tomorrow and it's needs
- Christ be beside me
- Do not be afraid
- All people that on earth do dwell
- Sweet heart of Jesus
- Abide with me

Offertory

- Lord accept these gifts we offer
- Take me, Lord
- My God accept my heart this day
- Be still and know I am with you
- Be still my soul
- The Lord's my shepherd
- The love I have for You my Lord
- Here I am Lord

Holy Communion

- Sweet Sacrament divine
- O bread of heaven
- Soul of my Saviour

- This is My body
- Lord Jesus Christ
- Sweet heart of Jesus
- Jesus my Lord, my God, my all
- To Jesus Heart all burning
- Draw nigh and take

Recessional (A hymn to Our Lady is encouraged if not included previously)

- As I Kneel Before You
- Hail Queen of Heaven
- Immaculate Mary
- Hail Redeemer King divine
- Let there be love shared among us
- Church of God elect and glorious (tune: ode to joy)
- Hail Glorious St. Patrick

Also

The family may also wish to have the psalm sung but it is by no means a necessity. This does not need to be the psalm of the day but it does need to be a psalm and not a hymn.