Saint Mary Magdalene Sacred Music MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Check one: 📮 Funeral Mass 📮 Memorial Mass	Date:	Time:
Name of Deceased:	Family Contact:	
Funeral Home:	Relationship:	

THE ROLE OF SACRED MUSIC

The Church who, as Mother, has borne the Christian sacramentally in her womb during his earthly pilgrimage, accompanies him at his journey's end, in order to surrender him "into the Father's hands." She offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of his grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory. This offering is fully celebrated in the Eucharistic sacrifice... (Catechism of the Catholic Church p. 1683)

A funeral Mass at Saint Mary Magdalene is a solemn and beautiful occasion. Sacred music is an important part of the Catholic Funeral Rites. Songs that do not capture the sacred quality of Christian worship – even if they are meaningful to the deceased or the family – are not fitting. This includes secular songs and religious songs not suited to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Such pieces can find a meaningful place at other moments of remembrance, such as at the funeral home during visitation or during a post-burial luncheon gathering.

Saint Mary Magdalene will provide a full-color booklet with the prayers and music for the Funeral Mass. If any music is sung in other languages (such as Latin or Spanish), translations will be included in the booklet.

At several moments during the Liturgy, The Church offers specific, sung prayers on behalf of your loved one. These come from Scripture and are chanted by our cantor.

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Servers, priest, and pallbearers with remains of the beloved deceased enter the church during this chanted prayer. The Roman Missal provides the following options (choose one):

- **A.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. –4 Esdras 2: 34, 35
- B. As for me, I will appear before you in righteousness;
 I will be satisfied when your glory is made manifest. –Psalm 17:15
- **C.** Let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my supplication, O Lord. –Psalm 88:3
- **D.** O Lord, if you were to take into account our iniquities, who would withstand the test? But forgiveness abides with you, O God of Israel. –Psalm 130:3,4
- Please choose for me
- □ I prefer the chant in English □ I am interested in Latin □ I am interested in Spanish

MASSORDINARIES (Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Lamb of God)

🗅 English 🛛 Latin 🖓 Spanish

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- Description Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- Psalm 25: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
- Description Psalm 42: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?
- □ Psalm 148: Let all praise the name of the Lord.
- Please choose for me
- □ I am interested in the Psalm sung bilingually (English/Spanish)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Please see "additional music" below

COMMUNION

During the reception of Holy Communion (by practicing Catholics prepared to receive the Body of the Lord), the Church offers a sung prayer (antiphon) on behalf of your loved one:

May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of your saints for eternity, for you are full of goodness. –4 Esdras 2:35/Psalm 130

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You may request a Communion meditation (to follow the above antiphon) from the "additional music" list below.

COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

The remains of the beloved deceased are blessed with incense and sprinkled with holy water as his/her soul is commended to the Lord with the following sung prayer:

Saints of God, come to his/her aid! Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord! Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God, the Most High.

As the procession leaves the Church, the following ancient prayer is sung in English or Latin:

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem. May choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once a poor man, may you have eternal rest.

□ I prefer the chant in English □ I am interested in Latin

ADDITIONAL MUSIC

Please choose for me

You may request two pieces from the list below. One will be sung during the Preparation of the Gifts, and the other as a Communion meditation. Please consult with the Director of Sacred Music (Claire Halbur), Coordinator of Pastoral Care (Trisha Engel), or Coordinator of Sacred Liturgy (Aaron Accurso) about your requests.

- Amazing Grace
- As the Deer Longs (Tune: O WALY WALY)
- Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)
- Ave Maria (Franz Schubert)
- Ave verum corpus (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
- Be Not Afraid (Bob Dufford)
- Be Still, My Soul (Tune: FINLANDIA)
- Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (Tune: THE CALL)
- Eat This Bread (Taize)
- **G** Eye Has Not Seen (Marty Haugen)
- Gift of Finest Wheat/
 - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Omar Westendorf)
- Here I Am, Lord (Dan Shutte)
- □ How Can I Keep from Singing (Robert Lowry)
- I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)
- □ I Received the Living God (arr. Richard Proulx)

- □ I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Tune: KINGSFOLD)
- □ I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Tune: DUKE STREET)
- □ Jerusalem, My Happy Home (Tune: LAND OF REST)
- Jesus, Remember Me (Taize)

I am interested in Spanish

- Let Keep in Mind (Lucien Deiss)
- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Tune: PICARDY)
- Lord of All Hopefulness (Tune: SLANE)
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Tune: ST. ANNE)
- O Lord, I Am Not Worthy (Traditional)
- On Eagle's Wings (Michael Joncas)
- Panis Angelicus (César Franck)
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Trad. Spiritual/Dorsey)
- □ The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Tune: ST. COLUMBA)
- The Lord Will Heal the Broken Heart (Liam Lawton)
- Generation What Wondrous Love Is This (Trad. American)
- □ You Are Mine (David Haas)