

Christ The King Church Funeral Choir Songs

*Choose one song for each
Part of the liturgy of
the funeral Mass*

Gathering Song
Presentation of the Gifts
Communion Song
Song of Farewell
Recessional Song

Our funeral choir
director will help
you to plan your
ceremony choices

Amazing Grace	(Gathering, Recess)
Be Not Afraid	(Gathering, Present, Recess)
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Blest Are They	(Gathering, Present)
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Center of My Life	(Gather, Present, Recess)
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Eye Has Not Seen	(Gathering, Present, Recess)
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Hosea	(Gathering, Present, Recess)
How Great Thou Art	(Gather, Recess)
I Am the Bread of Life	(Communion, Recess)
Lead Me Lord	(Gather, Present, Recess)
Loving and Forgiving	(Gather, Present, Recess)
May the Angels Lead You	(Farewell)
One Bread, One Body	(Communion)
On Eagles Wings	(Gathering, Present, Recess)
Only a Shadow	(Gather, Present, Communion, Recess)
Open My Eyes	(Gather, present, Recess)
Prayer of St. Francis	(Gather, present, recess)
Precious Lord, take my hand	(Gather, present, recess)
Sing with All the Saints in Glory	(Gathering, recession)
Surely the Presence	(Presentation, Communion)
Table of Plenty	(Gathering, Communion)
The Supper of the Lord	(Communion)
We are the Light of the World	(Gather, present)
We Have Been Told	(Present, Recess)
We Walk By Faith	(Gather, present, Recess)
We Will Rise again	(Gather, present, Recess)
You are Mine	(Gather, present, Recess)
You are near	(Gather, Present, Recess)

Other songs may be requested by the family and we will try to accommodate your request
If music is available or by playing via a recorded version.

Song Lyrics for Funerals

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

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Be Not Afraid

Robert Dufford, S.J.

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.

Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2: If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow’r of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

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Beyond The Moon And Stars

Dan Schutte

Refrain: Beyond the moon and stars as deep as night, so great our hunger, Lord, to see your light.
The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing. So may we come to rest where angels sing.

- 1) Our eyes have longed to see your loving face, to live within your courts for all our days.(R)
- 2) Your roads have led us, Lord, ‘cross desert sand.
We place our hopes and dreams within your hand. (R)
- 3) Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone. (R)
- 4) With shining star at night, and cloud by day, you brought us here to see your love’s display.(R)
- 5) When life’s great journey ends, and day is done, then may our eyes behold your Holy One.(R)

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Blest Are They

David Haas

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!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. **(R)**
Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! **(R)**
Blest are the who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. **(R)**
Blest are they who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **(R)**

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***Celtic Song Of Farewell**

arr. by Steve Schaubel

May choirs of angels lead you into paradise, and may the martyrs come to welcome you.
To bring you home into the holy city, so you may dwell in New Jerusalem.
May holy angels be there at your welcoming, with all the saints who go before you there,
that you may know the peace and joy of paradise; that you may enter into everlasting rest.

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Center of My Life

Paul Inwood

Refrain: O Lord, you are the center of my life:
I will always praise you, I will always serve you, I will always keep you in my sight.

Verse 1: Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord,
“You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone; my happiness lies in you alone.”

Verse 2: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Verse 3: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; Even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

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***Come Home**

Carey Landry

Refrain: Come home; come home, for love is waiting there.
In the stillness we will hear God's voice: come home, come home

Verse: May the angels welcome you; may the saints come to your aid.
May they lead you into paradise and present your soul to God. (R)

Verse: May Christ Jesus take you home; may you have eternal rest.
May you dwell forever in God's peace; may you live in eternal light. (R)

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Eye Has Not Seen Marty Haugen

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: 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: 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.

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Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte

Verse 1: I, the Lord of sea and 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.

Verse 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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Holy God, We Praise Thy Name GROSSER GOTT/Rick Modlin

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite, thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Bridge: Holy is your name; ever you shall reign.
Heav'n and earth proclaim: Holy is your name!

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

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Hosea Weston Priory

Come back to me with all your heart Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall; So must we to others' call.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming Home to me and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice, with tenderness you shall know

You shall sleep secure with peace Faithfulness will be your joy.

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How Great Thou Art Stuart K. Hine

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 power throughout the universe displayed.

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!

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 Am the Bread of Life Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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.

Verse 4: I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me,
Even though you die, you shall live forever.

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Lead Me, Lord John D. Becker

Verse: Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain: Lead me Lord, lead me Lord, by the light of truth
To seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me Lord, today.

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Loving and Forgiving Scott Soper

Refrain: Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness,
loving and forgiving are you.

Verse 1: All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God.
All my being, bless the Lord, rememb'ring the goodness of God.

Verse 2: God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death.
God fills us with goodness and love.

Verse 3: Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love.
God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God.

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***May the Angels Lead You**

James Marchionda, O.P.

Refrain: May the angels lead you, lead you into paradise. May the angels lead you into paradise.

Verse: May the martyrs come to welcome you. May the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Final Refrain: May the angels lead you, lead you into paradise.
May the angels lead you into paradise. May the angels lead you,
May the angels lead you home.

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One Bread, One Body John Foley, S.J.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1: Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
Verse 2: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
Verse 3: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

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On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas

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!"

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 2: The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

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Only A Shadow Carey Landry

The love we have for you, O Lord, is only a shadow of your love for us;
Only a shadow of your love for us, your deep abiding love.
The bread we take and eat, O Lord, is your body broken and shared with us;
Your body broken and shared with us, the gift of your great love.

Refrain: Our lives are in your hands; our lives are in your hands.
Our love for you will grow, O Lord; your light in us will shine.

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Open My Eyes

Jesse Manibusan

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.

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Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

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.
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.

O 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.
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.

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Sing with All the Saints in Glory HYMN TO JOY/William J. Irons

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, people waking, Know the everlasting peace.

Oh, 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;
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead;
Join with all the heavenly voices; Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages, Saints all longing for their heaven,
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, All await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!
Oh, to enter that bright portal, See that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal, Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

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Surely the Presence Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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Table of Plenty Dan Schutte

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, Here at the table of plenty.

Verse 1: O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

Verse 2: O come and eat without money; come and drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

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The Supper of the Lord Laurencia Rosania

Refrain: Precious body, precious blood, here in bread and wine;
Here the Lord prepares the feast divine.
Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured:
Come share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, Giving life to us, to all the world.
2. "I am the living spring of eternal life; You that drink from me shall not thirst again."
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; You that eat this bread shall never die."
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me, As I have my life in the living God."
5. All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast, in this bread we share in one life, one Lord.

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We Are the Light of the World Jean Anthony Greif

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Refrain: We are the light of the world; May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted
Bless us, O Lord, When we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who show others mercy, They will know mercy too
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are they who bring peace Among us, They are the children of God
Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Bless those who suffer from persecution, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, when they persecute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

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We Have Been Told by David Haas

Refrain: We have been told, we've seen his face, and heard his voice alive in our hearts;
"Live in my love with all your heart, as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

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We Walk By Faith

Marty Haugen

Verses 1, 5: We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

Verse 2: We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry "My Lord and God!"

Verse 3: Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

Verse 4: That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

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We Will Rise Again

David Haas

Verse 1: Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care.
I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

Refrain: We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength,
And we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

Verse 2: I am strength to the weary; to the weak I am new life.
Though the young may grow weary, I will be their hope.

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You Are Mine

David Haas

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.
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.

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. (Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now, walk and live! (Refrain)

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You Are Near

Dan Schutte

Refrain: O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Verse 1: Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, keeping me from harm.

Verse 2: Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heavens you are there.
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find you there.

Verse 3: You know my heart and its ways, you who formed me before I was born,
In the secret of darkness before I saw the sun, in my mother's womb.

Verse 4: Marvelous to me are your works; how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars, you would still be there.

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