

Choosing music for the Mass of the Resurrection



Immaculate Conception Church

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Diocese of Fall River

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Resources

Choosing music for the Mass of the Resurrection can appear to be a daunting task at first. Our parish priest is your best possible resource for planning music, choosing text, blessings and, in general, anything to do with planning the ceremony. In addition, he is able to put you in contact with the people connected with liturgy planning.

The music listed on the following pages are suggestions based on what is generally requested. These suggestions are just some of the wide selection of possibilities available. Please keep in mind the sanctity of the Mass when seeking out musical selections. Occasionally, you may find a selection that speaks to your heart, which you might want to include in the ceremony, but may not actually be in keeping with the reverent nature of the liturgy. In those instances, a selection like that may be best enjoyed during a time of quiet reflection at the funeral home with family and friends.

PLEASE NOTE: Only experienced Immaculate Conception Parish cantors and musicians are permitted to serve in this capacity. This helps to avoid disappointment to the families since it ensures a desirable continuity with the church's regular worship life, and protects the parish's mission in terms of high quality liturgy. It also helps guarantee that the service will go smoothly because celebrant, cantor and organist are accustomed to working with each other as well as with the specific acoustical demands of the liturgical space.

If you have any questions regarding the music, please contact our Director of Music, Darlene Stavros @ 508-238-5705.

Gathering Songs

Please select one song for the entrance processional.

“Amazing Grace”—This traditional hymn was written by Virginia Harmony. “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!”

“Be Not Afraid” - Based on Isaiah 43:2-3 and Luke 6:20ff. The refrain is: “Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.”

“Here I Am, Lord” - Based on Isaiah 6. The refrain is: “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.”

“Holy, Holy, Holy” This traditional hymn was written by John B. Dykes. “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.”

“Hosea” - Written by Gregory Norbet, OSB of the Weston Priory. The refrain is: “Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.”

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past” - Based on Psalm 90. “O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come. Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home.”

“Morning Has Broken” - The words are put to the traditional Gaelic Melody. “Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!”

“We Walk By Faith” - Based on John 20: 24-29. “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.”

Responsorial Psalms

Please select one. The psalm is sung by the cantor after the first reading.

“Be Still” - This beautiful, lilting melody was written by David Kauffman. The refrain is: “Be still my love, know that I am God. Be still, my love, know that I am God.”

“Be With Me” - Psalm 91. The words and music were written by Marty Haugen. The refrain is: “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray.”

“Like A Shepherd” - Based on Isaiah 40:9, Ezekiel 34:11 and Matthew 11:28ff. The refrain is: “Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.”

“Shelter Me, O God” - Based on Psalms 16 and 61 and Luke 13:34. The refrain is: “Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings. You alone are my hope.”

“Shepherd Me, O God” - Based on Psalm 23. Written and arranged by Marty Haugen. The refrain is: “Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.”

“The Lord Is My Light” - Based on Psalm 27. Written and arranged by David Haas. The refrain is: “The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?”

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” - Based on Psalm 23. The refrain is: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

“To You, O Lord” - Based on Psalm 25. Written and arranged by Marty Haugen. The refrain is: “To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.”

Preparation of the Gifts & Communion Songs

Please select two songs from the following list. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, one will be used while the bread and wine is brought to the altar. The other will be used during Communion. A few of the songs can only be used during Communion and are noted as such.

“All I Ask of You” - This gentle, quiet melody was written by Greg Norbet, OSB. The refrain is: “All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.”

“Amazing Grace” - This traditional hymn written by Virginia Harmony. “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!”

“Ave Maria” - by Franz Schubert. Sung in Latin. (Preparation of the Gifts)

“Be Not Afraid” - Based on Isaiah 43:2-3 and Luke 6:20ff. The refrain is: “Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.”

“Because The Lord Is My Shepherd” - Written by Christopher Walker. The refrain is: “Lord, You are my shepherd, you are my friend. I want to follow you always, just to follow my friend.”

“Blest Are They” - This waltz-like melody is based on the Beatitudes. The refrain is: “ Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!”

“Center of My Life” - Based on Psalm 16. Written by Paul Inwood. The refrain is: “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.

“Christ, Be Our Light” - Written by Bernadette Farrell in 3/4 time. The refrain is: “Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.”

“I Am the Bread of Life” (Communion only) The text is based on Jn 6 and written by Suzanne Toolan, SM. The refrain is: “And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.”

“Eye Has Not Seen” - Based on 1Corinthians 2:9-10. Written and arranged by Marty Haugen. The refrain is: “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.”

“Gentle Shepherd” - Based on Psalm 23. Written by Tobias Colgan, OSB. The refrain is: “O Jesus, gentle shepherd and living bread; feed us, guide us to the land of everlasting life.”

“Gift of Finest Wheat”/ “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (Communion only) This song is commonly known by both titles. The refrain is: “You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

“Hail Mary; Gentle Woman” - This is a quiet, lilting song based on Luke 1:28 and written by Carey Landry. It begins with the prayer, “Hail Mary” and flows into the refrain and verses. The refrain is: “Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright. Gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.”

“Here I Am, Lord” - Based on Isaiah 6. The refrain is “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.”

“Hosea” - Written by Gregory Norbet, OSB of the Weston Priory. The refrain is: “Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.”

“Like A Shepherd” - Based on Isaiah 40:9, Ezekiel 34:11 and Matthew 11:28ff. The refrain is: “Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.”

“Lord, You Have Come” - This waltz-like melody’s refrain is: “O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gentle smiling, you have spoken my name; all I longed for I have found by the water, at your side, I will seek other shores.”

“Now We Remain” - Written and arranged by David Haas. The refrain is: “We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.”

“O Lord, I Am Not Worthy” - Based on Matthew 8:8. This traditional hymn was first translated anonymously in Catholic Youth Hymnal in 1871. The first verse is: “O Lord, I am not worthy that thou should’st come to me; But speak the word of comfort, my spirit healed shall be.”

“On Eagle’s Wings” - The text is based on Psalm 91. Written and arranged by Michael Joncas. The refrain is: “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.”

“One Bread, One Body” (Communion only) - Written by John Foley, SJ. The refrain is: “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.”

“Only This I Want” - Based on Philippians 3:7-16; 2:15, 18. Written by Dan Schutte. The refrain is: “Only this I want: but to know the Lord, and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.”

“Parable” - Written by M.D. Ridge. The refrain is: “To ev’ry thing, there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time for harvest; a time to meet and a time to part.”

“Prayer of St. Francis”/ “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” - Known by both titles. The first verse is: “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.”

“We Remember” - Written and arranged by Marty Haugen. The refrain is: “We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.”

“We Will Rise Again” - Based on Isaiah 40:11, 26, 29-30; 41:10. Written and arranged by David Haas. The refrain is: “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.”

“You Are Mine” - Written and arranged by David Haas. The refrain is: “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.”

“You Are Near” - Based on Psalm 139. Written by Dan Schutte. The refrain is: “Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.”

Sending Song

“How Great Thou Art” - This is a beautiful and majestic, traditional hymn. The refrain is: “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!”

“I Am the Bread of Life” - The text is based on Jn 6 and written by Suzanne Toolan, SM. The refrain is: “And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.”

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” - Based on Job 19; Psalm 27 and Isaiah 25. Written by Scott Soper. The refrain is: “I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again. I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again.”

“Irish Farewell” - Based on the traditional Irish Blessing. “May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. The sun shine warm upon your face. A breath of spring yours to embrace. The rains fall soft upon your field. The gift of love to you revealed. Until we meet again, may God hold you; may God hold you; may God hold you in the palm of his hand.”

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” - This is the traditional hymn: “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.”

“On Eagle’s Wings” - The text is based on Psalm 91. Written and arranged by Michael Joncas. The refrain is: “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.”

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” - Written in 3/4 time. This hymn has a southern gospel feeling. It was written and arranged by Thomas A. Dorsey. The first verse is: “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.”

“Song of Farewell” - Written by Ernest Sands. The refrain is: “May the choirs of angels come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise. May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.”

“Song of Farewell” - Arranged by Michael Joncas. The refrain is: “Dying you destroyed our death! Rising you restored our life! Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, come in glory!”

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Gathering: _____

Psalm: _____

Preparation of the gifts: _____

Communion: _____

Sending Forth: _____

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*This is a time to remember those we loved,
the connection we shared and the way they touched our lives.*