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HYMNS FOR THE FUNERAL (SAMPLE 1)

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Hymns for a funeral service are most appropriate when they express death seen in the context of our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Consider the following from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

FUNERAL HYMNS FOR ANY TIME OF THE YEAR

629	Abide with Me		630	In Heaven Above
468	Around You, O Lord Jesus		867	In Thee Is Gladness
362	At the Lamb's High Feast		628	Jerusalem, My Happy Home
425	Behold the Host Arrayed in White		697	Just a Closer Walk with Thee
728	Blest Are They		660	Lift High the Cross
656	Blest Be the Tie That Binds		765	Lord of All Hopefulness
732	Borning Cry		767	Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
781	Children of the Heavenly Father		750	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
607	Come, Ye Disconsolate		631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
855	Crown Him with Many Crowns		596,597	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
790	Day by Day		763	My Life Flows On in Endless Song
422	For All the Saints		782	My Shepherd, You Supply My Need (Psalm 23)
427	For All Your Saints, O Lord		622	Neither Death nor Life
879	For the Beauty of the Earth		839,840	Now Thank We All Our God
770	Give Me Jesus		500	Now We Remain
428	Give Thanks for Saints		447	O Blessed Spring
543	Go, My Children, with My Blessing		760	O Christ the Same
564	God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven		627	O Day Full of Grace
637	Holy God, Holy and Glorious		880	O God beyond All Praising
414	Holy God, We Praise Your Name		632	O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)
413	Holy, Holy Holy		542	O Living Bread from Heaven
636	How Small Our Span of Life		313	O Lord, Now Let Your Servant
485	I Am the Bread of Life		441	Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand
619	I Know That My Redeemer Lives!		787	On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)
769	If You But Trust in God to Guide You		773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
			418	Rejoice in God's Saints

CHRISTMAS

423	Shall We Gather at the River	273	All My Heart Again Rejoices
426	Sing with All the Saints in Glory	277,278	Away in a Manger
878	Soli Deo Gloria	288	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
488,489	Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	287	Let All Together Praise Our God
654	The Church's One Foundation	272	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	269	Once in Royal David's City
778	The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)	286	Your Little Ones, Dear Lord
531	The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing		
342	There in God's Garden		EPIPHANY
826	Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	302	As with Gladness Men of Old
327	Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow	815	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
613	Thy Holy Wings	308	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
451	We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus	866	We Are Marching in the Light
449	We Know That Christ Is Raised		
487	What Feast of Love		LENT/HOLY WEEK
666	What Wondrous Love Is This	323	God Loved the World
639	When We Are Living	324	In the Cross of Christ I Glory
581	You Are Mine	343	My Song Is Love Unknown
		351,352	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
		811	On My Heart Imprint Your Image

FUNERAL HYMNS FOR PARTICULAR LITURGICAL SEASONS

The Easter hymns listed below are especially appropriate for a funeral at any time during the year.

ADVENT

EASTER

438	My Lord, What a Morning	377	Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
257	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	378	Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
264	Prepare the Royal Highway	367	Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
244	Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers	379	Now the Green Blade Rises
436	Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying	366	The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done
		376	Thine Is the Glory
		368	With High Delight Let Us Unite

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HYMNS FOR THE FUNERAL (SAMPLE 2)

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TRIUMPHANT PROCLAMATIONS OF FAITH

377	Alleluia! Jesus is Risen		374	Day of Arising
422	For All the Saints		543	Go, My Children, with My Blessing
618	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer		612	Healer of Our Every Ill
856	How Great Thou Art		429	In Our Day of Thanksgiving
619	I Know That My Redeemer Lives!		765	Lord of All Hopefulness
867	In Thee Is Gladness		786	O Holy Spirit, Enter In
631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling		787	On Eagle's Wings
627	O Day Full of Grace		423	Shall We Gather at the River
632	O God, Our Help in Ages Past		342	There in God's Garden
308	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!		613	Thy Holy Wings
454	Remember and Rejoice		785	When Peace like a River
439	Soon and Very Soon			
376	Thine Is the Glory			
666	What Wondrous Love Is This			

GENTLER SONGS OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE

SUNG VERSIONS OF PSALM 23

629	Abide with Me		502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
779	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound		778	The Lord's My Shepherd
838	Beautiful Savior		780	Shepherd Me, O God
728	Blest Are They			
732	Borning Cry			
781	Children of the Heavenly Father			FAREWELL OR ACCLAMATION
790	Day by Day		223	All of Us Go Down to the Dust
			222	Into Paradise May the Angels Lead You

		313	O Lord, Now Let Your Servant
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FUNERAL (SAMPLE 1)

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FIRST LESSON

Job 19:23-27A I know that my Redeemer lives		Psalm 46:1-7 God is our refuge and strength
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 For everything a season		Psalm 63 Eagerly I seek you
Isaiah 25:6-9 The Lord will swallow up death forever		Psalm 84 How lovely is your dwelling place
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 Comfort my people, says your God		Psalm 90 You have been our refuge
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7 I have called you by name		Psalm 116 You have delivered my soul from death
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-29 I am about to do a new thing		Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills
Isaiah 61:1-3 God comforts all who mourn		Psalm 122 Let us go to the house of the Lord
Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25 New heavens and a new earth		Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry to you
Isaiah 66:10-14 As a mother comforts her child		Psalm 139:7-12 The gracious omnipresence of the Lord
Jeremiah 31:8-13 I will turn their mourning into joy		Psalm 142:1-6 I cry to the Lord with my voice
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases		Psalm 143 Lord, hear my prayer
PSALM		SECOND LESSON
Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd		Romans 5:1-11 Justified by faith, we have peace with God

Psalm 25:1-10 To you I lift up my soul		Romans 6:3-9 Baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection
Psalm 42:1-7 As a deer longs for flowing streams		Romans 8:14-23 We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 Nothing can separate us from the love of God		Matthew 25:1-13 The bridegroom is coming; come out to meet him
Romans 14:7-12 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord		Mark 16:1-7 The resurrection of Christ
1 Corinthians 15:12-26 In Christ shall all be made alive		Luke 2:25-32 (or 2:25-40) Simeon is able to die in peace
1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Death is swallowed up in victory		Luke 23:33, 39-43 Today you will be with me in paradise
2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18 Treasure in clay jars		Luke 24:13-35 The road to Emmaus
2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1 What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal		John 1:1-5, 9-14 The light shines in the darkness
2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 We have an everlasting home in heaven		John 6:37-40 All that the Father gives me will come to me
Philippians 3:20-21 Jesus will transfigure our bodies to be like his glorious body		John 6:51-58 All who eat this bread will live forever; I will raise them up on the last day
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 We shall stay with the Lord forever		John 10:11-16 I am the good shepherd
2 Timothy 2:8-13 If we have died with him, we shall live with him		John 11:21-27 (or 11:32-45) I am the resurrection and the life
1 John 3:1-2 We shall see God as God really is		John 12:23-28 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest
Revelation 7:9-17 God will wipe away every tear		John 14:1-6 In my Father's house there are many rooms
Revelation 21:2-7 Behold, I make all things new		John 14:25-27 Peace I leave with you

Revelation 22:1-5 The Lord God will be their light		
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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-10 Blessed are those who mourn		
Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me and I will give you rest		

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FUNERAL (SAMPLE 2)

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OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Numbers 6:22-27 The Lord bless you and keep you		Psalms 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
Job 19:23-27a I know that my Redeemer lives		Psalms 130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord
Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose		Psalms 131 Hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore
Isaiah 25:6-9 God will swallow up death forever		Psalms 139:1-16 Where can I go from your spirit?
Isaiah 40:1-2; 11; 28-31 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God		Psalms 143 Hear my prayer, O Lord
Isaiah 61:1-3 The Lord has anointed me...to bind up the brokenhearted		Proverbs 31:10-15, 21, 26-31 A good wife who can find? Her children...call her blessed.
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases		Ezekiel 34:11-16a I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want		
Psalm 30 You have turned my mourning into dancing		NEW TESTAMENT READINGS
Psalm 42 Hope in God, for I shall again praise him		Matthew 5:1-12 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted
Psalm 46 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble		Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me...and I will give you rest
Psalm 90 So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart		Mark 10:13-16 Let the little children come to me
Psalm 118 O give thanks to the Lord....steadfast love endures forever		Luke 2:25-32 Now you are dismissing your servant in peace...for my eyes have seen your salvation
		John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
		John 5:24-29 ...all who are in their graves will hear his voice

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John 6:37-40 I will raise them up on the last day		1 Peter 1:3-9 ...a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection
John 11:21-27 I am the resurrection and the life		1 John 3:1-2 Beloved, we are God's children now
John 14:1-6 I am the way, and the truth, and the life		1 John 4:7-12 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God
John 14:18-21 ...because I live, you also will live		Revelation 7:9-17 Who are these robed in white? ...God will wipe away every tear
John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you		Revelation 21:1-7 Death will be no more
Romans 5:1-11 While we were yet sinners Christ died for us		
Romans 5:17-21 Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more		

Romans 8:31-35, 36-37 [Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God		
Romans 12:9-13, 15-16, 21 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep		
Romans 14:7-9 Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's		
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ...the greatest of these is love		
1 Corinthians 15:12-26 Christ has been raised from the dead		
Phillippians 4:8-9 ...the God of peace will be with you		
1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 ...that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope		

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