

St. Joseph Parish Wedding Planning: Music

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! As St Joseph's Music Director, I am honored to work with you on planning this special event. Also, if you have requests for singers or other outside musicians, please feel free to let me know. However, please be aware of the person's musical skills since there will be limited time to rehearse as I can only promise one rehearsal.

When selecting music for a Catholic Wedding, the Church puts forth three criteria for making musical choices. These are the same criteria used when choosing music for any Liturgy. First, is it appropriate for Liturgy? Some songs that are traditions, for example "The Wedding Song", "Wind Beneath My Wings", or "Annie's Song", are beautiful songs, but they do not fit in the Liturgy. Songs like these would be appropriate as prelude music, but not in the context of the Liturgy itself. Second, is it accessible for the congregation? Many pop songs are written with a wide range that spans more than an octave, making them difficult for non-trained singers. The Wedding Liturgy, like all Liturgies should still foster the "active participation of the faithful". Finally, the third criteria is closely related to the first - the music should be of good quality. Below is list of suggestions for music at your wedding.



Prelude, Seating of Mothers and Processional

Prelude in C major—J.S. Bach
Jesu Joy of Mans Desire—J.S. Bach
Joyful Joy Full—L. Beethoven
Canon in D—J. Pachelbel
Gathered in the Love of Christ (based on Canon in D)
Bridal Chorus from Loengrin—R. Wagner

Psalms

We Will Server the Lord—T. Booth
The Lord is Kind and Merciful—T. Booth
The Lord is Kind and Merciful—M. Haugen
(100 Gather Comprehensive)
Blest Are Those Who Love You—M. Haugen (125 G C)

Gospel Acclamations

Celtic Alleluia—C. Walker (258 G C)
Halle, Halle, Halle—Tr. Arr. J. Bell (259 G C)
Alleluia Give the Glory—B. Hurd Mass of Glory

Presentation of the Gifts

How Beautiful—T. Paris
We Will Serve the Lord—T. Booth
Make Us A Eucharistic People—T. Smith (Based on Canon in D)
Sing Out Earth and Sky—M. Haugen (499 G C)
We Come to Your Feast—M. Joncas (850 G C)

Communion Hymn

Taste and See—J. Moore (814 G C)
One Bread One Body—J. Foley (830 G C)
Here I Am Lord—D. Schutte (686 G C)

Dedication to Mary

Ave Maria—F. Schubert
Ave Maria—Bach, Gonoud
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman—C. Landry (782 G C)
Holy is Your Name—J.M. Talbot

Recessional

Joyful, Joyful—L. Beethoven
Trumpet Voluntary—J. Clarke
Wedding March—F. Mendelssohn

Fee—The typical fee for music at a Wedding Liturgy, whether a full Mass or just Liturgy of the Word is as follows:

Director: \$150.00 (includes meeting couple ahead of time and any assistance needed in planning and preparing the Liturgy)
Pianist: \$80.00
Cantor: \$80.00
Additional instruments or voices: \$80.00 each

(Please let the Pastor know of any financial hardships)

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