

Wedding Music Suggestions

There are a wide number of choices of music available to an engaged couple for their wedding liturgy at St. Mary's. Our director of music ministries will walk you through the process of choosing music. This list provides some titles that may be of interest to you. It is not exhaustive, but hopefully helpful. Also, please refer to our *Music for the Sacrament of Marriage* handout.

Responsorial Psalm Settings

The Responsorial Psalm between the scripture readings is a proclamation of scripture, but one that will be sung! Using the book *United in Christ* provided by the parish, choose first from among the Psalm texts, and then consult with the parish musicians for a musical arrangement/style that you like. Different settings may paraphrase the text differently.

Suggested Psalms include:

Psalm 33 *"The earth is full of the goodness of God."*

Psalm 34 *"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." or "I will bless the Lord at all times."*

Psalm 103 *"The Lord is kind and merciful."*

Psalm 112 *"Blessed the one who greatly delights in God's commands."*

Psalm 128 *"Blessed are those who fear (love) the Lord." or "See how the Lord blesses those who fear (love) him."*

Psalm 145 *"God is compassionate toward all his works."*

Psalm 148 *"Let all praise the name of the Lord."*

Familiarity is an important factor when choosing songs for everyone to sing!

Suggested Opening Songs

All Are Welcome [Haugen] #681

All Creatures of Our God and King

[LASST UNS ERFREUEN] #506

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

[OLD HUNDREDETH] #682

All the Ends of the Earth [Dufford] #509

Canticle of the Sun [Haugen] #482

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race [O WALY WALY] #677

For the Beauty of the Earth [DIX] #535

Gather Us In [Haugen] #687

God, in the Planning [SLANE] #793

Here I Am, Lord [Schutte] #641

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You [HYMN TO JOY] #514

I Danced in the Morning [SHAKER SONG] #629

Let All Things Now Living [ASH GROVE] #538

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling [HYFRYDOL] #543

Love is the Sunlight [BUNESSAN] #1124

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace/ Prayer of St. Francis [Temple] #663

O Love of God/*Amor de Dios* [Hurd] #1102

Sing a New Song [Schutte] #521

Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ [Cortez] #610

The Servant Song [Gillard] #611

The Summons [KELVINGROVE] #623

We Gather Together [KREMSER] #540

When Love Is Found [O WALY WALY] #792

Where Charity and Love Prevail [CHRISTIAN LOVE] #591

With Rejoicing Hearts/*Con Amor Jovial* [Cortez] #1107

For weddings within the seasons of Easter and Christmas, ask about appropriate seasonal music.

Key:

Song Title [Composer or MELODY NAME] # in our hymnal ¹

Songs Suitable for Opening or Communion

Eye Has Not Seen [Haugen] #595

Lord, When You Came / *Pescador de Hombres* [Gabarain] #627

Sing to the Mountains [Dufford] #442

We Are Many Parts [Haugen] #671

You Are Near [Schutte] #575

Suggested Communion Songs (within Mass)

The purpose of music during the Communion procession is to express the people's union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices and to highlight the communal nature of the procession. Because of this, the Communion song is sung by the entire assembly.

Come to the Feast [Hurd] #591

Eat This Bread [Berthier] #748

Lord, When You Came/*Pescador de Hombres* [Gabarain] #627

One Bread, One Body [Foley] #756

Pan de Vida [Hurd] #758

Taste and See [Moore] #741

Taste and See [Reza] #1106

Ubi Caritas [Hurd] #1105

We Remember [Haugen] #740

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart [Kreutz] #761

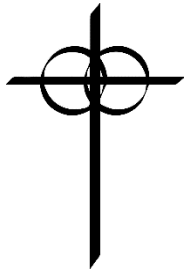
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¹ Our hymnal is *We Pray in Song/Oramos Cantando*.

Suggested Processionals / Recessionals

Air, from Suite No. 3/Overture in D [J.S. Bach]
Air, from Water Music [G.F. Handel]
Canon [J. Pachelbel]
Hornpipe/With Trumpets and Horns from
Water Music [G.F. Handel]
Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring [Bach]
La Réjouissance, from Music for the Royal
Fireworks [G.F. Handel]
Ode To Joy [L.v. Beethoven]
Prelude from *Te Deum* [M.-A. Charpentier]
Processional, from Water Music [G.F. Handel]
Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of
God [Marcello]
Rigaudon [Campra]
Rondeau, from Première Suite, [J.J. Mouret]
The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba [G.F. Handel]
The Prince of Denmark's March
(a.k.a. Trumpet Voluntary) [J. Clarke]
Trumpet Tune [J. Clarke]

Music is an integral part of Catholic worship, and the goal of preparing a wedding liturgy is to encourage the full and active participation of all who will gather to celebrate your marriage. The music chosen for a wedding has the power to encourage (or stifle) participation!



Music for the Preparation of the Gifts (within Mass)

The time during Mass when the gifts of bread & wine and gifts for the poor are brought forward is a very short period of time. Instrumental music is very suitable for this part of the liturgy, as are short, appropriate sung pieces.

Many of the pieces noted as instrumental preludes may work here. Many of the suggestions for Psalms and Opening Songs, played instrumentally, are also suitable for this purpose.

Possible Preludes/Postludes, Instrumental

There is a wide repertoire of pieces for the piano and organ. The list of processionals / recessionals provides many good options for preludes or postludes also.

All Are Welcome [arr. Tate]
Alleluia (from Exsultate, Jubilate) [Mozart]
Ave Maria [Bach, Gounod]
Ave Maria [F. Schubert]
Canon in D [Pachelbel]
Come Down, O Love Divine
[DOWN AMPNEY, Vaughan Williams]
Gather Us In [arr. Cotter]
Holy Manna [arr. Tate]
Largo, from Xerxes [Handel]
Meditation, from Thaïs [Massenet]
O God, Beyond All Praising [arr. Tate]
Saraband, from Sonata No. 8, Op. 5 [Corelli]
Sheep May Safely Grace [Bach]
Sicilienne/Siciliano [Bach]
Sinfonia, from Cantata No. 156 [Bach]
Sleepers, Awake [Bach]
Songs of the Spirit [arr. Tate]
St. Anthony Chorale [attr. Haydn]
What Wondrous Love [arr. Cotter]

Instrumental arrangements of any appropriate tune may be used as preludes, postludes, at the time of a unity candle, and at the preparation of the altar and gifts.

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