

## **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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