

Music for Your Wedding

Choosing music for the marriage liturgy is an important and rewarding task. By having your wedding in a Catholic church it becomes part of the sacred liturgy of the church- faith event. Music is an integral part of the marriage rite along with the prayers, readings, and actions. These pieces should be chosen with care to form a cohesive liturgy that invites everyone gathered to join in the worship and prayer of the celebration.

The following musical options are all pre-approved for use during your wedding liturgy. While this list is composed of the more popular and well-known songs for weddings, it is by no means inclusive. If you would like more options or have a certain song in mind that is not on the list, please contact Liz at least one month before the wedding date for approval. Liz 763-862-4369 lgreffsheim@epiphanymn.org

Prelude

- ❖ *Prelude music takes place before the wedding liturgy while guests are being seated. This is an appropriate time for vocal solos that do not have a place or are not suitable during the liturgy. You do not have to choose the prelude music. The musicians will play instrumental music of their choosing while guests are seated if none has been selected.*

Processional & Recessional

- ❖ *The pieces that have not been specified piano can be played on either piano or organ. If you have a preference please indicate, otherwise it will be the accompanist's choice.*
- ❖ *One processional and recessional piece must be chosen. It is also an option to have two processional pieces, switching to the second when the bride comes down the aisle.*
- ❖ *The entrance procession is a liturgical gesture consisting of the priest, altar servers, attendants, witnesses, bride, and groom. One piece of music is all that is necessary. The bride and groom are the ministers of the sacrament of marriage together. They should both take part in the procession.*

Air from <i>Water Music</i>	Handel
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	Handel
Butterfly Waltz	Crain (can be with strings)
Canon in D	Pachelbel
Hornpipe from <i>Water Music</i>	Handel
Hymn	Vangelis
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J.S. Bach
Joyful, Joyful	Line <i>piano</i>
Joyful, Joyful	Beethoven
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	Piano/Vocal
March Jubilant	Line <i>piano</i>
O God Beyond All Praising	Perry
Overture from <i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>	Handel
Prelude in Classic Style	Young
Prelude from the Te Deum	Charpentier
Reminiscent Joy	O'Neill <i>piano</i>
Rondeau	Mouret
Trumpet Tune in D	Johnson
Trumpet Voluntary (Prince of Denmark's March)	Clarke
Trumpet Voluntary	Stanley

Gloria

- ❖ *This is a hymn or song of praise sung by all present after the procession into the church. The wedding liturgy follows the norms for a Sunday liturgy, including the Gloria that unites everyone into the celebration.*
Mass of Renewal, Curtis Stephen

Responsorial Psalm

- ❖ *Sung by the soloist/cantor and assembly between the Old Testament and New Testament readings*

Psalm 33	The Earth is full of the Goodness of God	Haugen	Ritual Song 66
Psalm 34	Taste and See	Guimont	Blue book pg 42
Psalm 34	Taste and See	Haugen	Ritual Song 70
Psalm 103	The Lord is Kind and Merciful	Haugen	Ritual Song 143
Psalm 128	Blessed are those who fear the Lord	Guimont	Blue book pg 181
Psalm 128	Blessed Are Those Who Love You	Haugen	Ritual Song 173
Psalm 145	I Will Praise Your Name Forever Lord	Gelineau	
Psalm 148	Let All Praise the Name of the Lord	Gelineau	

Gospel Acclamation

- ❖ *Sung by the cantor and assembly before the reading of the Gospel.*

Vocal Solos

- ❖ The vocal solos chosen for your wedding should be sacred songs. Not only should they be Christian, but they should speak of the sacrament of marriage and the liturgy. The suitability of texts is an important consideration. The Christian concept of “love” is characterized by commitment and fidelity and supported by the love of Christ. Popular song texts often stress only the couple, excluding the origin of love and God’s role in a Christian marriage. The text of the songs we use should also support the particular action of the liturgy, for example, a communion song at Communion.
- ❖ *These selections are appropriate for prelude and preparation of gifts. They may also be used for the lighting of the unity candle, but keep in mind that they are often longer than the brief period of time it takes to light the candle.*
- ❖ *Another option would be to have an instrumental solo.*

And On This Day	English
Ave Maria	Schubert
By My Side	Porter
The Gift of Love	Hopson
Hand in Hand	Angrisano
How Beautiful	Paris
Love Never Fails	Canedo & Manibusan
May Love Be Ours	Dudley-Smith
Panis Angelicus	Franck
The Prayer (duet)	Sager/Foste
Set Me as a Seal	Maher
This is the Day	Scott Wesley Brown
Today and Tomorrow	Duck & True
When Love is Found	Wren & Connolly

If celebrating marriage within a Mass

Sung Acclamations

- ❖ *The sung mass parts should be led by a vocalist that is familiar with the music for Catholic liturgy. If you are not having a vocalist for your wedding, or if your vocalist is not comfortable serving as a cantor, you can arrange to have a cantor through the church.*

Mass of Renewal – Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Lamb of God

Communion Songs

- ❖ *These selections are appropriate for the assembly or a soloist to sing during communion.*

Draw Near	Credo 366
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether	Credo 640
Gift of Finest Wheat	Credo 360
I Have Loved You	Ritual Song 641
I Received the Living God	Ritual Song 913
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Credo 355
Let Us Be Bread	Ritual Song 929
Now in this Banquet	Ritual Song 933
O Bread of Life	Credo 382
O Lord. I Am Not Worthy	Credo 359
O Sacrament Most Holy	Credo 361
Shepherd of Souls, in Love, Come, Feed Us	Credo 374
The Servant Song	Credo 594
Take and Eat	Ritual Song 910
This is Jesus	Credo 364

Musician Fees

The accompanist for your wedding is included in your wedding fee to the church. All other musicians, if you choose to have them, are to be paid two weeks prior to the wedding. Payment by cash or check made payable to the musicians should be brought to the church office and placed in Liz's box.

Soloist/Cantor from Epiphany - \$175

If you would like us to find a soloist for your wedding, please contact Liz as soon as possible. They can sing vocal solos as well as serve as cantor by leading the responsorial psalm, gospel acclamation, and mass parts. You must have a soloist/cantor to lead the assembly on these parts.

Soloist/Cantor outside of Epiphany

If you would like to have a cantor outside of Epiphany, they must be a practicing Catholic, and have sung a Catholic Wedding before. Rehearsal is one hour prior to the wedding. Please contact Liz for more details.

Instrumentalists (violin, flute, trumpet, etc)– FEE varies from \$150 to \$200, with payment to the person. Instrumentalists may also be found upon request one month prior to the wedding.

*Lectors: There are three options for readers for your wedding. The first reading, second reading, and the prayer of the faithful. You may include 1-3 readers. The lectors are to be a confirmed Catholic. You received a **Together for Life book**, with all the options for reading.*

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for a
CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY
WITHOUT MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude (Optional)	Title, Composer
Processional	Title, Composer
Greeting	
Introduction	
Gloria	Mass of Renewal
Opening Prayer	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Second Reading	Book, Chapter, Verses
Gospel Acclamation	
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Homily	

THE CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY

Address to the Bride and Groom
The Consent
The Blessing and Giving of Rings
Lighting of the Unity Candle (Optional) Title, Composer
The Universal Prayer
Lord's Prayer
Nuptial Blessing

CONCLUDING RITES

Final Blessing	
Recessional	Title, Composer

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts	Title, Composer
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharist Prayer	Mass of Renewal
Lord's Prayer	
Nuptial Blessing	
Sign of Peace	NOT DOING AT THIS TIME
Distribution of Holy Communion	
Communion Hymn	Title, hymnal number
Prayer after Communion	

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing	
Recessional	Title, Composer