

Wedding Music Planning Sheet

As we plan the music for your wedding, one thing to keep in mind is that this is a sacred liturgy and the music must reflect that. Secular music, including instrumental music from movies, and other pop culture songs should not be used. We would encourage you to use those songs at your reception.

If you are having a full Mass (Marriage Rite and Holy Communion), here is what you can expect:

10-15 minutes of pre-service music as people gather and are seated

- Three minutes before the Mass/Service, the parents and/or grandparents are seated to the song of choice
- Wedding party processional (typically Voluntary in D by Charpentier)
- Processional for the Bride (typically Pachelbel's Canon in D)

Psalm (You will choose between the options given on the next page)

Offertory Hymn #588-I Have Loved You

Communion Hymn #695-You Are Near

These hymns talk about love in the context of the Mass and of God being with you throughout your life and in your marriage. If you have others that you would prefer, we can discuss those. The Communion Hymn should be Christ-centered.

Recessional-Bach Prelude & Fugue in F Major.

This is a fast, festive, upbeat song and works great to set a celebratory atmosphere as you walk down the aisle together for the first time.

If you are not having a full Mass, but just the Marriage Rite instead, we omit the Mass Parts and the two hymns. Everything else is basically the same. Let me know if you have questions or would like to discuss other options. I wish you the best and look forward to helping make your wedding day beautiful!

In Christ,

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Wedding Prelude Music

(Note that YouTube links are for examples only to give you an idea of what the piece is. They are not intended to be an exact representation of what you will hear on our organ in our church. Because the music may be used for shorter duration for the liturgy-particularly for the processional-they may be shorter than the entire piece)

Prelude music begins 15 minutes before the processional as guests are being seated. These are selected by the organist. Any special requests for this time will be considered but will need to be sacred music. *Appropriate hymns may also be selected from the Gather III Hymnal.*

1. Seating of the Parents/Grandparents

- o **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdWVfrZ3MeQ>
- o **Arioso (Bach)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASU9HxBm0nk>

2. Processional for the Wedding Party: CHOOSE (1)

- o **Voluntary in D (Charpentier)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niuf914ai8w>
(note: this YouTube example is on a very small, old organ. Ours will sound much bigger and celebratory.)
- o **Prince of Denmark March (Clarke)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1088E6E2fy>

3. Processional for the Bride's Entrance: CHOOSE (1)

- o **Canon in D (Pachelbel)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AhDBTBmJCY>
- o **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)** *(If not used for the Mother's Song)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdWVfrZ3MeQ>

Liturgy of the Word

This part of the liturgy consists of readings from Scripture, a Responsorial Psalm, the Rite of Marriage, and the Prayer of the Faithful (petitions). The Responsorial Psalm is a response to the first reading, with verses sung by the cantor and a brief refrain. The number at the end corresponds to the number in our blue *Gather Three Hymnal*.

4. Responsorial Psalm: CHOOSE (1)

- o **Psalm 33: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. #1148**
- o **Psalm 34 Taste and See the goodness of the Lord. #1027**
- o **Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful. #1110**
- o **Psalm 128: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. #1007**
- o **Psalm 145: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. #1075**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

If your wedding includes the ***Celebration of the Mass***, the liturgy continues with the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion. As the altar and gifts are prepared a musical selection is sung. If you are having a ***ceremony***, you will **not** need to select music for sections 5 or 6.

5. Offertory Songs: CHOOSE (1)

Appropriate hymns may be selected from the Gather III Hymnal.

- I Have Loved You* #588
- You Are Near* #695
- Other* _____

The communion rite is the “coming together as one” to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. *Appropriate hymns may be selected from the Gather III Hymnal.*

- Taste and See* #930
- One Bread, One Body* #932
- Now in This Banquet* #937
- You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* #940
- Other* _____

6. Marian Devotion: Optional

If desired, a devotional to the Blessed Virgin Mary occurs before the final blessing.

- Ave Maria-Schubert**

Recessional

The recessional accompanies the procession of the wedding party out of the church at the conclusion of the liturgy.

7. Recessional : CHOOSE (1)

- Prelude & Fugue in F (Bach)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHkjYrLLr2g>
- Prince of Denmark March (Clarke)** (*If not used for the Processional*)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1088E6E2fY>
- Movement II from Sonata No. 2 (Mendelssohn)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gx-Ad2w3j30>