

WEDDING MUSIC

A marriage, celebrated in the Church can be a ceremony with the Liturgy of the Word (without a Mass) or the Marriage Ceremony (within a Mass).

A wedding in the Church is not a private event, it is a community celebration, an expression of faith. The music chosen for the wedding liturgy should be familiar to the people of the church where the celebration takes place. Otherwise, it limits their participation and hampers the community's worship. The purpose of the music in any celebration is to glorify God and to transform His people. It should assist the assembled believers to express and share, to nourish and strengthen their faith. Music can impart a quality of joy and enthusiasm and a sense of unity to the congregation. Above all, it sets the appropriate sacred tone for a particular celebration. Music has an important place in the celebration of marriage. Choosing the music for a wedding is an opportunity for all involved to deepen their appreciation of the mystery being celebrated. A checklist of the music for a wedding with some suggestions is set out below. The main Parish resources available are: Catholic Book of Worship III, Glory and Praise, Celebrate in Song or approved hymnal of your parish.

Here are some suggestions. Choices for music can be made in consultation with the Parish music leaders who will be the first choice for wedding musicians-piano, flute, guitar, etc. If a wedding takes place without a Mass, then there is music for the Processional, a Gathering Song, Responsorial Psalm, An optional refection song or music, Music for the signing of documents and Recessional Music. All music should be sacred in tone and approved by the Parish. Do not print any programs unless the readings and music have all been approved by the Priest or designate. Just because it is in the program already does not mean it will be permitted to be done at the ceremony or Mass.

PROCESSIONAL:

Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)

Canon in D Major (Pachelbel)

Ode to Joy -Beethoven

Ave Maria by Bach, Guonod or Schubert

Trumpet Tune

Other classical music, sacred, approved by the priest

GATHERING HYMNS (suggestions):

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You	CBW 511
God Created Earth And Heaven	CBW 512
For the Beauty Of The Earth	CBW 531
All Creatures of Our God and King	CBW 543
God, Who Gives to Life Its Goodness	CBW 559 (music 626)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	CBW 564
God Who Blesses New Beginnings	CBW 626
Morning Has Broken	CBW 651
Gather Us In	Glory & Praise
Glory and Praise to Our God	Glory & Praise
Praise the Lord My Soul	Glory & Praise

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (sung)

Psalm 33	CBW 47
Psalm 118	CBW 91
Psalm 145	CBW 102
Psalm 34	CBW 167
Psalm 128	CBW 191 or 208
Psalm 103	CBW 130

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS:

CBW 251
 CBW 257
 CBW 58
 Celtic Alleluia

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: (Offertory)

I Give To You
 Gifts For Our Lord
 Bridal Prayer

Bridegroom and Bride

God Who Created Hearts to Love

Where Love is Found

Abba Father

PREPARTION OF GIFTS:

Dwelling Place

All That We Have

Love Live With You

May The Grace of Christ

God of Love, God of Goodness

Peace Prayer

Peace is Flowing

Earthen Vessels

You Are Near

I Found a Treasure

Come Fill My World

There's A Time, There's A Moment

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Here I Am Lord CBW 520

Blest Are They CBW 522

Bread of Life CBW 597

Gather Us Together CBW 601

Eat This Bread CBW 602

Gift of Finest Wheat CBW 603

I Am The Living Bread CBW 605

Taste And See CBW 610

Only A Shadow Glory & Praise

Seed Scattered and Sown

Something Which is Known

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER:

I Give To You

Irish Wedding Song

God Who Created Hearts to Love

God Of Love, O God Of Goodness

Wedding Prayer

There Is Love

Come Fill My World

Bridegroom and Bride

God Beyond Glory

Be Our Chief Guest, Lord (tune of Morning Has Broken)

Father We Come Today

Rainbow

Paul's Prayer

RECESSIONAL:

Come Fill My World

Companions On The Journey

Blest Be The Lord

Now Thank We All Our God

Trumpet Voluntary

Marche Nuptiale

Popular vocal and popular instrumental music should be done at the Reception and not at the Church.

** These are some suggestions for music for weddings. All selections must be approved by the priest/music directors for the parish.