



All Saints' Episcopal Church

Wedding Music Policies

The music at weddings contributes to the joyous atmosphere of the occasion and sets an appropriate balance between reverence, exuberance and worship. At All Saints', the Director of Music is designated by the Rector to be responsible for the music at all liturgies. The church's pipe organ is the suitable instrument on which to provide this music, and the Director of Music, Associate Director of Music, or Assistant Organist will play and supervise the music for weddings.

Pre-service Music

The organist typically plays 20–25 minutes of pre-service music while guests are gathering and being seated for the service. A variety of styles are used, and the organist chooses the repertoire. The couple may request something specific to be included in this music, but keep in mind that it must be suitable for worship and in the organist's repertoire.

Processions

The entrance procession is accompanied by either organ/instrumental music or by a congregational hymn. Below is a listing of organ/instrumental music which works well for processions, and the organist can suggest suitable hymns for the entrance.

Hymns

Hymns at weddings are entirely optional, but some couples find that they would like to have the congregation participate in this way. In addition to utilizing a hymn for the entrance procession (as mentioned above), a hymn may be utilized prior to the reading of the gospel. It should be a hymn which would be familiar to, or at least easy to sing by, a wide range of folks, and should be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, which is in our pew racks, or one of the other hymnals published by the Episcopal Church. The following three are good examples of generally-familiar hymns: hymn #376 "Joyful, joyful we adore thee," hymn #488 "Be thou my vision," and hymn #657 "Love divine, all love's excelling."

Instrumentalists

It is not unusual for a couple to request the use of a solo instrumentalist, in addition to the organist. Most often, this request is for a trumpet player, although other solo instruments such as flute, violin, oboe, etc. can also add beauty to the service. Please note that responsibility lies with the organist for hiring any additional instrumentalists, and you should make such a request early on in the process to ensure that the services of a top-notch player can be procured. There is a separate fee for an instrumentalist, which can be found under the Wedding Fees section of the Wedding Policy.

Vocal Solos

On occasion, the use of a vocal soloist is requested. Repertoire for soloists is limited to music with texts that come from the Book of Common Prayer, one of the hymn resources (as above), or the Bible. (Music not conforming to this requirement is best relegated to the reception). The organist, once again, can assist in hiring a professional. There is a separate fee for a soloist, which can be found under the Wedding Fees section of the Wedding Policy.

Processional Music for Weddings

Unless you choose to have a processional hymn sung by the congregation, we utilize one or two of the following works for the entrance procession and another for the retiring procession.

Entrance procession music:

Includes suggested recordings of wedding processional music on YouTube.

Pieces marked with an asterisk () work well for organ and solo trumpet.*

- Prince of Denmark's March - Clarke (commonly called Trumpet Voluntary) *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGDRyElsFLE
- Trumpet tune - Purcell *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0Fjxx2RNEk
- "Prelude" to Te Deum - Charpentier *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCsqRtRBxMIw
- Trumpet tune in C major - David N. Johnson *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=off5x1JDNc
- Trumpet tune in D major - David N. Johnson *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUym3Vc2YPo
- Processional in E-flat - David N. Johnson *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtaCjnrzauY
- Rigaudon - Campra
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mIYn2EvnEE

[congregational hymn]

Retiring procession:

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- Trumpet tune - Purcell *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0Fjxx2RNEk
- "Prelude" to Te Deum - Charpentier *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCsqRtRBxMIw
- Trumpet Voluntary - John Stanley *
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb_fBc5XY5s
- Hornpipe (from Water Music) - G.F. Handel
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0HUPhK8qmA
- Psalm XIX - Marcello
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRVAT9NCxUo