

MUSIC

The Church of Saint John The Evangelist employs professional musicians on staff and strives to provide the highest quality music for these ceremonies.

As the Liturgy for Marriage is an act of worship, the music selections should be chosen from, and reflect, the church's own tradition and expression. It is not our custom to offer music that is secular in nature (e.g. popular songs or self-composed works) nor allow for prerecorded works within the ceremony. These music modes are more suitable for receptions.

All music for the service is subject to the discretion of the Director of Music, Dr. Michael Diorio, who will serve as the organist for your wedding or arrange for a suitable substitute.

In order to help us efficiently plan the music for your wedding please arrange for a music consultation by sending an email to SaintJohns.MusicDirector@gmail.com It is helpful to schedule a music consultation at least one month before the service, or earlier, if you desire additional musicians to perform.

If you wish to hire members of our choirs or additional instrumentalists, such as a trumpeter or string ensemble, the Director of Music will be able to assist with the contracting of the musicians.

The singing of congregational hymns at weddings can be a joyous part of our tradition, some appropriate suggestions are listed below.

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
God is love, let heaven adore him
Praise to the Lord, the almighty!
Praise, my soul, the king of heaven
O love, how deep, how broad, how high
Be thou my vision
Love divine, all loves excelling*

Psalms appropriate for weddings are listed below. Please choose one:

33 / 103 / 112 / 128 / 145

FEES

Organist (music consultation, and accompanying the service): \$425
Cantor / Soloist: \$200

*If additional instruments or singers are requested those fees will be provided at that time.
If another organist is requested, and approved, a bench fee of \$425 will be required for St John's organist, as the church's incumbent musician.*

SELECTIONS

Prelude Music

Roughly 15-20 minutes of prelude (or “pre-ceremonial” music) will be offered ahead of the ceremony. This allows for family and guests to feel a sense of celebration in a space that might not be familiar to them. The music will be chosen from classic repertoire by such as:

Air, from the Suite in D,	J. S. Bach	Adagio, Symphony V	C. M. Widor
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring	J. S. Bach	Canon in D	J. Pachelbel
Sheep May Safely Graze	J. S. Bach	Pastorale in F	J. S. Bach
Schmücke dich	J. S. Bach	Fantasia in G	J. S. Bach
Air, from <i>Berniece</i>	G. F. Handel	Chanson de Matin	E. Elgar
Largo, from <i>Xerxes</i>	G. F. Handel	Chanson de Suite	E. Elgar
Canon-Etudes	R. Schumann	Sonate in F	C. P. E. Bach
Nimrod, <i>Enigma Variations</i>	E. Elgar	Cantabile	C. Franck
Clair de lune	L. Vierne	Wedding Prelude	C. Saint-Saens
Romanze	J. Rheinberger	Andante with Variations	F. Mendelssohn

Processional Music

Depending upon the size of a wedding party, there may be one or two opening processions. Music for this time of the ceremony may be chosen from the following non-exclusive list:

Prince of Denmark’s March (Trumpet Voluntary)	Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Tune	Henry Purcell
Prelude, from <i>Te Deum</i>	M. A. Charpentier
Rigaudon, from <i>Idomeneo</i>	A. Campra
Canon in D	J. Pachelbel
Overture, from <i>Royal Fireworks Music</i>	G. F. Handel
Andante a la Marcia	F. Mendelssohn
Air, from <i>Water Music</i>	G. F. Handel

Closing Processional Music

Either one or two pieces may be chosen from this list. A closing procession may be chosen for the departure of the wedding party as well as a postlude for the wedding guests from the following:

Praise the Lord with Drums & Cymbals	S. Karg-Elert
Wedding March, from <i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream</i>	F. Mendelssohn
Sinfonia in D, from <i>Cantata 29</i>	J. S. Bach
Toccata, from <i>Symphony V</i>	C. M. Widor
Prelude in C BWV545	J. S. Bach
Hornpipe, from <i>Water Music</i>	G. F. Handel
Crown Imperial March	W. Walton
The Rejoicing, from <i>Royal Fireworks Music</i>	G. F. Handel
Now Thank We All our God	J. S. Bach, arranged by V. Fox
Imperial March	E. Elgar
Voluntary in D	J. Stanley