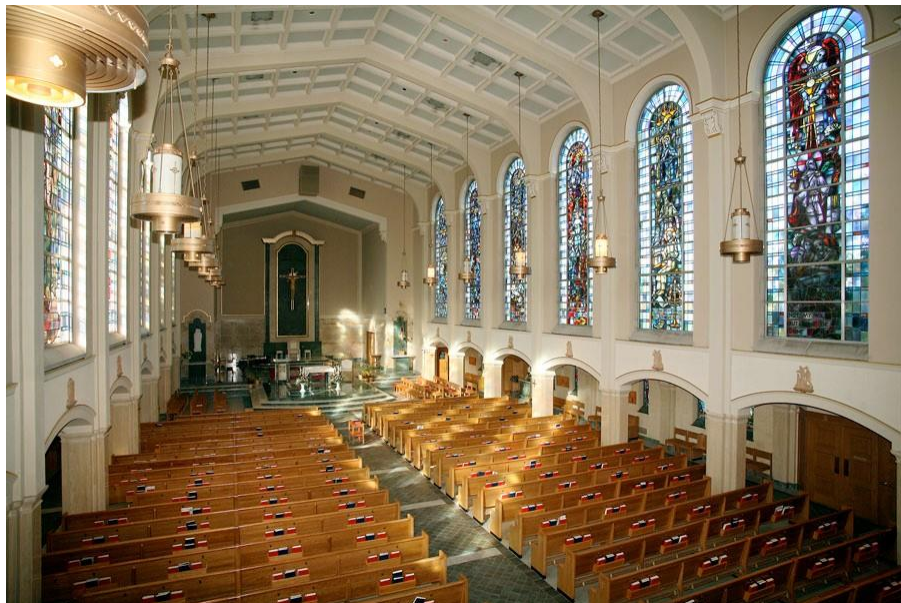


**CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER**

**DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD, IL  
BISHOP DAVID J. MALLOY**

# **WEDDING MUSIC PLANNING**



*Revised October 2020*

# Wedding Music Guidelines

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! It is the goal of the staff at the Cathedral of St. Peter to help you in your preparation so that the day is full of joy, peace, and above all...love. The Sacrament of Matrimony is one that comes with planning, and it is our desire to help in this planning as to help ease the burden that often comes with such planning.

The music during your wedding is the time for those who gather to celebrate with you, and is not considered a 'performance'. At the Cathedral, it is our policy that a Cathedral organist and vocalist provide the music at your wedding. If you have an alternate request, please contact me so that we can begin the conversation of how best to accommodate your request. In general, our musicians best know the space, sound system, and appropriate music for your wedding. It will be beautiful, for sure!!

The basic process of preparation for music is as follows:

- 1) Draft your initial thoughts regarding music selections – most of the selections are available on YouTube for your perusal
- 2) Decide on the following:
  - a. Female or male vocalist?
  - b. Any additional instruments beyond organ/piano and vocalist?
  - c. Any special requests?
- 3) Meet with me, either in person or FaceTime
- 4) We make adjustments as necessary as you begin the final preparations

Below, you will find some suggested music and a worksheet to aid in your planning. Please feel free to contact me at any time, as we are here to help you throughout this process!

Blessings,

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# Music Suggestions

## Prelude / Seating of Grandparents & Mothers (optional):

A Nuptial Blessing – Gather #633  
Blessing the Marriage – Gather #634  
Covenant Hymn – Gather #571  
God in the Planning – Gather #631  
In Love We Choose to Live – Gather #627

Love Is the Sunlight – Gather #629  
The Servant Song – Gather #476  
We Will Serve the Lord – Gather #632  
When Love is Found – Gather #628  
Wherever You Go – Gather #630/635

## Processional / Recessional

Air (Handel)  
Air on the G String (Bach)  
Allegro Maestoso (Handel)  
Canon in D (Pachelbel)  
Hornpipe (Handel)  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)

Largo (Handel)  
Ode to Joy (Beethoven)  
Rondeau (Mouret)  
Trumpet Tune (Purcell)  
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)

## Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord  
Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be On Us  
Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You  
Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name

## Preparation of the Gifts:

All That We Have – Gather #425  
Dwelling Place – Gather #418  
Faith, Hope, and Love – Gather #442  
Glory and Praise to our God – Gather #380  
God is Love – Gather #445  
I Have Loved You – Gather #351  
I Sing A Maid – Gather #563  
Love One Another – Gather #446  
No Greater Love – Gather #444

Only This I Want – Gather #499  
Seek Ye First – Worship #580  
Shepherd of My Heart – Gather #453  
The Love of the Lord – Gather #504  
The Summons – Gather #510  
Ubi Caritas – Gather #301  
We Are the Light of the World – Gather #353  
We Praise You, O Lord – Gather #370

## **Communion Songs:**

Blest Are They – Gather #469  
Bread for the World – Gather #596  
Bread of Life – Gather #590  
Eat This Bread – Gather #588  
Gift of Finest Wheat – Worship #736  
I Am the Bread of Life – Gather #597  
Let Us Be Bread – Gather #585  
Lord, When You Came – Gather #500  
Now in This Banquet – Gather #600

Now We Remain – Gather #498  
One Bread, One Body – Gather #599  
Pan de Vida – Gather #615  
Seed, Scattered, and Sown – Gather #601  
Take and Eat – Gather #614  
Taste and See – Gather #609  
Unless a Grain of Wheat – Gather #509  
We Have Been Told – Gather #501  
We Remember – Gather #417

## **Music-Related Fees**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Vocalist:</b>	<b>\$150</b>

- *These include consultation to select music, the playing and singing of music at your wedding, contracting extra musicians, and coordinating with celebrating clergy.*
- *Fees for supplementary instrumentalists (brass, strings, etc.) are the responsibility of the couple. Fees vary widely and should be negotiated with the Director of Music ahead of time.*
- *Checks should be made out directly to the individuals providing the music, and should be paid one month prior to the scheduled wedding date.*

**MUSIC PLANNING WORKSHEET  
NUPTIAL CEREMONY**

**GATHERING RITES**

**PRELUDE MUSIC / SEATING OF GRANDPARENTS & MOTHERS:**

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**BRIDESMAID PROCESSIONAL:**

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**BRIDAL PROCESSIONAL:**

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

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**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

**PRESENTATION TO MARY (OPTIONAL):**

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**CONCLUDING RITE**

**RECESSIONAL/SENDING FORTH:**

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**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**

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**COMMUNION:**

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**PRESENTATION TO MARY (OPTIONAL):**

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