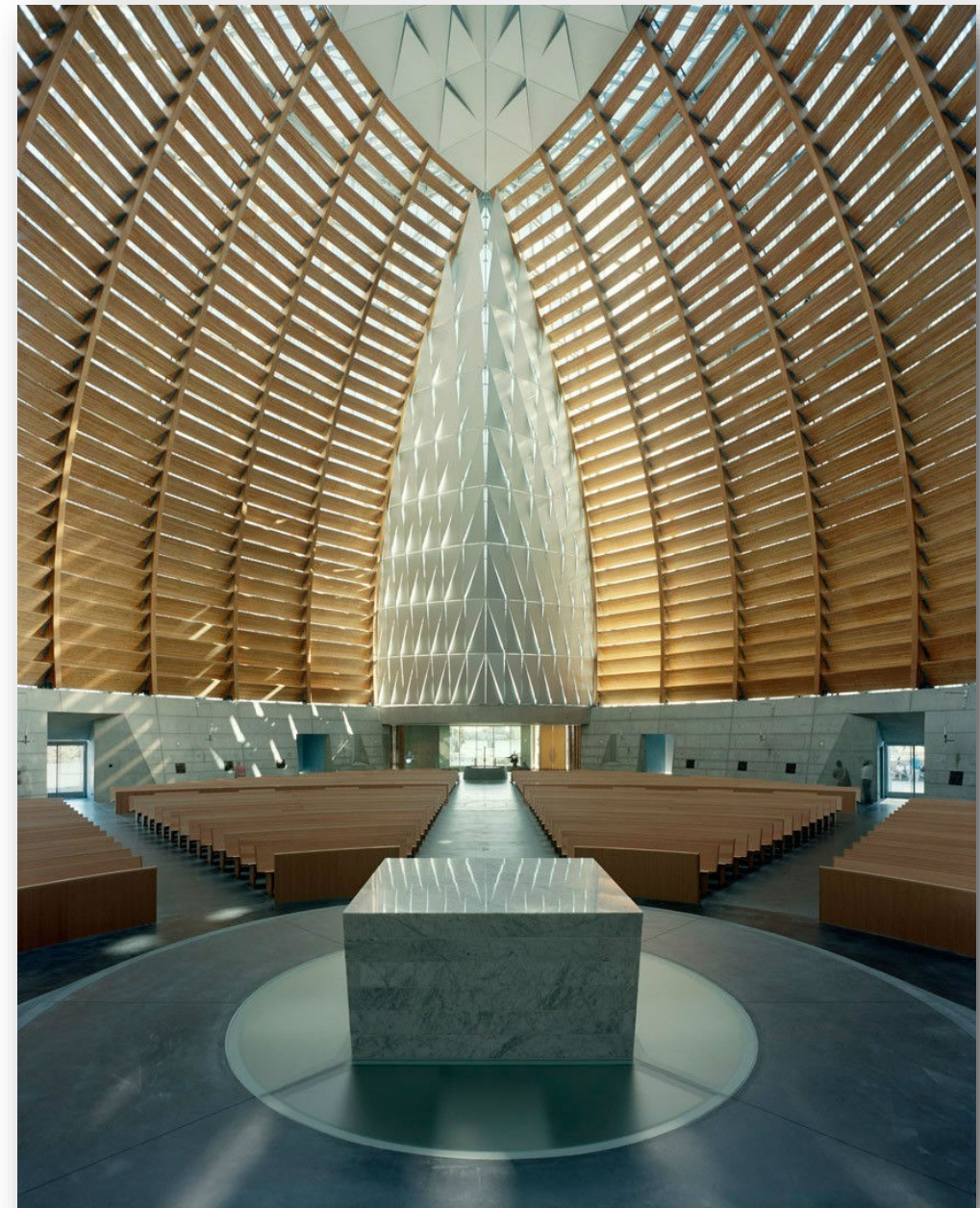


WEDDING MUSIC GUIDELINES



THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT MASS

Music Planning

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Congratulations on your engagement! Your decision to enter into the relationship of married life is a serious one, and it serves as a sign of hope and strength to the faith community of the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

In planning music for the church celebration, please keep in mind that the liturgical celebration is a **religious** and **sacred** event. Many times, couples wish to hear their favorite songs or music that has sentimental value. More often than not, the lyrics of favorite songs are not appropriate to the liturgical celebration. While this places restrictions on some music, there are numerous possibilities for appropriate music outlined in the attached music selections document. Please give careful consideration to the lyrics and the quality of music you desire at the ceremony. What may not be appropriate for the church ceremony is many times quite suitable at the wedding reception.

The Cathedral of Christ the Light has its own professional Director of Music & Organist to preside at the console of the Conroy Memorial Organ and its own Cantor **for the musical portions of the Wedding Liturgy**. It is understood that **only our music staff is to perform this important function**, although additional soloists or instrumentalists (musical relatives, friends or others) are welcome to perform **live** music during the Prelude before Mass.

The honorarium for the organist is \$350 and \$150 for the cantor.

Please contact the cathedral's Director of Music approximately four months before your wedding to schedule a music selection consultation time:

Dr. Rudy de Vos
rdevos@oakdiocese.org

Name of Groom and Bride: _____

Date of Wedding: _____

Procession: _____

First Reading: _____

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 33**

Gospel: _____

Procession: _____

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Preparation of the Gifts: _____

Communion: _____

Procession: _____

OPTIONS FOR WEDDING MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Canon in D	J. Pachelbel
Trumpet Voluntary	J. Clarke
<i>Air (from Orchestral Suite in D Major)</i>	J.S. Bach
Trumpet Tune	H. Purcell
Hornpipe	G. F. Handel
Toccat	C.-M. Widor
Toccat	T. Dubois
Grande Dialogue in C	L. Marchand

VOCAL SOLOS

This is a list of vocal solos that are sung by the cantor during Preparation of the Gifts and Communion.

Laudate Dominum *(sung in Latin)*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him, all people, For His mercy is sure and His faithfulness endures forever. Amen.

Ave Maria *(sung in Latin)*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Hail Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death.

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, Joy of man’s desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring Soar to uncreated light,
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

Be Thou with them

Bach

Be Thou with them, dear Lord and Father, their lives and souls dost Thou unite.
Oh, how blest are they Thy children when in Thy spirit, living, moving, they grow in love before Thy sight.

Wedding Song, (Opus 103b), text from Ruth

Flor Peeters

Whither thou goest, there will I go also, and where thou dwellest, there will I dwell.
Thy people be my people, thy God be mine! Where thou diest, I too will die; and where they lay thee, there will I be lain; And nought but death shall part thee from me. Whither thou goest ... With thee will I go.

Wedding Prayer

Fern Glasgow Dunlap

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray,
here at Thine altar, on our wedding day.
Show us the path that Thou would’st have us take;
help us to follow Thee, and sin forsake.
In Thy sight, O God, today, we’ve come to pledge our love in unity.
Bless the sacred vows we take and keep us one through all eternity.
Give us strength in sorrow, want, or pain, always steadfast to remain.
And when clouds shall fill our skies of blue,
help our love to see us through.
O God, until we reach life’s ebbing tide,
may we in perfect love and peace abide.
And when life’s sun shall set beyond the hill,
may we go hand in hand, together still. Amen.

Eternal Love

Healey Willan

Eternal Love, whose law doth sway the worlds in ordered course,
And works in human hearts its way with sacred force;
To Thee our waiting hearts we list, this solemn, joyful hour,
And ask Thy Spirit’s perfect gift, for marriage dower.

O hallow with Thy presence now this sacrament of love;
Breathe in the trembling human vow strength from above.
Then through what scenes the unknown road of outward life may roam,
A flame that on Thine altar glowed shall light the home.

Now May There Be a Blessing

Douglas Moore

Now may there be a blessing and a light betwixt thee and me, forever.
For as Ruth unto Naomi, so do I cleave unto thee.
Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
As Ruth unto Naomi, so do I cleave unto thee.
The Lord watch between thee and me when we are absent, one from another. Amen.

When Love Is Found

O WALY WALY

When love is found and hope comes home,
sing and be glad that two are one. When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our Maker’s joy.
When love has flow’red in trust and care, build both each day that love may dare to reach beyond home’s warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right. When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to hope through all seems strange, till ease returns and love grows wise through list’ning ears and opened eyes.
When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade, till lovers keep no score of wrong but hear through pain love’s Easter song. Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age of youth, in husband, wife. Lift up your hearts let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.