

# WEDDING MUSIC SELECTIONS

The following is a list of the organ and vocal selections for which are featured on the sample tracks.

## Vocal Selections

### Psalms

Psalm 128: Blessed Are Those Who Fear The Lord

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

Psalm 118: This Is The Day

Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name Forever, My King and My God

Psalm 66: Let All The Earth Cry Out To God With Joy

### Hymns

Wherever You Go (Priory)

Wedding Song (Stucke)

I Have Loved You (Joncas)

We Have Been Told (Haas)

Hear Us Now, Our God and Father (Prichard)

Wedding Hymn (Wesley)

When Love is Found

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (Landry)

Irish Wedding Song (Traditional)

### Organ Selections

Canon in D (Pachelbel)

Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)

Bridal Chorus (Wagner)

Wedding March (Mendelssohn)

Trumpet Tune (Clarke)

Ode to Joy (Beethoven)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)

These are hymns and organ selections that are particularly appropriate for weddings. There are other, more general hymns of praise and thanksgiving that are also appropriate. Contact the Director of Sacred Music if you would like some other suggestions.

The clips below provide samples of the accepted, time-honored, and typical music from which a wonderful musical experience for your wedding may be formed. The performances heard here are not meant to be the full length of the piece, but merely sufficient for you to hear the wonderful choices of music with which you can fill your wedding.

# Music Suggestions for Specific Places in the Ceremony

Here are some suggestions to help you choose music for specific places in the wedding ceremony. Make ONE selection per category.

## **Processional:**

Canon in D (Pachelbel)  
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)  
Bridal Chorus (Wagner)  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)  
Air (from Water Music Suite) (Handel)

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 128: Blessed Are Those Who Fear The Lord  
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind And Merciful  
Psalm 118: This Is The Day  
Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name Forever, My King and My God  
Psalm 66: Let All The Earth Cry Out To God With Joy

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

The gospel acclamation is an alleluia with one verse. Please select one verse from below.

1. "God is Love; let us love one another as God has loved us."
2. "If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love."
3. "I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you."
4. "If anyone loves me, he will hold to my words, and my father will love him, and we will come to him."

## **Presentation of Gifts:**

Hear Us Now, Our God and Father  
Wherever You Go  
Irish Wedding Song  
I Have Loved You  
Wedding Hymn

## **Communion:**

We Have Been Told  
Wedding Hymn  
(in addition, communion and Eucharistic hymns are appropriate here, e.g., One Bread, One Body, I Am The Bread of Life, The Supper of the Lord, Behold the Lamb, etc.)

## **Recessional:**

Wedding March  
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)  
Ode to Joy  
Trumpet Tune  
Minuet (from Water Music Suite) (Handel)

## Song Texts

### **Psalm 118: This Is The Day**

Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
His mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.” (refrain)

The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done;  
It is wonderful in our eyes. (refrain)

### **Psalm 128: Blessed Are Those Who Fear The Lord**

Refrain: Blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,  
Who walks in His ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
Blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
In the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
Around your table.

Behold, thus is the man who fears the Lord.  
The Lord bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
All the days of your life.

### **Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind And Merciful**

Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities,  
Heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
Crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with  
us,  
Nor does he requite us according to our  
crimes.

### **Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name Forever, My King and My God**

Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my  
king and my God.

I will extol you. O my God and King,  
And I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you,  
And I will praise your name forever and ever.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The Lord is good to all,  
And compassionate to all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,  
And let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your  
kingdom  
And speak of your might.

**Psalm 66: Let All The Earth Cry Out To God With Joy**

Refrain: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
Sing praise to the glory of his name;  
Proclaim his glorious praise.  
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!

Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
Sing praise to your name!"  
Come and see the works of God,  
His tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

He has changed the sea into dry land;  
Through the river they passed on foot;  
Therefore let us rejoice in him.  
He rules by his might forever.

**Hear Us Now, Our God and Father**

Hear us now, our God and Father, send Your Spirit from above  
On this Christian man and woman who here make their vows of love!  
Bind their hearts in true devotion endless as the seashore's sands,  
Boundless as the deepest oceans, blest and sealed by your own hands.

Give them joy to lighten sorrow! Give them hope to brighten life!  
Go with them to face the morrow, stay with them in every strife.  
As your word has promised, ever fill them with your strength and grace,  
So that each may serve the other till they see you face to face.

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon them from above.  
Thus may they abide in union with each other and the Lord,  
And possess in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford.

**Wherever You Go**

Wherever you go I shall go.  
Wherever you live so shall I live.  
Your people will be my people,  
and your God will be my God, too.

Wherever you die I shall die,  
and there shall I be buried beside you.  
We will be together forever,  
and our love will be the gift of our life.

**Wedding Song (There Is Love)**

He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts,  
rest assured this troubadour is acting on His part.  
The Union of your spirits here has caused Him to remain,  
for whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name, there is love.

Well, a man shall leave his mother and a woman leave her home,  
they shall travel on to where the two shall be as one.  
As it was in the beginning is now and 'til the end,  
woman draws her life from man and gives it back again, and there is love.

Well, then what's to be the reason for becoming man and wife?  
Is it love that brings you here, or love that brings you life?  
For if loving is the answer, then who's the giving for?  
Do you believe in something that you've never seen before?  
Oh, there's love.

### **I Have Loved You**

I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:  
he will bring you his light and his peace.  
(refrain)

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:  
he will bring you his joy and his hope.  
(refrain)

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:  
he will bring you his care and his love.  
(refrain)

### **We Have Been Told**

We have been told, we've seen his face  
and heard his voice alive in our hearts;  
"Live in my love, with all your heart,  
as the Father as loved me, so I have loved  
you.

"I am the vine, you are the branches,  
and all that live in me will bear great fruit."  
(refrain)

"You are my friends if you keep my  
commands,  
no longer slaves, I call you friends." (refrain)

"No greater love is there than this:  
to lay down one's life for a friend." (refrain)

### **Wedding Hymn**

O God, to those who here profess their vows  
of life-long love,  
grant joy and peace; their marriage bless with  
gladness from above.

Christ, grant that neither grief nor place nor  
life nor death may part  
those who, enjoying your sweet grace, in you  
are one in heart.

Spirit of God, whom we adore: preserve,  
protect, defend,  
increase, rekindle, and restore their love till  
life shall end.

### **The Irish Wedding Song**

There they stand, hand in hand, they've  
exchanged wedding banns,  
Today is the day they sing of their plans.  
And all we who love them, just wanted to say,  
May God bless this couple who marry today.

In good times, in bad times, in sickness and  
health,  
May they know that riches aren't needed for  
wealth.  
Help them face problems they'll meet on their  
way.  
O God bless this couple who marry today.