



Staff Singer Position Description

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
110 N Warson Rd • St. Louis, Mo.

St. Peter's, founded in 1868, is an Episcopal church located in Ladue. The church employs staff singers who sing in two choirs: the St. Peter's Choir and the St. Peter's Singers.

The St. Peter's Choir provides musical leadership at the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday and at additional special liturgies throughout the year. The St. Peter's Choir has been recorded professionally, and these recordings have been broadcast nationally. The St. Peter's Singers is a fully-professional choir that leads services of Choral Evensong (or a similar choral service) on the second Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m.. The choral season runs from the end of August through Trinity Sunday, and there are additional opportunities to sing for summer services. Additionally, members of the choir are often called upon for weddings and funerals.

Expectations during the choral season

- Weekly Thursday rehearsals from 7:15-9:15 p.m.
- Weekly Sunday rehearsal & service from 9:45 a.m. to the end of the service (approximately 11:35 a.m.)
- Major feasts and fasts of the liturgical year, including, but not limited to, services on All Saints, Christmas Eve*, Epiphany*, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Day, Pentecost*, and Trinity Sunday*.

**Undergraduate students are excused from these services if necessary*

- Services of Lessons and Carols (Advent and Epiphany)
- Choral Evensong, typically held on the second Sunday of the month
- Other services, as announced
- Choral concerts (up to two a year) and other community performances
- Occasional extra rehearsals for these and other major services as announced

Musical Abilities

- Excellent sight-reading ability, ear training, and vocal technique
- Fluency with different styles of choral music
- Knowledge of and/or experience with the Anglican choral tradition is preferred but not required.

Leadership

The successful applicant will serve as a collegial member of the Choir as a whole.

- Work with other members of their section to form a good ensemble sound
- Work well with all singers, music staff, and clergy
- Perform solos as requested
- Ability to lead short sectionals and/or keyboard ability a plus, but not required

Compensation

- Starting rate of \$48 a call.
- Singers accepting all calls can expect to earn over \$5,000 a year.
- Monthly, by direct deposit
 - Parish Choir
 - Typically, there are two calls a week (Thursday evening and Sunday morning). Sunday services that extend past 11:45 a.m. are paid double.
 - Double pay for all services on Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter.
 - St. Peter's Singers
 - Double pay per call, typically nine or ten per year
 - Per service compensation for weddings and funerals
 - Per service compensation for summer services and other additional services
- Within church guidelines, use of church facilities for rehearsal and performances

For more information or to schedule an audition, please contact:

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