



Music at Weddings

The music at weddings contributes to the joyous atmosphere of the occasion, and sets an appropriate balance between reverence, exuberance, and worship. The church's pipe organ is typically the suitable instrument on which to provide this music although piano and other instruments may be used. All Saints' music staff will play and oversee the music for weddings.

Pre-service music

The organist typically plays 20-25 minutes of pre-service music while guests are gathering and being seated for the service. A variety of styles is used, and the repertoire is chosen by the organist. The couple may request something specific to be included in this music, but keep in mind that it must be suitable for worship and in the organist's repertoire.

Processions

The entrance procession is accompanied by either organ/instrumental music or by a congregational hymn. You will find a separate sheet listing organ/instrumental music which works well for processions, and the organist can suggest suitable hymns for the entrance.

Hymns

Hymns at weddings are entirely optional, but some couples find that they'd like to have the congregation participate in this way. In addition to utilizing a hymn for the entrance procession (as mentioned above), a hymn may be utilized prior to the reading of the gospel. It should be a hymn which would be familiar to, or at least easily singable by, a wide range of people. The following three are good examples of generally-familiar hymns: 376—Joyful, joyful we adore thee; 488—Be thou my vision; and 657—Love divine, all love's excelling.

Instrumentalists

Couples may request the use of a solo instrumentalist, in addition to the organist. Most often, this request is for a trumpet player, although other solo instruments such as flute, violin, oboe, etc. can also add beauty to the service. Please note that responsibility lies with the organist for hiring any additional instrumentalists, and you should make such a request early on in the process to ensure that the services of a suitable instrumentalist can be procured.

Vocal solos

On occasion, the use of a vocal soloist is requested. Repertoire for soloists is determined by All Saints' music staff in consultation with the couple. The organist, once again, can assist in hiring a professional.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS

Unless you choose to have a processional hymn—sung by the congregation—we utilize one or two of the following works for the entrance procession and another for the retiring procession.

Entrance Procession:

- *Prince of Denmark’s March - Clarke (commonly called Trumpet Voluntary): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGDRyElsFLE>
- *Trumpet tune - Purcell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0Fjxx2RNEk>
- *“Prelude” to Te Deum - Charpentier: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCsqRtRBxMIw>
- *Trumpet tune in D major - David N. Johnson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUym3Vc2YPo>
- Rigaudon - Campra [congregational hymn]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mIYn2EvnEE>
- “Aria” from 12th Concerto – G. F. Handel: <https://youtu.be/VFw6MaO3NsQ?si=jGBcCIOwiYXnJF6L>
- Canon in D – Johann Pachelbel: <https://youtu.be/KwJZoA824sM?si=CC5MdTe4AqEsl3FR>
- “Bridal Chorus” from Lohengrin – Richard Wagner: <https://youtu.be/rBI69RENNBw?si=EDnJJra4wNqbXsnq>

Retiring procession:

- *Trumpet tune - Purcell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0Fjxx2RNEk>
- *“Prelude” to Te Deum - Charpentier: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCsqRtRBxMIw>
- *Trumpet Voluntary - John Stanley: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb_fBc5XY5s
- *Hornpipe (from Water Music) - G.F. Handel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0HUPhK8qmA>
- Psalm XIX - Marcello: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRVAT9NCxUo>
- Toccata from Symphony 5 – Charles-Marie Widor
<https://youtu.be/DKefYzB3ak?si=tbbZb7mKQIgH8KNy>
- Wedding March from A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Op. 61 – Felix Mendelssohn
<https://youtu.be/8zANkWTcunc?si=wY2HMH1u2p5pULZi>

* these pieces work well for organ and solo trumpet