



# Wedding Music

## Guidelines & Suggestions

### **Welcome & Introduction**

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Welcome to All Souls Catholic Parish! We created this guide to assist you in making some of the very important decisions about the most significant part of the wedding journey: the sacrament. The policies and guidelines are in accordance with liturgical norms and standards as outlined in the General Instruction on the Roman Missal; hymn/music suggestions are selections from our hymnal or other liturgical sources and are deemed appropriate by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. We hope you find this guide helpful.

Please contact us to schedule a consultation to plan the music for your wedding liturgy. This **MUST** occur a minimum of one month before the date of your wedding (but not more than three months prior). Please call the Parish Office at 708-895-6700 or email me at [lmore15612@aol.com](mailto:lmore15612@aol.com) to set up your meeting. I would strongly encourage you to read through this document before the meeting and be prepared with some of your music preferences.

Peace,

Lori Moreland  
Music Director

## Policies

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**Music Selection:** Vocal pieces should be religious and based on scripture. Secular music expressing a couple's romantic feelings for each other should be reserved for use at the wedding reception and may not be included as a part of the wedding liturgy/ceremony. Recorded music of any kind is not appropriate for use during the liturgy, as it lacks the authenticity required for a living liturgical assembly. The liturgy begins with the entrance procession and concludes with the recessional procession.

**Musicians:** Our Music Director is available to play the organ/piano for the wedding. Certain parts of the liturgy must be sung. All Souls is blessed with many talented cantors who regularly work with our Music Director. The musician and cantor fees are payable to the church along with the \$500 wedding stipend. If you choose to use an outside organist and/or cantor, you will be responsible for payment to that musician.

***Additional musicians*** (flute/trumpet/strings, etc.) add beauty to your wedding liturgy. Our Music Director is familiar with many professional musicians and will work with you to hire those musicians if you desire.

***Any musician participating in your wedding must be hired or approved by our Music Director. All outside musicians must work with the Music Director to ensure that selections are appropriate. Please DO NOT hire musicians without prior consultation and approval.***

**Rehearsals:** Rehearsal with the musician or music director is an option; a fee of \$100 per 45-minute rehearsal is due before or at the rehearsal. This includes any day-of-wedding rehearsal time more than 60 minutes before the actual wedding services. The Music Director does not attend wedding rehearsals unless specifically requested.

**Fees:** The musician (organist/pianist) fee is \$150.  
The cantor (song leader) fee is \$100.

The above fees are payable along with the \$500 stipend at least three weeks before the wedding date. Fees for any additional or outside musicians are your responsibility and not that of All Souls or the Music Director.

Fees for other instrumentalists are typically \$150 per musician.

**Programs/Worship Aids:** Programs/worship aids are optional. If you are planning to print a program for your wedding, you should consult with the Music Director at least one month before your wedding to ensure accuracy.

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## Sections of the Mass/Ceremony

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*\*Denotes a section only in a Mass*

<b>Preludes</b>	The purpose of prelude music is to set the tone as the congregation gathers in church. The music may be instrumental and/or vocal.
<b>Mothers/Parents</b>	Some couples wish to have music when the mothers/parents are ushered up the aisle. This music may be instrumental or vocal.
<b>Processional</b>	Couples often select one piece of music as the wedding party processes in and a second piece as the bride is ushered in. Music for both may be instrumental (traditional or contemporary march) or vocal.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Following the first reading, the congregation joins together in prayer led by a cantor or reader. <b>Psalms selected from the marriage preparation books often do not have a coordinating musical setting - the settings listed in this booklet most closely reflect the tenor of the psalm printed in "Together for Life."</b>
<b>Unity Candle</b>	(Optional) The symbol of the unity candle lighting is a brief action during the wedding; it is recommended that this music is instrumental.
<b>Presentation of Gifts*</b>	Music will be played as the gift bearers offer the bread and wine to commence the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This piece may be instrumental or vocal, congregational or solo.
<b>Sign of Peace</b>	(Optional) If the couple elects to extend the sign of peace to family and congregation, music would be a good complement to maintain the spiritual and reverent atmosphere of the liturgy. Music may be instrumental or vocal.
<b>Communion*</b>	Music is played as the couple and congregation receive the Holy Eucharist. A reflective piece may be used and should encourage communal participation.
<b>Prayer to the Holy Family</b>	(Optional) The bride and groom spend time in prayer and reflection to the Holy Family. Traditionally, a hymn to the Blessed Mother is sung but hymns requesting a blessing for both the bride and groom are also appropriate.
<b>Recessional</b>	Instrumental or vocal, traditional or contemporary march as the bride and groom, wedding party, and priest process out of church.

## Music Selections

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Following are approved suggestions and the first line/refrain of the songs.

### Mothers/Parents

Ave Maria

Hail Mary Gentle Woman

Soft instrumental music selected by the musician

### Responsorial Psalms (C numbers correspond with the psalm in “Together for Life”)

C1 Psalm 33 “The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord”

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord – Howard Hughes

C2 Psalm 34 “Taste and see the goodness of the Lord”

Taste and See – James Moore

C3 Psalm 103 “The Lord is kind and merciful”

The Lord is Kind and Merciful – Marty Haugen

The Lord is Kind and Merciful – David Haas, Jeanne Cotter

C5 Psalm 128 “Blest are those who fear the Lord”

O Blessed are Those – Paul Inwood

C6 Psalm 145 “The Lord is compassionate”

I Will Praise Your Name – David Haas

*Above psalm settings may not read exactly as they appear in the “Together for Life” booklet but are the most common setting approved by ICEL.*

### Unity Candle

God Is Love – David Haas

“God is light, come live in the love of the Lord.”

I Have Loved You – Michael Joncas

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

Wherever You Go – Gregory Norbert

“Wherever you go, I will go, wherever you live, so shall I live.”

### Sign of Peace

Let There Be Peace on Earth – Miller, Jackson

“Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me...”

Peace is Flowing – Gregory Norbert

“Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me”

Prayer of St. Francis – Sebastian Temple

“Make me a channel of your peace...”

## **Presentation of Gifts/Communion**

Blest are They – David Haas

“Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.”

Blest Are We – Vince Ambrosetti

“Blest are we who hear the word of God...”

God is Love – David Haas

“God is love and all who live in love live in God...”

I Have Loved You – Michael Joncas

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

In the Breaking of the Bread – Michael Philip Ward

“In the breaking of the bread, He is here with us again.”

Loving and Forgiving – Scott Soper

“Loving and forgiving are you O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness”

Morning Has Broken – Eleanor Farjeon

“Morning has broken like the first morning.”

Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels – Michael Joncas

“May love be ours Lord...”

One Bread One Body – John Foley, S.J.

“One bread one body, one Lord of all... we are one body in this one Lord.”

Taste and See – James Moore

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

The Greatest Gift – James Marchionda

“There are three things that last: faith, hope & love; the greatest is love.”

We Have Been Told – David Haas

“Live in my love with all of your heart.”

You Are Near – Dan Schutte

“Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side”

## **Prayer to the Holy Family**

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert

Hail Mary Gentle Woman – Carey Landry

## Processionals and Marches – Entrance and Recessional

Air – Bach

Air (*from Water Music*) – Handel

All Creatures of Our God and King – Kirchengesänge, Draper

Arioso – Bach

Canon in D – Pachelbel

Hornpipe (*from Water Music*) – Handel

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee – Beethoven

Largo (*from Xerxes*) – Handel

Now Thank We All Our God – Rinckart, Crüger

Praise to the Lord - Gesangbuch

Prelude in D – Vandal

Trumpet Tune – Purcell

Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke



# Music Selection Worksheet

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Complete the worksheet with the music you select for various parts of the Ceremony or Mass.

Processionals (Entrance music)

Parents (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Party \_\_\_\_\_

Bride \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

Unity Candle (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of Gifts (Mass only) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign of Peace (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Communion (Mass only) \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Family Shrine (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional \_\_\_\_\_

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