



Wedding Music Policy
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This wedding music planning packet includes music guidelines for weddings at the cathedral, a music CD and a planning form. These resources will assist you in choosing music for your wedding liturgy. Carefully read the cathedral wedding policy found on the back of this sheet.

A variety of musical selections for weddings are recorded on the enclosed CD by our cathedral cantors and instrumentalists. The vocal music you will hear is in a variety of styles - classical, folk melodies and contemporary - but you will note that all of the words are either taken from the bible or other sacred texts. While the musical selections on the CD are not the only ones permitted for weddings at the cathedral they represent the type of music that is appropriate.

Using the enclosed planning form and CD select music for your wedding. Then return your completed form to the address below at least 6 to 8 weeks before your wedding date or sooner if you are able. Your choices will be noted and a typed copy returned to you.

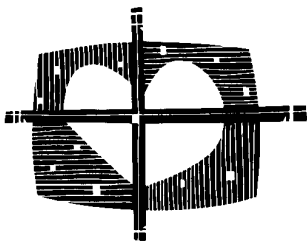
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The CD follows the order of the wedding liturgy beginning with prelude music. Two or three vocal solos are combined with instrumental selections for 30 minutes of music before the ceremony as your guest are seated. There are then several selections for each part of the liturgy and you will choose your preference for each. If you are celebrating a wedding during Mass an additional vocal solo can be sung during the Preparation of the Gifts.

If you wish to have additional instrumentalists, such as trumpet or strings, please indicate this on the form. The earlier a request for *additional* musicians is made, the better.

Do not make any final decisions concerning musical selections or musicians until your completed form has been returned and approved. If you have any questions as you plan, please contact Paul Monachino at (419) 244-5182. A planning meeting can be scheduled if you wish.

- ❖ The marriage ceremony is a liturgy of the Church that celebrates God's love for the each of us, the model for the love two people share in marriage. The nature and focus of all Catholic liturgy is the community gathered to celebrate God's presence. In the presence of this assembly, the couple celebrate a *sacrament of the Church* which is a reflection of God's everlasting love for the world.
- ❖ Music chosen must be appropriate to a *liturgical* celebration. The music enhances but does not interrupt the rites. Only sacred texts set to artistically sound music will serve to enhance the liturgical action. This includes the prelude music that prepares those assembled for worship.
- ❖ Secular love songs focus on romantic love between two people and not the fundamental symbol of Christian marriage, God's love for us. Also, the personal dialog implied in these songs ignores the communal nature of liturgy. These songs are better suited to the atmosphere of the reception and are not permitted for the wedding liturgy.
- ❖ Popular inspirational songs from movies, stage or recordings are often beautiful and uplifting but not specifically sacred in nature and may not be suited to a liturgical celebration.
- ❖ Consult with the Director of Music about musical selections you are considering before making any final decisions.
- ❖ The *Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin* by Richard Wagner and the *Wedding March from A Midsummernight's Dream* by Felix Mendelssohn may not be used for weddings at the cathedral.



Musicians for your wedding

A cathedral organist and cantor are required to provide the music for your wedding liturgy.

Organist

The organist plays during the prelude, processional and recessional, accompanies the cantor and other instrumentalists on the organ or piano and leads the congregation in the musical parts of the liturgy. The Cathedral Director of Music/Organist, Paul Monachino, is usually the organist for weddings at the cathedral. If he is unavailable the cathedral will assign an organist to play for your wedding.

The stipend for the organist is \$175.00.

Cantor

The cantor sings the musical portions of the wedding liturgy and assists the assembly in their sung responses. Additionally, they can provide vocal solos before and during the ceremony. The use of cathedral cantors is required and they will be scheduled by the Director of Music.

The stipend for the cathedral cantor is \$125.00

Other Instrumentalists

While the cathedral pipe organ is suitable for all the instrumental music at your wedding liturgy, the use of additional instruments can add another musical dimension to the ceremony. The use of the trumpet is especially festive, but other instruments such as harp, strings, flute or oboe are also very effective.

Instrumentalist, \$125.00 - 150.00

(Instrumentalist's fees vary and should be discussed and agreed upon when you book the musician. The cathedral Music Director can assist you with these arrangements).

Stipends are due to each individual musician one month before your wedding date. Mailing addresses will be provided.

Preparing a Worship Program for the Wedding Ceremony

A simple and inexpensively printed program could be handed to your guests as they arrive. If thoughtfully prepared, a worship program encourages active participation in the spoken and sung prayers of the service and helps those who are unfamiliar with the Catholic liturgy to understand its basic structure. It also provides a thoughtful remembrance of the occasion.

Be mindful of the following points when preparing your worship program.

1. Strive for clarity in the layout. Avoid printing too much, as the worship aid then becomes difficult to read and understand. Print major headings in bold or decorative type so they stand out. (e.g., LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE OF MARRIAGE). The elements of each rite under the major headings may be in smaller print. Do not print texts of prayers, readings, or vows. These should be listened to, not read.

The list of ministers, such as members of the wedding party, readers, musicians, and family is printed on the last page. The service is to be printed first since this is the most important part. Avoid printing the name of any ministers/readers within the order of the service.

2. To encourage singing by all present, it may be helpful to print the words and music in the program or print the location in the hymnal of music you have chosen for the liturgy. The Minister of Music can assist in securing the necessary reprint permissions.

An invitation might also be printed at the very beginning of the program asking the assembly to be involved in the service.

(Example) *We are happy that you have joined us for the celebration of our wedding. We invite you to pray with us in speech and song as you witness and support the covenant we make today.*

3. If you wish, the Director of Music is available to proofread your program before it goes to the printer.

On the following page is the standard order of liturgy for the Wedding Mass and Wedding Ceremony (outside of Mass). Depending upon your decisions during the planning process, some details of the liturgy may vary. Consult the Director of Music or the priest or deacon officiating your wedding if you have any questions about the exact order.

For more information go to www.catholicbrides.com.

Wedding Mass

Prelude Music

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional and/or Hymn

Greeting

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Responsorial Psalm (*print sung response*)

New Testament Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Intercessions *Response:* Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts (*offertory*)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Acclamation

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God

Communion

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITES

Final Blessing

Recessional

Wedding Ceremony

(outside of Mass)

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Nuptial Blessing

CONCLUDING RITES

Lord's Prayer (*optional*)

Final Blessing

Recessional

C-1
Psalm 33

Response:
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Response
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,
he sees all the children of men.

Response
Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Response

C-2
Psalm 34

Response:
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Response
Glorify the Lord with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me and
delivered me from all my fears.

Response
Fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for naught is lacking to those who fear him.
The great grow poor and hungry;
but those who seek the Lord want for no
good thing.

Response

C-3
Psalm 103

Response:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

Response
It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

Response
The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

Response

C-4
Psalm 112

Response
A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

They are lights in the darkness for the
upright;
they are generous, merciful and just.
Good people take pity and lend,
they conduct their affairs with honor.

Response
The just will never waver,
they will be remembered for ever.
They have no fear of evil news;
with firm hearts they trust in the Lord.

Response
With steadfast hearts they will not fear.
Openhanded, they give to the poor;
their justice stands firm for ever.
Their heads will be raised in glory.

Response

C-5**Psalm 128****Response**

*Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in God's ways.*

Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in God's ways.
You shall eat the fruit of your labor.
You shall be happy and favored.

Response

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your home;
you children like olive branches,
gathered around your table.

Response

Behold, thus shall be blest
the one who fears the Lord.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life.

Response**C-6****Psalm 145****Response:**

*The Lord is compassionate towards all his
creatures.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all
and compassionate toward all his creatures.

Response

Let your works give you thanks, O Lord,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
The eyes of all look hopefully to you
and you give them food in due season.

Response

The Lord is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The Lord is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

Response**C-7****Psalm 148****Response:**

Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him all his angels,
praise him all his host.

Response

Praise him sun and moon,
praise him shining stars.
Praise him highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens.

Response

All mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on the wing;

Response

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he alone in exalted
The splendor of his name
reaches beyond heaven and earth.

Response