

Choosing your Music

Choosing the music for your wedding service is very personal and can seem a little overwhelming. Make sure you choose something that you both like! You need to choose music for (1) the entrance of the bride; (2) the hymns – usually 2 or 3; (3) the signing of the Registers; and (4) the final procession when the bride and groom exit the church as husband and wife.

Organ Voluntaries

The traditional 'Bridal March' from Lohengrin by Wagner and 'Wedding March' by Mendelssohn remain very popular among couples. However, there is a wealth of music to choose from. Here are just a few suggestions:

1. **At the Entrance of the Bride:**

(1) Bridal Chorus	Wagner
(2) Largo	Bach
(3) Jesu Joy o' Man's Desiring	Bach
(4) Wauchet Auf	Bach
(5) Ode to Joy	Beethoven
(6) Canon in D	Pachelbel
(7) Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	Handel
(8) Trumpet Tune and Air	Purcell
(9) Trumpet Voluntary (Prince of Denmark)	Clarke J
(10) Water Music, Air	Handel
(11) Water Music, Alla Danza	Handel
(12) Wedding March (Marriage of Figaro)	Mozart

2. **At the Exit of the Bride and Groom:**

(1) Wedding March	Mendelssohn
(2) A Wedding Fanfare	Bliss A
(3) Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	Handel
(4) Hornpipe	Handel
(5) La Rejouissance	Handel
(6) Crown Imperial	Walton W
(7) Imperial March	Elgar
(8) Toccata from Symphonie V	Widor C M
(9) Water Music Alla Danza	Handel
(10) Grand March from Aida	Verdi
(11) Trumpet Tune	Purcell
(12) Organ Concerto in A Minor	Vivaldi
(13) Rondeau	Mouret
(14) Allegro	Mozart

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| (13) Festival Toccata | Fletcher P |
| (14) March | Verdi |
| (15) Spring | Vivaldi |

Before the Wedding and at the Signing of the Registers:

The organist will play appropriate music before the service begins and will endeavour to include any items specifically requested. The organist will also play during the signing of the register when the choir is not present or when specifically requested to do so by the wedding couple. This can be discussed with vicar and or the Master of the Music at the planning stages.

Hymns

It is usual to have two or three hymns. When selecting hymns, choose those that are reasonably well known so that your guests will be able to join in, and at the same time, which are appropriate to the occasion. There is a vast selection of hymns, old and new. Listed here are some suggestions:

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| All creatures of our God and King | Lord for the years |
| All people that on earth do dwell | Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord) |
| All things bright and beautiful | Lord of all hopefulness |
| Alleluia, sing to Jesus | Lord the light of your love is shining |
| Amazing grace | Love divine all love's excelling |
| At the name of Jesus | Make me a channel |
| Be still for the presence of the Lord | May the fragrance of Jesus |
| Be Thou my vision | Morning has broken |
| Come down O Love Divine | Now thank we all our God |
| Dear Lord & Father of mankind | O Jesus I have promised |
| Father hear the prayer we offer | O Lord my God |
| From heaven you came | O Praise ye the Lord |
| Give me joy in my heart | O Thou who camest from above |
| Give thanks with a grateful heart | O worship the King |
| Great is thy faithfulness | Praise my soul the King of Heaven |
| Guide me O thou great Redeemer | Praise to the Lord the Almighty |
| I cannot tell | Rejoice the Lord is King |
| Immortal, invisible, | Tell out my soul |
| Jesus is Lord! | The King of Love |
| Jesus Good above all other | The Lord's My Shepherd |
| Lead us heavenly Father lead us | To God be the glory |
| Let all the world | You shall go out with joy |
| Let there be loved shared among us | Lord of the Dance |
| One more step along the road I go! | Plus Seasonal Variations, eg carols |

🎵 Music and Readings for your Wedding 🎵

Readings

You are required to have one Bible reading from the New Testament. You may like to have an Old Testament reading or an appropriate secular reading, subject to approval. Listed below are some Bible suggestions:-

Old Testament & Apocrypha Readings

Song of Songs 2:10-13

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Ruth 1:16-17

New Testament: Epistle Readings

1 Corinthians 13

Romans 12:1-2 & 9-13

Ephesians 3:14-end

Ephesians 4:1-6

Ephesians 5:21-end

Philippians 4:4-9

Colossians 3:12-17

1 John 3:18-end

1 John 4:7-12

Gospel Readings

Matthew 5:1-10

Mark 10:6-9

John 2:1-11

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Websites:

Wedding Ceremony Music: www.sfstrings.com/repertoirewedding.htm

Bible Texts: <http://bible.oremus.org/?passage=>

Choosing the music and readings for your wedding should be a fun and creative time for you. Don't let it become a burden! In this leaflet, you will find some suggestions. Alternatively, you may want to take advantage of the many excellent websites where you can listen to music and access texts. Two sites are given on the back page. Remember too, you can always speak to the vicar or the master of music.