



Cathedral Wedding Music Guidelines

We are glad that you have decided to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans. In planning the music for your wedding, keep in mind that the music you select is expected to be consistent with the Cathedral's musical standard.

A variety of classical music options are included on the list of approved selections, but these are never permitted under any circumstances: (1) secular music, including popular love songs and theatrical instrumental numbers, (2) recorded music.

The following types of religious music, while acceptable in many churches, are unsuitable for weddings at the Cathedral: (1) contemporary Christian music, (2) gospel music, (3) folk music.

The Cathedral Organist has the right of first refusal for all music at the Cathedral. All wedding music inquiries should be addressed to the Organist.

The Organist will serve as coordinator for your wedding music. **The Organist's fee is \$250.00.** When there are special demands (including extensive contracting of additional instrumentalists), the Organist's fee will increase accordingly.

The Organist will select one of the Cathedral cantors for your wedding. You may specify whether you would like a male or female Cantor. At every wedding, the Cantor leads the responsorial psalm and gospel acclamation. At a Nuptial Mass, the Cantor also leads the other sung parts of the Mass. Beyond this, the extent of the Cantor's role depends on your musical selections. **The Cantor's fee is \$150.00.** Fees may be paid in cash or included in one check made out to the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans with the other church wedding fees. **Fees are to be turned in to the Cathedral Wedding Coordinator no later than one month before your wedding date.**

The use of standard orchestral instruments is permitted. Instruments commonly used at weddings are trumpet and violin. Instrumentalists contracted by the Organist are all professional musicians who regularly perform with area ensembles and/or for the Cathedral. Fees for those instrumentalists vary.

The Wedding Music Planning Sheet is due **one month before your wedding.** Musicians do not attend wedding rehearsals at the Cathedral. All musical cues for the processions will be worked out by the Cathedral Wedding Coordinator and the Organist.

Contact the Cathedral Wedding Coordinator to get a program template/outline for the order of the wedding service whether it is a Nuptial Mass or a Wedding Rite, only. The Cathedral does not print wedding programs. The Cathedral Wedding Coordinator will proof your wedding program before you turn it in for printing to an outside printer of your choice.

Wedding Music Selections

Contact the Cathedral Organist, if you need assistance.

Prelude music is provided by the organist for 20-25 minutes before the wedding as guests are being seated. Postlude music is provided by the organist as guests are leaving. It is not necessary to print the titles of these pieces in the program.

Processionals

Select 2-3 of the following for (1) seating of grandmothers/mothers, (2) attendants/groom/clergy, (3) bridal procession, depending on your needs.

- #1. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach
- #2. Canon in D – Pachelbel
- #3. Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke
- #4. Sheep May Safely Graze – Bach
- #5. Sleepers Wake, A Voice Is Calling – Bach
- #6. Thaxted – Holst
- #7. Trumpet Tune – Purcell
- #8. Prelude to the Te Deum – Charpentier
- #9. Psalm XIX – Marcello
- #10. Rigaudon – Campra
- #11. Rondeau – Mouret

Responsorial Psalm

- Ps. 33 The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Ps. 34-A I will bless the Lord at all times.
Ps. 34-B Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Ps. 103 The Lord is kind and merciful.
Ps. 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Ps. 145 The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.
Ps. 148 Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Prayer to Our Lady (optional)

- #12. Ave Maria – Schubert
- #13. Ave Maria – Gounod
- #14. Salve Regina – chant

Recessional

- #3. Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke
- #8. Trumpet Tune – Purcell
- #9. Prelude to the Te Deum – Charpentier
- #10. Psalm XIX – Marcello
- #11. Rigaudon – Campra
- #12. Rondeau – Mouret
- #16. Hornpipe from *Water Music* – Handel
- #17. Toccata from Symphony No. 5 – Widor
- #18. Wedding March – Mendelssohn
- #19. Ode to Joy - Beethoven

For Nuptial Mass, only

Gloria

Congregational Mass – Lee
Mass VIII – Latin chant
Heritage Mass-Alstott

Offertory (Preparation of Gifts)

- #13. Ave Maria – Schubert
- #14. Ave Maria – Gounod
- #20. The Gift of Love – Hopson
- #21. Be Thou with Them (Bist du bei mir)-Stoelzel
- #22. The Call from *Five Mystical Songs*-Vaughan Williams

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Heritage Mass - Alstott
Mass XVIII – Latin chant
English chant from the Roman Missal

Memorial Acclamation

Heritage Mass – Alstott (“When we eat this bread”)
English chant (“We proclaim your death, O Lord”)
English chant (“Save us, Savior of the world”)
Latin chant (“Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine”)

Amen

Heritage Mass – Alstott
Danish Mass
Chant

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Heritage Mass – Alstott
Mass XVIII – Latin chant
English chant from the Roman Missal

Communion

- #23. The Call from Five Mystical Songs –Vaughan Williams
- #24. You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
- #23. Panis Angelicus – Frank

Note: Any Mass service music that is used regularly at the Cathedral is available for use at Nuptial Masses.