

Recessional Song

After the final blessing and dismissal, a strong, joyful song should be played as the wedding party leaves the sanctuary. It is normally an instrumental song.

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| • La Rejouissance | Handel |
| • Ode to Joy | Beethoven |
| • Rondeau | Mouret |
| • Trumpet Tune | Purcell |
| • Trumpet Voluntary | Clarke |
| • Water Music: Allegro Maestro or Hornpipe | Handel |
| • Wedding March | Mendelssohn |

Wedding Music Suggestions

During a wedding mass or ceremony sacred music should be chosen to emphasize the sacred sacrament. Popular (or secular) songs should not be used in a mass and is best reserved for the reception.

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| • Amazing Grace | New Britain |
| • City of God | Schutte |
| • God, in the Planning | Slane |
| • Gift of Finest Wheat | Kreutz |
| • Here I Am, Lord | Schutte |
| • I Am the Bread of Life | Toolan |
| • I Have Loved You | Joncas |
| • Let There Be Peace on Earth | Miller/Jackson |
| • Love Goes On | Farrell |
| • Love One Another | Dufford |
| • Loving and Forgiving | Soper |
| • O Breathe on Me | St. Columbia |
| • On Eagle's Wings | Joncas |
| • One Bread, One Body | Foley |
| • Prayer of St. Francis | Temple |
| • The Prayer | Beyer Sager/Foster |
| • Ubi Caritas | Hurd or Rosania |
| • We Are Many Parts | Haugen |
| • We Are One Body | Scallon |
| • When Love is Found | O Waly Waly |



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Planning Your Wedding: Music and Liturgy

Planning the Music for your Wedding

The music for your wedding will add much joy to the occasion. Its primary purpose will be to help the people to pray.

Below is the order of the wedding mass in regards to the music selections. There is also a list of suggested songs. Two musicians will be scheduled for each wedding: a cantor (solo singer), and an accompanist (organ and/or piano). A stipend of \$200 to each musician is needed at the time of the wedding.

Please contact the Director of Music, Sarah Franco, by email (sfranco@stmchapelhill.org) eight weeks before your wedding. Together you will schedule a meeting to plan your music with her guidance and suggestions.

Order of Music for a Wedding Mass

- Prelude Music
- Processional Music
- Gathering Song (*optional*)
- Gloria
- Responsorial Psalm
- Gospel Acclamation
- Preparation of Gifts Song
- Mass Parts ("Holy", Memorial Acclamation, "Amen", "Lamb of God")
- Communion Song
- Presentation to Mary (*optional*)
- Recessional Song

* If a wedding ceremony is planned (not a mass), the following songs will be omitted:

- Gloria
- Preparation of Gifts Song
- Mass Parts ("Holy", Memorial Acclamation, "Amen", "Lamb of God")
- Communion Song

Prelude Music

Chosen by the musician, normally 15 to 20 minutes of instrumental music prior to the start of the wedding. Specific songs can be requested, as well as requests for sung songs.

Processional Music

Depending on the size of the wedding party one or two songs will be chosen. Normally they are instrumental songs. The order of people in the procession can change slightly, but generally any family will enter first (mothers, grandparents), followed by the bridesmaids and any ring bearers and/or flower girls, and finally the bride.

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| • Air from Water Music | Handel |
| • Ave Maria | Schubert/Gounod/Norbet |
| • Be Thou My Vision | Slane |
| • Canon in D | Pachelbel |
| • Cherished Moments | Schmidt |
| • Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring | Bach |
| • Largo | Handel |
| • Morning Has Broken | Bunessan |
| • Ode to Joy | Beethoven |
| • Prelude in C | Bach |
| • Rondeau | Mouret |
| • Trumpet Tune | Purcell |
| • Trumpet Voluntary | Clarke |

Gathering Song

This is optional in a wedding mass or ceremony. A congregational hymn will be sung once the procession is over and everyone is in place. It is similar to the gathering song at a Sunday mass, which encourages the guests to be participants rather than spectators. It can be chosen from the Mass Music Suggestions found later in this document.

Gloria

The Gloria will be sung in a wedding mass, but not a ceremony. The musicians will choose from the following settings unless a specific one is requested.

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| • Heritage Mass | Alstott |
| • Chant Mass | ICEL |
| • Mass of Wisdom | Janco |
| • Mass of St. Frances Cabrini | Keil |

Responsorial Psalm & Gospel Acclamation

The Responsorial Psalm will always be sung, and various settings are listed below. The Gospel Acclamation, or "Alleluia", will be sung before the Gospel. The Celtic Alleluia will be sung unless another setting is specifically requested.

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| • Ps. 25 To You O Lord I Lift My Soul | Haugen |
| • Ps. 33 The Earth is Full... | Haugen |
| • Ps. 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful | Haugen or Cotter |
| • Ps. 128: Blest Are Those | Haugen |

Preparation of Gifts or Meditation Song

During a wedding mass, a hymn will be sung while the gifts are being brought up and the altar is prepared. This occurs immediately following the Rite of Marriage, when the vows and rings are exchanged. In a wedding ceremony, you have the option of a mediation song after the Rite of Marriage. It can be chosen from the Mass Music Suggestions found later in this document.

Mass Parts ("Holy," Memorial Acclamation, "Amen," "Lamb of God")

The Community Mass is printed in the Gather hymnal. To encourage participation this setting will be sung unless a different musical setting is requested. Other mass settings include: Heritage Mass, Mass of Wisdom, Chant Mass, or the Mass of St. Frances Cabrini.

Communion Song

During a wedding mass, a hymn should be chosen to encourage the congregation to sing while receiving the Eucharist. It can be chosen from the Mass Music Suggestions found later in this document.

Presentation to Mary

This is an option during the wedding mass or ceremony. If you would like to present flowers to Mary, "Ave Maria" will be sung by the cantor. The Schubert version will be chosen unless another version, such as Bach/Gonoud, is requested. "Ave Maria" can also be an instrumental solo, if requested.