Sonorous String Quartet

Music Ideas for Various Parts of a Wedding Ceremony

(Please feel free to pick and choose any music from our song lists for any part of your ceremony. These are simply suggestions!)

Prelude Possibilities:

Arioso by Johann Sebastian Bach

Ave Maria by Bach/Gounod

Sheep May Safely Graze by Johann Sebastian Bach

Theme from 1st Symphony by Johannes Brahms

Clair de Lune by Claude Debussy

The Girl with the Flaxen Hair from Douze Preludes, Book 1 by Claude Debussy

Salut d'Amour (Love's Greeting) by Edward Elgar

"Summertime" from Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin

"Someone to Watch Over Me" from "Oh-Kay!" by George Gerswhin

Married life (from the movie "Up") by Michael Giacchino

Liebeslied by Fritz Kreisler

She (in the movie Notting Hill) by Herbert Kretzmer

"Imagine" by John Lennon/The Beatles

Ave Verum Corpus by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

String Quartets by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (see classical quartet song list for specifics)

Love Me Tender by Elvis Presley

Edelweiss (from the Sound of Music) by RIchard Rogers

My Favorite Things (from the Sound of Music) by Richard Rogers

The Swan by Camille Saint-Saens

Gymnopedie No.s 1 and 3 by Eric Satie

Ave Maria by Franz Schubert

Thinking out Loud by Ed Sheeran

Winter (slow movement) by Antonio Vivaldi

At Last by Harry Warren (made famous by Etta James)

"All I Ask of You" from Phantom of the Opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber

For the Ceremony

Seating of the Family, (if desired), Wedding Party and/or Bridesmaids Processionals:

Air on the G-String by Johann Sebastian Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Johann Sebastian Bach
Air from the Water Music by George Frederick Handel
Largo from Xerxes by George Frederick Handel
Over the Rainbow by Iz
Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Judy Garland
Can You Feel the Love Tonight (from the movie The Lion King) by Elton John
A Thousand Years by Christina Perri (from the movie Twilight)

Bridal Processional:

Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clark
Moon River by Henry Mancini
"Promenade" from Pictures at an Exhibition by Modest Mussorgsky
Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel
Can't Help Falling in Love by Elivs Presley
Perfect by Ed Sheeran
Bridal Chorus by Richard Wagner

Interlude i.e. Unity Candle/Unity Sand/Communion/Rose Ceremony/After a reading etc. (pick 1 per interlude if desired)

Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen (also made famous by Jeff Buckley)
Holiday in Spain by the Counting Crows
Reverie by Claude Debussy
Annie's Song by John Denver
Nimrod from the Enigma Variations Op. 36 by Edward Elgar
Panis Angelicus by Caesar Franck
You Raise Me Up by Brendan Graham (made popular by Josh Groban)
At Last made famous by Etta James
To a Wild Rose by Edward MacDowell
Meditation From Thais by Jules Massenet
Nessun Dorma from Turanadot by Giacomo Puccini
Simply the Best by Tina Turner (as performed in the show "Schitt's Creek")
Variation 18 from Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini by Sergei Rachmaninoff
What a Wonderful World by David Weiss

Recessional Ideas (pick 1):

Dancing Queen by Abba

Gimme, Gimme by Abba

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, 1st movement, by Johann Sebastian Bach

Rather Be by Clean Bandit

All You Need is Love by the Beatles

Good Day Sunshine by the Beatles

Here Comes the Sun by the Beatles

Sweet Child O' Mine by Guns and Roses

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, [The] by George Fredrick Handel

Hornpipe from the Water Music by George Frederick Handel

Don't Stop Believin' by Journey

Wedding March by Felix Mendelssohn

Gone, Gone, Gone by Phillips

Trumpet Tune by Henry Purcell

"Waltz" from Sleeping Beauty by Peter Tchaikovsky

Star Wars Theme Song by John Williams

"Spring" the 1st movement by Antonio Vivaldi

Postlude options (pick up to 3):

When I'm 64 by the Beatles

Golliwog's Cakewalk by Claude Debussy

Viva la Vida by Coldplay

La Rejouissance from Royal Fireworks by George Fredrick Handel

Liebesfreud by Fritz Kreisler

Schon Rosmarin by Fritz Kreisler

Rondeau from Premiere Suite (theme song for Masterpiece Theater) by Jean-Joseph Mouret

I'm Yours by Jason Mraz

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I've Got You Under My Skin by Cole Porter (sung by Frank Sinatra)

Gavotte from the Classical Symphony, No. 1, Op. 25 by Sergei Prokofiev

Balletto from Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 1 by Ottorino Respighi

Us by Regina Spektor

Overture from Pulcinella by Igor Stravinsky

Can't Take My Eyes Off of You by Frankie Valli