

Music Suggestions for Weddings

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Prelude:

- Taize Music
- Hymns/Songs from the Christian tradition
- Instrumental options that we can build out
- This is the place for secular music, if you want it!

Bridal Party/ Bridal Processional:

- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
- Ode to Joy (Beethoven)
- Canon in D (Pachelbel)
- Trumpet Voluntary (Purcell/Clarke) (trumpet tune/voluntaries *ARE* the same, even though they're often listed as different composers.)
- Bridal Chorus (the famous "here comes the bride" theme) (Wagner)
- Hymns
- Taizé Music
- We can seamlessly weave in between options, too if you want a couple for the bridal party.
- We can seamlessly weave between bridal party and bridal entrance, but we also can pause. Up to you!

Psalms:

- Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful
- Psalm 104: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth
- Psalm 118: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad
- Psalm 128: May the Lord bless and protect us all the days of our lives
- Other (from your book)

Gospel Acclamation:

- Celtic Alleluia (O'Caroll)
- Alleluia, Give the Glory! (Canedo)
- Mass of Joy and Peace Gospel Acc (Alonso)
- Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)
- Festive Alleluia (Mozart arr. Trapp)
- You can also take from other Mass Settings listed further down.

Presentation of the Gifts:

- Be Thou My Vision (Slane)
- Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)
- Panis Angelicus (Franck)
- Sheep May Safely Graze (Bach)
- Laudate Dominum (Mozart)
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)
- When Love is Found (to the tune of O Waly Waly)
- The Servant Song (Gillard)

Mass Settings:

- Mass of Creation (Haugen)
- Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)
- Community Mass (Proulx)
- Mass of St. Ann (Bolduc)
- Mass of Renewal (Stephan)
- Mass of Mary Magdalene (Hart)

Communion:

- Be Thou My Vision (Slane)
- When Love is Found (to the tune of O Waly Waly)
- One Bread, One Body (Foley, SJ)
- Eat This Bread, (Taize)
- Taste and See (Moore)
- Panis Angelicus (Franck)
- Love Has Brought Us Here Together (Hyfrydol)

Flowers to Mary:

- Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod or Schubert)
- Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (Landry)

Recessional:

- La Rejouissance (Handel)
- Wedding March (Mendelssohn)
- Alleluia from Exultate, Jubilate (Mozart)
- Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)
- Mad Rush (Glass)
- Thaxted from The Planets (Holst)
- Hymns/Songs also work here!