

St. Brigid's R.C. Church

Selecting Your Wedding Music

Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your wedding planning process! Music is a sign of God's love for us, of our love for him, and of your love for one another! Therefore, choosing the music for your wedding ceremony is an important step.

If you are having a **wedding Mass**, you must choose:

- (1) a song for the procession of the bridal party,
- (2) a song for the entrance of the bride, if you choose. You may use the same song from #1 if you wish,
- (3) an Entrance hymn,
- (4) a responsorial psalm to be sung after the first reading,
- (5) a hymn of thanksgiving, to be sung after the vows are exchanged,
- (6) an Offertory hymn for when the bread and wine are brought forward to the altar,
- (7) a Communion hymn during the distribution of communion, and
- (8) a recessional song.

If you have spoken to the priest about bringing flowers to the Blessed Mother as part of the ceremony or lighting a unity candle, you may also choose songs for those.

If you are having a **wedding ceremony and not a full Mass**, you must choose

- (1) a song for the procession of the bridal party,
- (2) a song for the entrance of the bride, if you choose. You may use the same song from #1 if you wish,
- (3) an Entrance hymn,
- (4) a responsorial psalm to be sung after the first reading,
- (5) a hymn of thanksgiving, to be sung after the vows are exchanged, and
- (6) a recessional song.

If you have spoken to the priest or deacon about bringing flowers to the Blessed Mother as part of the ceremony or lighting a unity candle, you may also choose songs for those.

The suggested music choices for each part of the ceremony are listed below. While we can accommodate certain other sacred music selections that are not listed on this sheet on certain occasions, **under no circumstances can we allow secular (i.e. non-sacred or non-liturgical) music to be incorporated into the wedding ceremony.** The suggested music is widely available on services like YouTube and Spotify, and it is suggested that you listen to some of the suggested music before deciding which is right for you. Of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or the priest or deacon from St. Brigid's that you are working with.

Once you have decided on your music selections, you should enter them into the online form, which can be accessed [here](#) or by scanning this QR code:



Once you fill out that form, the selections will be sent directly to the musicians and your job is complete!

Be assured of our prayers during this exciting time of your life!

Song Suggestions

1. Procession of Bridal Party

Canon in D (Pachelbel)
Air from Handel's Water Music
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring
Rondeau (Mouret)
Trumpet Voluntary (Clark)

2. Entrance of the Bride

*Any of the selections listed for the Procession of Bridal Party, in addition to
Bridal Chorus (Wagner)*

3. Entrance Hymn

O God, Beyond All Praising (traditional)
Glory and Praise to Our God (Schutte)
Amazing Grace (traditional)
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (traditional)
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (traditional)

4. Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34 – Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Psalm 103 – The Lord is kind and merciful.
Psalm 128 – Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Psalm 145 – I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

5. Hymn of Thanksgiving

I Have Loved You (Joncas)
We Praise You (Ducote, Daigle)
Sing a New Song (Schutte)

6. Offertory Hymn (full wedding Mass only)

Ave Maria (Schubert or Gounod)
Table of Plenty (Schutte)
Here I Am Lord (Schutte)
The Servant Song (Gillard)
Litany of Saints (Becker)
In This Place (Thomson)

7. Communion Hymn (full wedding Mass only)

The Supper of the Lord (Rosania)

One Bread One Body (Foley)

Behold the Lamb (Willett)

Bread of Life (Fisher or Farrell)

I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)

Gift of Finest Wheat (Kreutz)

8. Recessional Song

*Any of the selections listed for the Procession of Bridal Party, in addition to
Wedding March (Mendelssohn)*