

Suggested Music for the Catholic Wedding

Marriage is a sacred union between two people. The Catholic wedding is a sacrament and the music selected should be appropriate for the occasion. A little planning can make your wedding a more meaningful and joyous occasion for everyone.

Music should be suitable to the religious nature of the celebration. While many of today's popular love songs may have a special meaning to the couple, they are often not liturgically correct and are best played at the reception.

Below are musical suggestions appropriate for this sacred occasion. You will need to pick out pieces for: (1) the entrance of the parents and grandparents, if desired, (2) the processional for the bridal party, (3) the psalm (4) music for the presentation of gifts, (5) music for communion and (6) music for the recessional. Many of the pieces listed below can be used throughout the mass, while the trumpet voluntaries and marches are best for the processional and recessional. Those pieces are marked with asterisks. However, other songs, such as the "Canon in D" can also be used for the bridal procession. Your church's organist will be able to advise you as to what music is liturgically correct for a mass in church.

All I Ask of You - Weston Priory
Allegro Moderato (from Water Music) – Handel**
Arioso - Bach
Ave Maria – Schubert or Gounod
Canon in D - Pachelbel
City of God – Schutte**
Gather Us In**
Gift of Finest Wheat - Kreutz
Here I Am, Lord - Schutte
I Have Loved You - Joncas
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You – Hymn or Ode to Joy – Beethoven**
Lord, We Bring to You Our Children
One Bread, One Body - Foley
One Hand, One Heart – Bernstein
Panis Angelicus - Cesar Franck or Sacris Solemnis
Prayer of St. Francis
Prince of Denmark's March – Clarke**
Psalm 19 - Benedetto Marcello**
Rondeau – Mouret**
Supper of the Lord - Rosania
Taste and See
The Gift of Love - arr. Hopson
The Irish Blessing
The Servant Song
The Wedding Song - Annon.
Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke**
Trumpet Voluntary – Stanley**
Trumpet Tune – Purcell**
Where There Is Love - David Haas
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Psalms: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord
I will bless the Lord at All Times/Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
The Lord is kind and merciful/The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him
Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands/Alleluia
Blessed are those who fear the Lord/See how the Lord blesses those who fear him
How good is the Lord to all.
Let all praise the name of the Lord/Alleluia