

Catholic Wedding Ceremony Music A-Z



Air on the G String –Bach
Air, *Water Music Suite* -
Handel

Allegro Maestoso, *Water
Music Suite* – Handel
Amazing Grace (traditional)
Arioso – Bach
Autumn – Vivaldi

Ave Maria - Bach/Charles
Gounod
Ave Maria – Schubert
Ave Verum Corpus – Mozart

Badinerie - Bach
Bist du bei mir (Be thou near
me) – Bach

Brandenburg Concerto #2
(*Allegro*) - Bach
Brandenburg Concerto #3
(*Allegro*) – Bach

Bridal Chorus, *Lobengrin* –
Wagner

The Call-Vaughan Williams

Canon in D - Pachelbel

Clair de Lune– Debussy

Dance of the Blessed Spirits
- Gluck

Dona Nobis Pacem

Entrance to the Arrival of
the Queen of Sheba- Handel

Exultate Jubilate – Mozart

Flower Duet, *Lakme* -
Delibes

Gigue- Handel

Greensleeves –
Traditional

Gymnopedie No. 1-
Satie

Hallelujah – Cohen

Hallelujah Chorus -
Handel

Hornpipe, *Water
Music Suite* – Handel

Jesu, Joy of Man's
Desiring- Bach

Joy - George
Winston

Joyful, Joyful *aka*
Ode to Joy –
Beethoven

La Rejouissance -
Handel

Largo – Handel

Meditation, *Thais* -
Massenet

Minuet, *Royal
Fireworks Suite* –
Handel

Morning - Grieg

Morning Has
Broken (traditional)

Musette's Waltz,
La Boheme - Puccini

Nessun Dorma,
Turandot –Puccini

Nocturne in E Flat -
Chopin

O mio babbino caro
- Puccini

One Hand, One
Heart, *West Side Story*
– Bernstein

O, Perfect Love–
Barnby

Panis Angelicus–
Franck

Parent's Prayer (Let
Go of Two)

Pavane – Faure

The Prayer – Bocelli
& Dion

Psalm 19 - Marcello
Reverie – Debussy

Rigaudon – Campra

Rhapsody on a
Theme of Paganini–
Rachmaninoff

Romanza – Mozart

Rondeau (theme
from *Masterpiece
Theater*) - Mouret

Salut D'Amour –
Elgar

Serenade - Haydn
Serenade – Schubert

Sheep May Safely
Graze – Bach

Simple Gifts (Shaker
hymn)

Spring/ Allegro, *The
Four Seasons* - Vivaldi

Te Deum -
Charpentier
Thanksgiving -
George Winston

To A Wild Rose -
MacDowell

Trumpet Tune-
Purcell

Wedding March , *A
Midsummer Night's Dream* -
Mendelssohn

Trumpet Voluntary –Clarke

Vocalise – Rachmaninoff

Wedding Processional, *The
Sound of Music* - Rodgers &
Hammerstein

Wedding Song (*There Is Love*)
- Stookey

Winter/Largo, *The Four
Seasons* – Vivaldi



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*The selections may or may not be
approved by the music guidelines
used by your church. Please
consult with your music director
before making your final decisions.*

Thank you!

Strings of Silk
Catholic Wedding Ceremony
Music Guideline



Pre-Ceremony Music – To begin at 15 minutes prior to the time of the ceremony. Classical music or arrangements of sacred music sets the mood for the ceremony. Not necessary to print if using programs.



Prelude – Lighting of the altar candles/Seating of the mothers/Aisle runner/Entrance of the priest and groom. To be printed if using programs. Maybe a favorite classical piece or hymn of the mothers or of the groom. Traditionally, this is when a vocalist would sing first. May be specifically selected or a continuation of the above music.



Processional – After the prelude is performed, the priest, groom, ushers and then the bridal party enters. If an aisle runner is to be used and it is not pre-set, the ushers unroll it at this time.

Bridal Processional – The entrance of the Bride. The Bride's mother stands and the guests follow.

Responsorial Psalm – To be sung by the cantor after the Old Testament Reading

Gospel Acclamation – To be sung before the Gospel Reading.



Lighting of the Unity Candle (optional) – To be sung or played instrumentally during the lighting of the Unity candle by the bride & groom. The two tapers to light the Unity Candle are traditionally lighted by the mothers during the prelude right before the bridal party processional.

Presentation of Gifts (Offertory) – To be sung or played instrumentally while bread and wine are presented to the priest.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Preparation of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer – May be sung by the cantor.



Rite of Peace – A hymn or classical piece of music for the exchange of peace.

Lamb of God – To be sung by the cantor and congregation before communion is served.

Communion Song and Meditation – A hymn or classical piece of music to be sung or played instrumentally during Holy Communion.



Presentation to the Blessed Virgin Mary –

The Bride and escort (can be with Maid of Honor or groom) lay flowers and pray at the Statue of the Virgin Mary.



Recessional – After the priest has ended the mass and/or presented the newly married couple this instrumental piece is played until the entire bridal party has exited.

Postlude – Music played while guests are exiting.



For specific music selections regarding the Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and Preparation of the Eucharist music and guidelines, please contact the music director at your church. They will help with securing services for the organist/pianist and cantor.

For more information regarding the instrumental music,
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