

Wedding Music at St. John

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Congratulations on your engagement! At St. John, we want your wedding to be awesome — including the music. While I love rules and policies, I especially love for them to be short. So here goes:

- **Keep it Christian:** All the tunes should point to God and His love shown in Jesus. Pop songs (or music that has connotations to movies, sports, or TV shows) needs to wait for the reception. See SingBoldly.org/weddings for a playlist of ideas.
- **Get it Approved:** I've been entrusted by the congregation to oversee this process, and I say yes to musical requests as often as possible. *Just make sure to read the bullet point above.*
- **Go Live:** Live music is the way to go. It sounds amazing in our church, and it's more personal. We don't allow recorded music.
- **Musicians:** If you'd like me to play organ or piano at your wedding, reach out right away. If I'm not available, I'll connect you up with someone else. We've got instrumentalists and singers you can hire too. Or, if you've got family or friends who can play, I'm happy to help them get set up with our instruments.

Wedding Music Information Sheet

Some of these questions don't seem musical. At all. But they help us plan for timing of music and movement.

This sheet can be filled out electronically; visit SingBoldly.org/weddings.

Bride and Groom Names _____ Wedding Date _____

Number of attendants per side _____

Ushering arrangements:

_____ Bride and groom will usher guests out after the service is over

_____ Ushers will take care of this responsibility

Number of guests invited _____

Will you be having a ring bearer or flower girl?

_____ Yes. Ages of ring bearer(s) and flower girl(s) _____

_____ No.

Music Choices

Seating of parents / grandparents _____

Bridesmaid processional _____

Bride's processional _____

Hymns and Solos during the service

Title _____ Location in the service _____

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Title _____ Location in the service _____

Recessional _____

Other notes _____

MUSIC IDEAS

Visit SingBoldly.org/Weddings for a playlist of ideas.

HYMNS AND SOLOS

When Love Is Found — Hopson (solo)	In Christ Alone (Townend/Getty)
Christ Be My Leader (LSB 865)	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (LSB 700)
Go, My Children, with My Blessing (LSB 922)	Now Thank We All Our God (LSB 895)
Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing (LSB 860)	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LSB 790)

WEDDING PROCESSIONAL / RECESSIONAL IDEAS

Quieter

Canon in D — Pachelbel
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring — Bach
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus — Manz
Sheep May Safely Graze — Bach
Wachet Auf — Bach

Louder

God of Grace — Manz
Psalm XIX — Marcello
Selections from Water Music — Handel
Trumpet Tune in D major — David Johnson
Trumpet Tune — Purcell
Trumpet Voluntary — Clarke
Toccata — Widor