

ST MARY'S, PORTCHESTER

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Suggested Music for your Wedding

In choosing music for your wedding, you will need to make some decisions about the following:

- (1) a piece of music for the entry of the Bride at the beginning of the service
- (2) a hymn to be sung soon after the service begins
- (3) a hymn to be sung during the signing of the registers
- (4) a piece of music to be follow the hymn during the signing of the registers - this can be sung by the choir, played by the organist or (possibly) played on a CD
- (5) a piece of music for the departure of the Bride & Groom at the end of the service

Below are some suggestions of music and hymns suitable for use at your wedding.

This list is not exhaustive and we are always happy to discuss any other choices you may wish to make. If you'd value a chat to help you make your decision, please contact our director of music, David Cain, on 07881 416979 or by email: davidpcain@btinternet.com

At the Entrance of the Bride:

Bridal March from 'Lohengrin' - Wagner

Canon in D - Pachelbel

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel

Prelude from 'Te Deum' - Charpentier

Trumpet Voluntary - Clarke

Trumpet Tune - Purcell

Trumpet Tune - Stanley

Hymns: *(please see copyright leaflet for details of what level of permission is required to reproduce the words of these hymns in your order of service).*

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All things bright and beautiful

And did those feet (Jerusalem)

Amazing grace

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Father hear the prayer we offer

For the beauty of the earth

Give me joy in my heart

Guide me O thou great redeemer

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Love divine, all loves excelling

O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The King of love my shepherd is

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Be still for the presence of the Lord
Bind us together Lord
God in the planning and purpose of life *(words below)*
How great thou art
I danced in the morning ('Lord of the Dance')
Lord of all hopefulness
One more step along the world I go

Additional Permission Required:

Make me a channel of your peace *(covered by church's Calamus licence)*
Morning has broken
You(We) have pledged to one another *(words below)*

We pledge to one another,
before the Lord above,
entire and whole and perfect,
this union of our love —
a love that will be patient,
a love that will be wise,
that will not twist with envy,
nor lose itself in lies;
a love that will not falter,
a love to hold us fast,
and bind us to each other
as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us
through all the years to be,
our lives be shaped by courage,
hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration,
through loneliness and pain,
may loyalty, compassion
and tenderness remain,
that those who share the blessing
of love that cannot cease
may walk the paths of gentleness
into the place of peace.

God, in the planning and purpose of life,
hallowed the union of husband and wife:
this we embody where love is displayed,
rings are presented and promises made.

Jesus was found, at a similar feast,
taking the roles of both waiter and priest,
turning the worldly towards the divine,
tears into laughter and water to wine.

Therefore we pray that his spirit preside
over the wedding of bridegroom and bride,
fulfilling all that they've hoped will come
true,
lighting with love all they dream of and do.

Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the Son,
source of the love through which two are
made one.

God's is the glory, the goodness and grace
seen in this marriage and known in this
place.

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(sung to the tune of 'Be thou my vision')

(sung to the tune of 'I vow to thee my country')

Following the Hymn during the Signing of the Registers:

Jesu, Joy of man's desiring - Bach (this can be played on the organ or sung by the choir)

Ave Maria - Schubert (this can be played on the organ or sung by the choir)

Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod (this can be played on the organ or sung by the choir)

God be in my head - Davies (this must be sung by the choir)

Panis Angelicus - Franck (this must be sung by the choir)

The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter (this must be sung by the choir)

The Lord is my Shepherd - Goodall (this must be sung by the choir)

At the Departure of the Bride & Groom:

Wedding March from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' - Mendelssohn

Hornpipe from 'Water Music' - Handel

Toccatina from Symphony No. 5 - Widor

La Rejouissance from 'The Royal Fireworks Suite' - Handel

Trumpet Voluntary - Clarke

Trumpet Tune - Purcell

Trumpet Tune - Stanley

If you'd like to listen to any of the listed hymns or pieces of music again, you can visit the
Church of England's wedding website
(www.yourchurchwedding.org)
where they are recorded as audio files.