



# Music suggestions for weddings at St Mark's Church Darling Point

# ST MARK'S

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## MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS

Music has always been a significant part of special occasions, such as weddings. Hymns, choral and vocal items, and other incidental music all can add to the meaning, beauty and joy of a service; but for many people it is the music used at the entry of the bridal party (The Processional), and that used at the conclusion, when the newly-married couple are leaving the church (The Recessional), which is often remembered. At these points, appropriate well-chosen music can add greatly to the occasion.

The organ is the primary instrument used in St Mark's, it is most commonly used for the Processional and Recessional, and is included in the cost of all services. You may supply your own music either on a USB or by employing your own small group, but it must be appropriate for a Church service.

Following are selections which are worth considering when planning music for a wedding. They are not the only ones which may be appropriate, but they indicate a range of styles which can work well. Of course, a well-chosen hymn can be a wonderful way of commencing a marriage, especially if you believe the congregation will value the opportunity to sing God's praise as the bridal party enters.

The best music will "fit in" with the rest of the service, rather than clash with it. The entrance music prepares for the service. While it can have a festive feel to it, it should not be so powerful or grandiose that the service itself begins with a sense of let-down. Generally the most festive music will be at the conclusion of the service as we celebrate the couple's entry into married life.

When thinking about the music for your wedding day, be conscious that the day continues beyond the church service. The norm in the church service is sacred music, written for use in church and addressed to God or about God. Love songs, music which expresses one person's delight in another, rarely "work" in church: the tone clashes with the tone of the service. On the other hand, it works splendidly at the Reception. Bear that in mind as you think about your music.

All the following music can be listened to on YouTube or some can be heard on our website – [www.stmarksdp.org](http://www.stmarksdp.org)



## **PROCESSIONAL-MUSIC FOR THE BRIDE'S ENTRANCE**

1. PACHELBEL: Canon in D
2. WAGNER: Bridal Chorus
3. HANDEL: Air (Water Music Suite 1)
4. HANDEL: Rejouissance (Royal Fireworks Music)
5. SAINT SAENS: Extract from 3<sup>rd</sup> Symphony
6. VERDI: Grand March (Aida)
7. HAYDN: St Antoni Chorale

## **RECESSIONAL-MUSIC FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM'S DEPARTURE**

8. HANDEL: Hornpipe (The Water Music)
9. MENDELSSOHN: Wedding March
10. KARG-ELERT: Now Thank We All Our God
11. HANDEL: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
12. MARCELLO: Psalm 19
13. HANDEL: March (Occasional Oratorio)
14. LANG: Tuba Tune

## **EITHER PROCESSIONAL OR RECESSIONAL**

15. JEREMIAH CLARKE: Trumpet Voluntary
16. CHARPENTIER: Trumpet Tune
17. PURCELL: Trumpet Tune
18. STANLEY: Trumpet Tune
19. HANDEL: Finale (Royal Fireworks Music)

## **CHORAL REPERTOIRE-SUNG BY A CHOIR**

18. BACH: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
19. FRANCK: O Lord Most Holy (Panis Angelicus) -boys only
20. WALFORD DAVIES: God Be in My Head
21. RUTTER: Thy Perfect Love
22. RUTTER: God Be in My Head
23. RUTTER: The Lord Bless You and Keep You
24. HARRIS: Come Down O Love Divine
25. DAVIES: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart -adults only
26. PURCELUANON: Rejoice in the Lord Always
27. GOODALL: Psalm 23

## SUGGESTED WEDDING HYMNS

Amazing Grace

What a friend we have in Jesus

Come Down, O love Divine Perfect love

Love divine, all love excelling

Now thank we all our God

Morning has broken

Worship the King, all glorious above

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

All things bright and beautiful

Make me a channel of your peace

Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us

Great is thy faithfulness

The King of love my Shepherd is

Tell out my soul

Perfect love

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

**SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE SERVICE**  
**ONE READING MUST BE FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**  
**OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**

**Genesis 1:26-2:4 - Made in God's image**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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**Genesis 2:18-24 - One flesh**

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup> So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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## Psalm 128 - The Blessing of the Lord

<sup>1</sup> Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways.

<sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

<sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

<sup>4</sup> Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup> May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

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## Song of Songs 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm;

for love is strong as death,

passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,

a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love

neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love

all the wealth of one's house,

it would be utterly scorned.

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## Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 – Two are better than one

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**  
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**Matthew 5:1-10**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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**John 15:9-17 - Abiding in Christ's love**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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## Romans 12: 1-3, 9-18

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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## Ephesians 3:14-21 - Grounded in love

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

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## Ephesians 5:20-33 - Husbands and wives

<sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>21</sup> Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. <sup>24</sup> Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

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## 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 – Love

<sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

<sup>13</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## 1 John 4:7-16 – The Love of God

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

<sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

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## Colossians 3 : 12 – 19 - Everything in the name of Jesus

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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