

## MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS

You want your wedding to go well, and music adds to the atmosphere of a wedding. Most weddings require the following:

- Music for Entry of the Bride
- 2 (or 3) hymns (discuss suitability of your choices with the minister)
- Music during the Registration (Signing of the Register)
- Music for the Departure of Bride and Groom

### Suggestions for Organ Music

#### **Entry of the Bride**

- Bridal March – by Wagner (from Lohengrin) [*traditional – Here comes the Bride*]
- Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – by Handel  
( a shortened version would be used as the whole piece is too long)
- Canon in D – by Pachelbel
- Trumpet Voluntary – by Jeremiah Clarke
- Prelude to the Te Deum – by Charpentier
- Hornpipe – by Handel (from Water Music)

#### **During the Registration**

Canon in D by Pachelbel is popular and common, but the organist will play quiet music if nothing specific is chosen. Alternatively you could have a singer (see below).

#### **Departure of Bride and Groom**

- Wedding March – by Mendelssohn (from Midsummer Night's Dream) [*traditional*]
- Trumpet Voluntary – by Jeremiah Clarke
- Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – by Handel (full length)
- Grand March – by Verdi (from Aida)
- Trumpet Tune & Air – by Purcell
- Hornpipe – by Handel (from Water Music)

Of course, it is possible to have a CD playing you music, but why use a CD when there is a good organ available? However, it is the *only* way we could offer you “Widor’s Toccata”.

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The organist’s wife is a member of the choir, and a Grade 8 singer, and is happy to sing at the Registration for an extra fee (unfortunately, we cannot offer a full choir as the choir members are rarely available). The following selection of songs is suggested, but feel free to discuss anything else.

- Ave Maria – Schubert
- Ave Maria – Bach-Gounod
- Panis Angelicus – César Franck
- Where e'er you walk – Handel (from Semele)
- Pie Jesu – Fauré
- Alleluia – by Mozart (shortened version)
- Ombra mai fu – which is the tune of Handel’s Largo
- Voi che sapete – Mozart
- One Hand, One Heart – from West Side Story
- There’s a place for us – from West Side Story
- Love changes everything – Andrew Lloyd-Webber

If you have any other suggestions for music you would like, please discuss it with me.

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