

Wedding Music at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

A wedding is a sacred service, a time of joy, and above all, a time to praise and glorify God. Therefore, musical selections from a movie, Broadway show, or rock album may bring feelings of great sentiment, but are inappropriate for services of worship in the Presbyterian Church. Such music may be used at the reception, but not at the solemn ceremony where the sacred vows are said. The Music and Fine Arts department staff along with the pastor shall have authority and discretion to determine that music chosen for the ceremony conforms to the standards of worship described by the Constitution of the PCUSA.

Below are some suggestions for your consideration. All are excellent choices for a joyous service of worship. When you have made your selections, please fill out the form on the back and return it to the church's reception desk. If you have questions regarding the music for your wedding ceremony, it is suggested that you contact Edward Landin, Assistant Director of Music, at 610-525-2821 ext. 8837 or EdwardLandin@bmpc.org.

PROCESSIONALS

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J. S. Bach
Prince of Denmark's March (Trumpet Voluntary) – Jeremiah Clarke
Air from *Water Music* – G. F. Handel
Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music* – G. F. Handel
St. Anthony Chorale – F. J. Haydn
Canon in D – Johann Pachelbel
Trumpet Tune – Henry Purcell

RECESSIONALS

Processional from *Te Deum* – Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Prince of Denmark's March (Trumpet Voluntary) – Jeremiah Clarke
Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music* – G. F. Handel
Psalm 19 – Benedetto Marcello
Rondeau – Jean-Joseph Mouret
Trumpet Tune – Henry Purcell
Toccata from *Symphony V* – Charles-Marie Widor

HYMNS (see texts on following pages)

643 – Now Thank We All Our God
35 – Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
611 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
14 – For the Beauty of the Earth
366 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
804 – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Hymn Texts

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven;
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!

Rejoice ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong
as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blessed.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Wedding Music Form

Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____

Wedding Date _____ Time _____

Location of Wedding: _____ Sanctuary
_____ Chapel

Officiating Minister _____

Bride _____ Phone _____

Groom _____ Phone _____

Bridesmaids Processional _____

Bride Processional _____

Hymn(s) (2 maximum) _____

Recessional _____

Carillon requested? (additional fees apply) _____

Other requests _____

If you would like a trumpeter, other instrumentalist, or a vocalist, let us know immediately so that we may secure the services of a professional musician. We will provide you with their name and fee. A fee of \$100.00 is charged for the organist's rehearsal time with additional musicians. This fee should be mailed in advance to the church office. Instrumental or vocal music selections usually take place during the prelude time (about 15 minutes of music preceding the service).

Thank you!

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