

# Nuptial Mass

## Recommended Music

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
13th and Eoff Street Wheeling  
West Virginia 26003

### Preludes

Prelude music typically starts 15-20 minutes prior to the nuptial mass or ceremony. Selections are at the discretion of the musicians, however particular requests will be considered.

### Processionals

Separate selections are often chosen for each of the following groups: Mothers, Bridal Party, Bride. The following compositions can be performed in any combination of organ and other instruments (e.g. violin, cello, trumpet, flute, oboe), unless otherwise specified:

[Air on the G String - J.S. Bach](#)

[Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach](#)

[My Heart Ever Faithful - J.S. Bach](#)

[Canon in D - J. Pachelbel](#)

[Air from \*Water Music\* - G.F. Handel](#)

[Largo from \*The Four Seasons: Winter\* - A. Vivaldi](#)

[Bridal Chorus from \*Lohengrin\* - R. Wagner](#)

[Prince of Denmark's March \(Trumpet Voluntary\) - J. Clarke](#)

[Hornpipe from \*Water Music\* - G.F. Handel](#)

[Overture from \*Music for the Royal Fireworks\* - G.F. Handel](#)

[Grand Choer - E Gigout](#)

[Wedding Processional from \*The Sound of Music\* - R. Rogers](#)

(a vocal selection may also be used)

### Ordinary of the Mass (Glory to God, Holy Holy, Lamb of God)

If the Ordinary of the mass is to be sung, a mass setting from the repertory of the Cathedral Parish will be used.

### Psalm Responses (please choose one text)

(full texts can be found at: <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/responsorial-psalms/>)

1. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
2. I will bless the Lord at all times. *or* Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
3. The Lord is kind and merciful. *or* The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.
4. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.
5. Blessed are those who fear the Lord. *or* See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.
6. The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.
7. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (please choose one text)

1. Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God.
2. God is love. If God loved us, we also must love one another.
3. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.
4. Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him.

Unity Candle (optional)

(selections may be drawn from the repertoires of Offertory and Communion and from the organ Processionals)

Offertory and Communion

A vocal piece is often selected for the Offertory and the Communion. Selections can be made from the following list of solos and hymns (other selections will be considered upon request):

[Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod](#)

[Ave Maria - F. Schubert](#)

[Ave verum Corpus - W.A. Mozart](#)

[Be Thou with Them - J.S. Bach](#)

[For the Beauty of the Earth - J. Rutter](#)

Jesus, Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me - J.S. Bach

[Panis angelicus - C. Franck](#)

[Salve Regina - G. Faure](#)

[The Call - R. Vaughan Williams](#)

[The Gift of Love - American Traditional](#)

Whither Thou Goest - F. Peeters

Congregational Hymns

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Come Down, O Love Divine

Gift of Finest Wheat

Presentation of Flowers at the Lady Altar (optional)

[Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod](#)

[Ave Maria - F. Schubert](#)

[Salve Regina - G. Faure](#)

Litany of Mary - Alonso

Recessionals

[Wedding March from \*A Midsummer Night's Dream\* - F. Mendelssohn](#)

[Hornpipe from \*Water Music\* - G.F. Handel \(instrumental\)](#)

[Rondeau from \*Premiere Suite\* - J.J. Mouret \(instrumental\)](#)

[The Rejoicing from \*Music for the Royal Fireworks\* - G.F. Handel](#)

[Hallelujah Chorus from \*Messiah\* - G.F. Handel](#)

[Toccata - T. Dubois \(organ\)](#)

[Toccata - C.M. Widor \(organ\)](#)

selections from *The Four Seasons* - A. Vivaldi (instrumental)

[Ode to Joy from \*Symphony No. 9\* - L. van Beethoven \(instrumental\)](#)

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Processionals:

Seating of the Mothers:

Bridal Party:

Bride:

Responsorial Psalm (text):

Alleluia (text):

Presentation of Flowers at the Lady Altar (optional):

Offertory:

Communion:

Recessional: