

Music in Good Shepherd

All weddings in Good Shepherd Church are worship services, and so the music selected for such should be of an appropriate nature. Music must be in accordance with normal standards of Anglican worship. The music chosen, in collaboration with the Organist, will add beauty, grace and spiritual depth to the service.

Texts of hymns and other music must be from the Hymnal 1982, the Book of Common Prayer, or directly from Holy Scripture. Texts of a secular source are not permitted, nor are texts from semi-religious sounds. Music of a light, romantic nature or from Broadway shows, film scores, and other popular sources is better suited for the reception following the service.

It will be your responsibility to contact the Organist-Choirmaster to set up time to plan the service music.

The normal pattern of musical pieces is as follows: a 15-20 minute prelude-recital before the wedding, a hymn(or instrumental piece) for the procession in, Hymns and other service music as needed during the ceremony, and a hymn or instrumental piece for the procession out.

The use of soloists and instrumentalists can be a lovely addition to the service; however, all these must be approved by the Organist at the time of your music consultation. A list of approved instrumentalists and soloists will be available from the Organist. An additional fee maybe required if the soloist must rehearse with the Organist. Again, all music played or sung by soloists must be of a sacred nature and conform to the criteria listed above.

Should the Organist be unavailable for your wedding he will make arrangements for a qualified substitute. The use of non-staff organists will be considered on an individual basis and is solely at the discretion of the Organist.