



## Music at Your Wedding

As you have chosen to have your wedding in a sacred space and in the presence of a faith-filled community, the music at your wedding must reflect the solemnity of marriage as a Holy Sacrament and be consistent with Assumption Church's regular practices. Your selections may include religious songs written for weddings, religious compositions for other occasions, or other music that facilitates a reverent and worshipful atmosphere as consulted with the Music Director. Popular or country songs, other secular music, or prerecorded, taped music will not be permitted.

### The Organ

Of all instruments, the organ plays a central role in the church due to its capacity to accompany congregational singing and ability to give "resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation." Likewise, its "manifold possibilities in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God" (from *Sing to the Lord, USCCB, 2007*). The organ plays a central role in worship at Assumption; the liturgy is lead exclusively by an organ accompanying the cantor. There is no piano in the church.

### Choosing the Music

The Director of Music and Liturgy, Lukas (lperry@assumptionsp.org), will provide you an online form with which to make music selections. Once you have completed the form, Lukas will go over your selections with you and provide guidance as needed and/or desired. If you live in the Twin Cities or plan to visit, you are welcome to arrange an in-person consultation.

### Choosing Musicians

Assumption Church uses its own musicians for all weddings. Our staff organists and cantors have experience with the church's unique acoustic, musical instruments, and liturgical practices. Moreover, our cantors are not only professional soloists but also experienced music ministers tasked with leading worship prayerfully and confidently. For these reasons, the contracting of our own musical personnel for your wedding is a requirement.

Occasionally, a family member or friend of the couple may be allowed to sing one song during the liturgy or during the prelude. This will be allowed if the outside musician and music has been approved in advanced by the Director of Music and Liturgy.

If it is desired, the Director of Music can assist you in hiring additional instrumentalists such as a trumpeter or violinist. As with the cantors, we hire professional instrumentalists that are familiar with Assumption's practices. Occasionally, a family member or friend may be allowed to play an instrument on one piece during the liturgy or during the prelude.

Requests for additional or guest musicians must be made to the Director approximately two months before the wedding.

### Musician Fees

**Fees must be paid in full by the time of the wedding rehearsal.** They are as follows:

**Cantor** \$250

**Organist** \$235

**\*Optional, additional instrumentalist(s)** \$250