Music & Liturgy
At Your Wedding

Bride’s Name:

Groom’s Name:

Date of Wedding:

Time of Wedding:
Music for your Wedding

The music you choose for your wedding helps to set the mood for the celebration / ceremony, but it can be a little bewildering. Don’t worry!

There are no hard and fast rules on what music you can choose but it is important to remember that only sacred music can be performed in the Cathedral.

While you will want to choose music that you both like it is important to involve the congregation (your family and friends) in some good hearty singing.

Try to choose hymns and songs that are familiar to everyone.

At the Cathedral we can offer the following musical resources:

• A professional organist
• A cantor or soloist to help lead the singing
• The Cathedral Choir

You can choose any combination of these to suit your needs.

Unfortunately it is not possible to play pre-recorded music in the Cathedral (CDs etc.).

The Director of Music and Organists are more than happy to meet with you to discuss your requirements. We are available after each weekend Mass, and you can contact the Director of Music via email at dom@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk
Suggestions for music

Entrance of the Bride

- **Bridal Chorus** from *Lohengrin* (popularly known as *Here Comes The Bride*) by Richard Wagner
- **Arrival of the Queen of Sheba** by George Frederick Handel
- **Trumpet Voluntary** by Jeremiah Clarke
- **Grand March** from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi
- **Trumpet Voluntary** by John Stanley
- **Trumpet Tune** by Henry Purcell
- **Hornpipe** from the *Water Music* by George Frederick Handel
- **The Rejoicing** from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* by George Frederick Handel
- **Canon in D** by Johann Pachelbel

Signing of the Register

- **For the beauty of the earth** by John Rutter
- **Gaelic Blessing** (*Deep peace of the running wave to you*) by John Rutter
- **The Lord is my shepherd** by Howard Goodall (the theme music to *The Vicar of Dibley*)
- **Jesu joy of man’s desiring** by Johann Sebastian Bach
- **The Lord Bless You And Keep You** by John Rutter
- **Ave Maria** by Franz Schubert

Hymns / Songs

- **All creatures of our God and King** (694)
- **All people that on earth do dwell** (466)
- **Amazing grace** (846)
- At the name of Jesus (762)
- **Bind us together** (922)
- **Dear Lord and Father of mankind** (934)
- **Father hear the prayer we offer** (933)
- **For the beauty of the earth** (726)
- **Give me joy in my heart** (722)
- **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer** (960)
• *How great thou art* (721)
• *Immortal, invisible, god only wise* (725)
• *Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us* (315)
• *Lord of all hopefulness* (970)
• *Lord of the dance* (765)
• *Love divine, all loves excelling* (801)
• *Morning has broken* (671)
• *O blessed are those* (58)
• *O Jesus, I have promised* (875)
• *O worship the King* (683)
• *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven* (807)
• *Praise to the Lord the almighty* (706)
• *The King of love my shepherd Is* (804)
• *The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want* (806)
• *To God be the glory, great things He hath done* (719)

The numbers in brackets refer to the number in the hymnbook we use in the Cathedral.

**Exit of the Bride & Groom**

• *Wedding March* from *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* by Felix Mendelssohn
• *Toccata* from *Symphony No 5* by Charles-Marie Widor
• *Trumpet Voluntary* by Jeremiah Clarke
• *The Rejoicing* (La Réjouissance) from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* by George Frederick Handel
• *Hornpipe* from *The Water Music* by George Frederick Handel
• *Grand March* from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi
• *Sortie in E Flat* by Louis James Lefébure-Wély
• *Nun Danket alle Gott* (Now thank we all our God) by Siegfried Karg-Elert

This is by no means a fully comprehensive list. There are other hymns and songs that are suitable for your wedding.

If you have access to the Internet we would strongly recommend you search for and listen to some of these suggestions. If you are having a Nuptial Mass you might also want to consider singing parts of the Mass, for example the Sanctus (Holy, Holy) and the Memorial
Acclamations. The Organists will be able to give you some ideas about the music available for these.

Also, it is possible to have a psalm sung after the first reading, and a Gospel Acclamation sung just before the Gospel. You will find examples of these in the document you will be given which contains a wide selection of suitable readings.

If you do decide to have an order of service we will be more than happy to help you put it together.
Suggested Order of Service (with Nuptial Mass)

Do you require an organist? Yes / No
Do you require a cantor/soloist? Yes / No
Do you require the Cathedral Choir? Yes / No

Entrance of the Bride

First Hymn / Song

First Reading *

Second Hymn or Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading **

Signing of the Register

Eucharistic Acclamations

Communion Hymn / Song

Final Hymn / Song

Exit of the Bride and Groom

* Please give the full details of the readings you have chosen and the name of the person who will read the first reading.

** The Gospel is read by the Priest.
Suggested Order of Service (without Nuptial Mass)

Do you require an organist?   Yes / No

Do you require a cantor/soloist?   Yes / No

Do you require the Cathedral Choir?   Yes / No

Entrance of the Bride

First Hymn / Song

First Reading*

Second Hymn or Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading*

Signing of the Register

Final Hymn / Song

Exit of the Bride and Groom

* Please give the full details of the readings you have chosen and the name of the person who will read the first reading.

** The Gospel is read by the Priest.
And Finally

Will you be providing an order of service? Yes / No

Please give the names of the two witnesses who will be signing the Register on the day of your wedding:

1. 

2. 

Your Contact Details

Bride’s Full Name

Bride’s Full Postal Address

Bride’s Telephone Numbers

Bride’s Email Address

Groom’s Full Name

Groom’s Full Postal Address

Groom’s Telephone Numbers

Groom’s Email Address

Please ensure this document is returned fully completed to the Cathedral Office at least 12 weeks before the date of your wedding.