

# Musical Suggestions

Below are a list of possible musical pieces for your wedding. You are in no way limited to them. You may wish to depend on your musicians to help you select what is best. This is fine, even encouraged. Your organist is a valuable resource. Do keep in mind the music "guidelines" found on page 2 of the "order of worship" section.

## Possible Hymns

These are from the "Brethren Hymnal," listed in hymnal order. They can be inserted most anywhere in your service. The congregation can sing them (even as a processional or recessional). Your musicians can play them at any point, singly or as a medley. Hymns from other hymnals would need to be copied in your bulletin (only by permission of composer).

- 19 - All Creatures of Our God and King.
- 27 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- 37 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- 68 - God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years
- 79 - Father Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing
- 87 - God is Love: His Mercy Brightens
- 111 - Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring (difficult to sing)
- 121 - Joy to the World (Christmas)
- 178 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 218 - Breathe Upon Us Holy Spirit
- 225 - Move in Our Midst
- 196 - Savior, Like A shepherd Lead Us
- 308 - I Would Be True
- 321 - God of Grace and God of Glory
- 336 - Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
- 345 - Now in the Days of Youth
- 349 - Take My Life
- 367 - O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
- 429 - Great is Thy Faithfulness
- 433 - Amazing Grace
- 485 - When We Walk With The Lord
- 505 - Blest Be The Tie That Binds
- 539 - O Perfect Love
- 545 - Blest is the Home When God is There
- 601 - Now thank We All Our God (especially appropriate for a recessional hymn.)

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By no means is classical music the "perfect" music for your wedding. "Classical Music: is merely music which has withstood the test of time. Below are suggestions that have traditionally been used in weddings. You will note that two often used pieces are not listed: The "Bridal Chorus" (Here Comes the Bride) by R. Wagner, and the "Wedding March" by Mendelssohn. The first is from an opera of which one part is the wedding of the devil. This is the tune from that scene—hardly appropriate for a Christian Wedding. The latter piece is also from a comic opera, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and is thus a bit inappropriate for a serious, though joyous, celebration.

Your classical music options are many, as you can see below. Your organist can help you select what is appropriate. There are, of course, many more possibilities from classical music. There are also many possibilities from more modern music. A very partial list of these is found after this classical list.

### A. Preludes

(Before Service Begins)

Bach, J.S.

Abide With Me  
 Air in D (Arr. Whitney)  
 Air for G String  
 Aria, "When Thou Art Near"  
 Arioso  
 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
 Now Thank We All Our God  
 Prelude in G  
 Sheep May Safely Graze  
 Sinfonia to Cantata 29  
 Sinfonia to Wedding Cantata No. 196

Boellman, L.

Prelude to Suite Gothique

Franck, Caesar

Contabile

Handel, G.F.

Excerpts from Water Music Suite  
 He Shall Feed His Flock (from the Messiah--Christmas)  
 "Larghetto," from Concerto

Manz, P.

Selected Hymn Improvisation

Mendelssohn, F.  
Andante Religioso from Sonata No. 4

Peters, F.  
Aria

Vaughan-Williams, Ralph  
Prelude on Rhosymedre (3 preludes on welsh tunes)

Young, G.  
Hymn Improvisations  
(or any composer's hymn arrangement/improvisation)

## B. Processionals

Bach, J.S.  
Sinfonia to Wedding Contata, No. 196

Campre, A.  
Rigaudon

Clarke, Jeremiah  
Trumpet Tune in D Major (often wrongly attributed to H. Purcell)  
Prince of Denmark's March

Pachelbel, Johann  
Canon in D

## C. Recessionals

Bach, J.S.  
Now Thank We All Our God

Beethoven, L.  
Finale to Symphony No. 9

Clarke, Jeremiah  
Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

Dunstable, J.  
Agincourt Hymn

Handel, G.F.  
Postlude in G Major

Karg-Elert, S.  
Now Thank We All Our God

Moret  
Rondeau

Saxton, S.E.  
Fanfare and Tuba Tuen

Wesley, S.S.  
Choral Song

Widor, Chas. M.  
Toccata from Symphony V

## D. VOCAL MUSIC

- Bach, J.S.  
 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
 Jesus, Lead Our Footsteps Ever  
 Jesus Shepherd, Be Thou Near to Me  
 Like a Shepherd, God Doth Lead Us  
 My Heart Ever Faithful  
 O Love That Casts out Fear  
 Trust in the Lord (Cantata 174, Diack)
- Bach-Dickinson  
 God, My Shepherd
- Bach-Fryxell  
 Praise, My Soul, the King Heaven
- Bairstow  
 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- Barnby  
 O Perfect Love
- Beethoven, L.  
 The Greatest of These Is Love
- Bitgood, R.  
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- Brahms, J  
 Though I Speak With the Tongues  
 (Four Serious Songs)
- Bunjes, Paul (Ed.)  
 Wedding Blessings (SC 18)  
 Wedding Blessings (SC 19)
- Burleigh, H.T.  
 O Perfect Love
- Cassler, G. Winston  
 Whither Thou Goest
- Charles, Ernest  
 Love Is of God
- Clokey, Jos  
 O Perfect Love (Wedding Suite)  
 Set Me as a Seal Upon  
 Thine Heart (Wedding Suite)
- Davies, Ivor  
 May the Grace of Christ, our  
 Savior
- Diggle, Ronald  
 A Wedding Prayer
- Dunlop, Fern Glasglow  
 Wedding Prayer
- Dvorak, Anton  
 God is My Shepherd  
 I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness
- Fetler, David  
 O Father, All Creating
- Franck, Caesar  
 O Lord Most Holy
- Fryxell, Regina H.  
 Psalm 67  
 Praise to the Lord-SATB or Solo  
 I Come, Creator Spirit Come  
 (SATB or Solo)  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 (SATB, unison or Solo)
- Gore, R.  
 O Perfect Love
- Gounod  
 Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee
- Holst  
 The Heart Worships

- Hummel  
Hallelujah (Alleluia)
- Jacob  
Brother James Air  
(Solo or Unison, Arr. Trew)
- Lang, C.S.  
Hail, Gladdening Light  
(Evening-unison)
- Ley  
The Lord's Prayer (Unison)
- Liddle, Samuel  
The Lord is My Shepherd
- Lloyd, Henry  
O Christ, Who Once Hast Deigned
- Lovelace, Austin  
A Wedding Benediction  
A Wedding Blessing  
We Lift Our Hearts to Thee
- MacDermid  
Ninety-first Psalm
- Malotte, A.H.  
Lord's Prayer
- Markworth, Henry  
Oh, Blest the House  
What'er Befall (Duet)
- Mendelssohn, F.  
If With All Your Hearts  
The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden
- O'Connor--Morris  
The Lord Is My Shepherd
- Peek,  
The God of Love My Shepherd Is
- Polack, H.A.  
The Lord Be With You  
Wedding Song
- Roberts  
If With All Your Hearts
- Rowley, A.  
Here at Thine Altar, Lord  
(SATB or Solo)
- Schuetz, Heinrich  
Wedding Song (high-level)  
(Low-Leupold)
- Sowerby, Leo  
O Perfect Love
- Thiman  
The God of Love My Shepherd Is  
Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect  
Peace
- Watts, Winter  
Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee
- Weaver, Powell  
Build Thee More Stately Mansions
- Wesley -- Old Welsh Tune  
Build Thee More Stately Mansions
- Willan, Healey  
O Perfect Love  
Eternal Love  
(three songs of devotion)
- Vaughan Williams, R.  
O How Amiable  
(mixed voices, 2 part of solo)
- Young, Gordon  
Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee

## Contemporary Music

Below is a list of some more modern words/tunes that can be used in your wedding. Many of them are found in our *Brethren Songbook* (Thus SB), but you can find more complete arrangements of them elsewhere. Obviously, this can be only a partial list. New songs come (and go) all the time. Secular pop songs may also be appropriate, providing you think through the words. For instance, "The Rose," popular a few years back could be seen through the eyes of faith to indicate the changes which can be celebrated in marriage; of "You Light Up My Life," a song about the inspiration we bring each other, but also the inspiration of the giver of life to marriage; or even "Longer Than," an ode to marital longevity and fidelity. Use your own favorites, thinking them through and determine where they fit best in the service.

Carter, Sydney

Lord of the Dance

Derstine, G.

Unity (SB 101)

Dungan

Prayer of St. Francis

Hopson, Hal

The Gift of Love (I Cor. 13, SB 64)

Jackson, Jill and Miller, Sy

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Kaiser, Kurt

Pass It On (SB 35)

Kaan, F and Potter, D.

Help Us Accept Each Other (SB 53)

Lafferty, Karen

Seek Ye First (SB 45)

Musical Mission Sisters

Joy is Like the Rain

Meyer, M. and Rist, D.

The Joy of Our Faith (SB 8)

Murray, A.

Gentile Master, Touch Us Now (SB 49)

Repp, Ray

Peace I Leave With You My Friends (SB 49)

Scholtes, Peter

They'll Know We Are Christians

By Our Love (SB 6)

Shaker Hymn

Simple Gifts

Smith, Tedd

There's a Quiet Understanding (SB 42)

Stoikey, Paul

The Wedding Song

Young, G.

Wondrous Love (SB 38)